

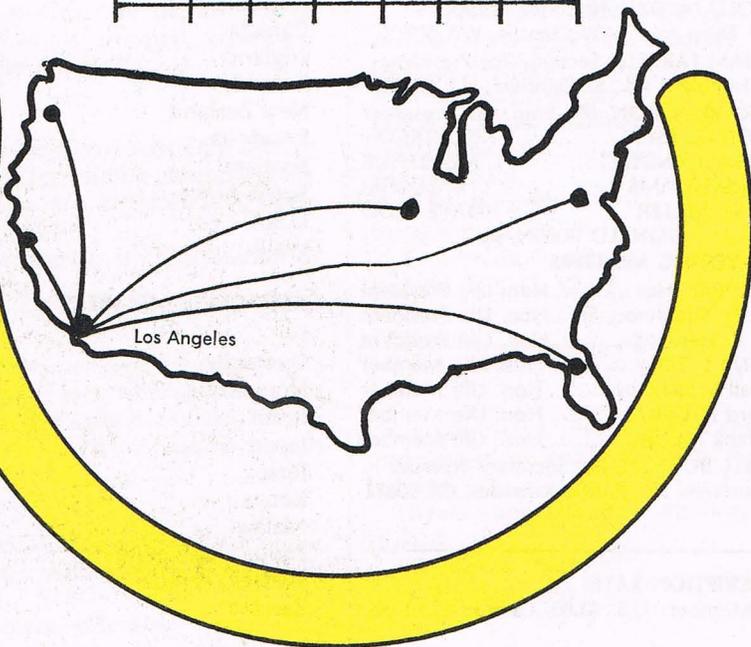
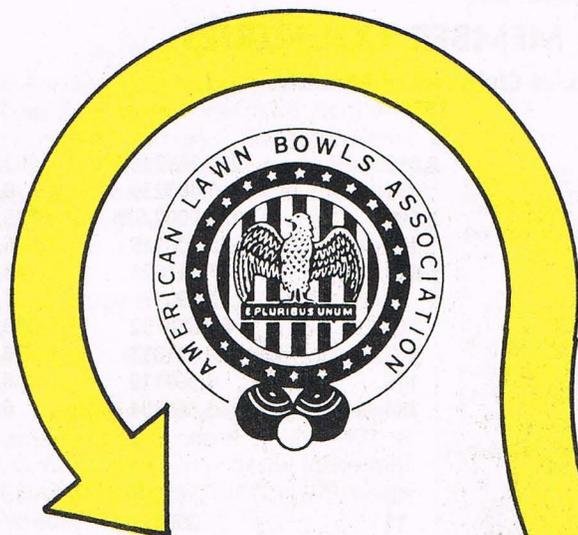


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The latest figures issued by the Australian Bowls Council show that N.S.W. has appreciably more than half the bowlers in Australia.

The total number of bowlers in Australia, as at the end of 1975, was 269,272. The number of bowlers in N.S.W. at that time was 147,600. The aggregate number of bowlers in the other five States was 121,672.

The table below sets out in detail the number of clubs and bowlers in each State.

AUSTRALIAN STATISTICS

STATE	CLUBS	MEMBERS
New South Wales	762	147,600
Victoria	523	44,576
Queensland	315	36,454
South Australia	240	17,086
Western Australia	184	19,267
Tasmania	64	4,289
TOTAL	2,088	269,272

The International Bowling Board's latest table, published below, shows the number of clubs and bowlers in its member countries. The table was compiled before the end of 1975 and does not include the latest increase in the number of Australian clubs and bowlers.

I.B.B. MEMBER COUNTRIES

	No. of Clubs	No. of Members	1975
	1974		
FULL MEMBERS			
Australia	2,058	256,155,076	263,527
Canada	239	8,483,239	8,483
England	2,590	126,000,2628	126,000
Ireland	115	6,000,115	6,000
New Zealand	625	47,717,628	48,911
Rhodesia	97	3,190,98	3,162
Scotland	784	66,678,792	69,350
South Africa	817	40,341,817	38,764
U.S.A.	116	6,300,119	6,150
Wales	254	6,465,254	6,600
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS			
Fiji	10	36910	369
Guernsey	11	25012	237
Hong Kong	14	45015	450
Israel	6	1176	126
Japan	10	30010	300
Jersey	4	2364	172
Kenya	8	1687	168
Malawi	4	544	40
Papua New Guinea	10	73910	675
Western Samoa	6	2916	274
Zambia	14	35414	375
	7,792	570,6577,864	580,134
PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP			
Swaziland	7,792	570,6577,872	580,236

Following the meeting of the International Bowls Board in Johannesburg on February 29, the following officials were elected for 1976-78: — President, Mr. J. Henderson (Canada); Senior Vice-President, Mr. N.E. Summersgill (Rhodesia); Junior Vice-President, Mr. F.H. Shapland (England); Hon. sec. Mr. J. F. Elms (England).

April 1976

BOWLS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Bill Hay is 90 "Hey, Hey"



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Wearry of the constant disorder in her sons' room, a mother laid down the law: For every item she had to pick up off the floor, they would have to pay her a nickel.

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One new computer is so human it blames its mistakes on others.

BILL HAY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

By Robert A. Honnor

The 90th birthday of William G. "Bill" Hay was celebrated at the Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club Saturday, April 16, with a luncheon for the members, their spouses and guests. The Club was host. It was an open air affair and was enjoyed apparently by all who attended.

Bill was born April 18, 1887, in Dumfries, Scotland, one of a large family. His parents and brothers and sisters all had fine voices. Bill's was of concert quality. He came to the United States in 1909. His fine voice as a soloist in the choir in a Chicago church attracted the attention and interest of a group of influential men there who offered to sponsor him financially if he would go to Paris and study for a career in opera. Bill passed up this opportunity. He had other plans.

He got his start in radio in the early 1920s in Hastings, Nebraska. Three years later in Chicago he was asked to be the announcer for a new radio program. Soon this show was so popular that millions of listeners would not accept any invitation or become involved in any activity that would conflict with the Amos and Andy broadcast. He participated in more than 10,000 broadcasts of this show over a period of about 15 years. He became famous internationally.

When he was bowling more regularly, he was one of the finest lawn bowlers in America. He is Past President of the Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club, was President of the American Lawn Bowls Association for five years and is now Honorary Life President of A.L.B.A. He is the only American, in fact the only citizen of a country outside the British Commonwealth, who ever served as President of the International Lawn Bowling Board.

As a long time friend of Bill, the writer of this article was asked to serve as Master of Ceremonies of the birthday celebration. When Bill was introduced, he responded with a short talk that was followed by an ovation.

Five years ago when Los Angeles radio station KFI was celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, a number of retired announcers and performers participated. Later, the executive in charge of the program said in an interview that the man who astonished him the most was a certain man, then eighty five years old, who stepped up and did his job at the microphone with the same expertise that had characterized his work at the peak of

his career. The name he mentioned was Bill Hay. Bill's friends who attended this ninetieth birthday party were delighted to hear Bill as articulate as ever speaking with a voice that has lost none of its quality.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dick Folkins

Our teams are now back from Australia and South Africa. They were both given royal treatment as far as hospitality is concerned. Our teams did not fare too well on the scoreboard, but this might be expected since both countries have far more bowlers than we do and many more competitive events to develop their skills. They also have a larger percentage of young bowlers. There should be an article covering each tour elsewhere in this magazine.

Our two national tournaments are being held this fall within three weeks of each other but at opposite corners of the country.

The U.S. Championships are being held at Spalding Inn in New Hampshire beginning Sept. 12. This is where the U.S. Singles started just 20 years ago.

The U.S. Open is being held in Los Angeles starting Oct. 1, with the women holding their tournament at the same time in Arcadia. Headquarters for both is the Pasadena Hilton Hotel which is convenient for both locations. Get your reservations early. We already have a team entered from South Africa, expect one from England and have several from Canada.

I hope to see many of you at one or both of these tournaments.

P.S. In case it is too late to make the womens page the news is just in that Corinna Folkins, Dorothy Bacon and Luise Godfrey won the Bronze at the womens World Tournament in Worthing, England.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

We have so many items on the agenda for the Annual Meeting in October that it even makes the Congressional Record look diminutive. Two cases of No-Doz will be on hand for what will probably be a 48 hour non-stop marathon session. The National Tournament is being held in Los Angeles at the same time. It has quite an International flavor with entries from South Africa, Australia, England, and Canada — so far, unfortunately, there is no word from Botswana, Malawi or Swaziland.

The sale of pins has been sufficient to offset costs of pins used by our International players. Thank you for your support. The Official Handbook **should** be in your hands by now — you will be excited to know that the printing press which finally finished the job has been sent to the Smithsonian Institute for display in the old relic section.

So far, no letters have been received from Division or Club secretaries. It is hoped that I can get a refund from the Post Office for all the stamps purchased in anticipation of the avalanche or mail with your suggestions or criticisms. Please enjoy your bowling this summer — hope you all have lots of lucky wicks.
By Ferrell Burton, Jr.

Australian Pairs Tournament

The ALBA team chosen to represent the ALBA in a pairs tournament sponsored by the Newcastle District Bowling Association in Australia was Arthur Grimmit, lead, and James Candelet, skip. Art is from the Southwest and Jim from the Eastern Division. They were given an enthusiastic welcome by their hosts who left no stone unturned to entertain them.

During the first week of their stay they visited a number of clubs and were given a chance to get used to faster greens and the Australian style of playing pairs. There, the lead plays two of his bowls and then the skip plays two of his. Then they play their remaining bowls in turn. In effect each player plays in two positions and there is plenty of opportunity for the two to talk about shots. They also have the chance to see the end as it builds up. Jim Candelet in his reports recommends that the ALBA adopt this style of bowling in pairs games. He also stresses the need for a vigorous attempt to upgrade USA greens which are characteristically slower and less even. For important games in Australia greens must run 14 seconds.

Despite the chance for the two players to practice together for a week they were at a disadvantage when the competition started. This they shared with other players from the northern hemisphere who had come from countries where greens had been closed for the winter. Among them was David Bryant from England.

The team got off to a poor start losing the first two games. In one of the games they played very poorly. They recovered in the third to defeat the previous year's winners.

This was the only win though some of the later games were very close.

In his report Jim Candelet raised an important issue about selections. He and his partner have very different approaches to the game and this limited their chances of success. It points up the weakness of selecting two players and not a team. So often the ALBA Council has selected a number of players and left it to chance or the team captain to assign them to positions.

As in the case of the South African visit the players brought back good feelings about their hosts. Here is what Jim Candelet had to say:

"The reception we received and the hospitality extended to us by one and all will no doubt remain in our memories for ever and ever. It can perhaps be best summed up that I gave one evening at the Singleton Club;— 'Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Walk beside me and be my friend.' Everywhere and at all times we felt the presence of the Australians beside us and their outstanding friendship."

A report on the Sixth Annual Portland Rose Festival Open Tournament

By Ron Alex Veitch

RON ALEX VEITCH of Portland dethroned defending Rose Festival Open Singles Champion BOB BOEHM of Jefferson Park L.B.C. (Seattle) to regain the title taken by Boehm in 1974. Veitch had defeated HARRY SCHUCK of Jefferson Park, AL CRABTREE of Newcastle South (New South Wales, Australia), BILL TODD of Friendly Valley L.B.C. (Newhall, California), and Boehm in earlier rounds to capture the winners' bracket in the double-elimination Todd and TOM ROWLANDS of Honolulu to reach the final in which Veitch rallied from a 12-15 deficit to register a 21-15 win. The final was well played, although many of the most closely drawn bowls were jack high shots which could be and were wrested by the opponent. Boehm was unfortunate in that his few badly played shots cost him dearly. Veitch wasted a few but suffered no direct damage.

PAT BOEHM of Jefferson Park became reacquainted with husband Bob on the bowling green in Portland's Westmoreland Park. After representing the U.S. in international matches, Bob returned from South Africa in time to attempt defense of his singles title. Pat flew in from England, where she played on the U.S. team in the World Women's Championships, and teamed with Schuck to win her third Rose Festival Mixed Pairs championship. The Boehm-Schuck combination rolled over WARREN MOIR of Jefferson Park and GLADYS MALLORY of Queen City, 29-7, in an all-Seattle final.

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1977 Walt Disney Singles Tournaments

By Jack Holt

May 27, 1977 marked the opening of the 8th year of the Disney Tournament. On May 27th and 28th the Walt Disney "Open" was played with 48 players filling the capacity of the three Greens at the Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club. With fine weather prevailing and the greens providing a challenge to all participants each bowler was called upon to demonstrate his best game to win. At the end of the first day thirty-two players had earned the right to return for final play on the 28th. On this day many fine shots were made — drawing much approval from a large gallery — and many games were won with the last bowl delivered, which emphasized the well-known importance of the last bowl.

The previous remarks fit perfectly into the play of the Walt Disney "Masters" which followed on May 29th and 30th. Tom Maider of the South Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club, Vancouver, B.C., on the last end with his last bowl, on a perfect backhand draw-turned a three point deficit into a three point win by taking the jack on a following shot back

to two more of his Bowls and thus became the 1977 Disney Masters Singles Champion.

Details on the results of both the "Masters" and the "Open" winners and runner-ups follows—

"DISNEY MASTERS"

*Championship Flite—

Winner — Tom Maider —
South Vancouver L.B.C.—
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Runner-up—Art Grimmitt—
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**A" Flite

Winner — Dave Stephen—
Hermosa Beach L.B.C.
Runner-up — Henry Leigh—
San Francisco L.B.C.

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Winner — Jim Harvey —
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Runner-up — John Swaim
Meadows — Irvine L.B.C.

**C" Flite —

Winner — Tom Rowlands
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Runner-up — Ken Bolton
Hermosa Beach L.B.C.

"Disney Open"

*Championship Flite —

Winner:—Helman Todes
Beverly Hills L.B.C.
Cris Flores
Santa Monica L.B.C.
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Winner:—Herb Hill
Friendly Valley L.B.C.
Runner-up:—Bob Briegel
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It is time to call a halt

During the past several weeks my feelings about bowls have swung from one pole to the other. My work with so many bowlers has been paying off and there is a special delight to see them playing better and enjoying the game so much more. Then there has been the chance to help widely separated enthusiasts who are trying to form clubs. Requests have come from places as widely separated as Spokane, Washington, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Rancho Bernardo, California. Then there was the letter from the Parks Superintendent in Las Vegas in which he told of the city's decision to put down bowling greens in the parks. From Vancouver, B.C., had come Ab McBride, former president of the Canadian LBC, to try out the scapagrene in my back yard. His enthusiasm for the game is contagious. Finally I had learned through the work on the magazine that a number of clubs had been making marked progress and I detected an atmosphere of quiet confidence in many others. What I found in the club reports was very different from the gloomy picture painted last year by the late secretary of the ALBA.

Then came a letter that changed things. It made its way to me from Ontario, Canada, by way of Australia. The writer wanted help in finding a book that deals with the problem of some skips who believe they are important people; people who think they have a right to make decisions about players without giving them the slightest hints of their reasons. Later a similar letter came from Oakland, California, from another player who felt the urgent need for an article on the etiquette of the game. He posed a question that involved the sportsmanship of a skip who refused to move out of the line of vision of a player who was about to bowl.

The first letter was on my mind as I prepared for play in the Southwest Championships. There were so many grand people to meet; so many to watch as they loosened up on the greens. It felt good to be among them and I wondered how such skips as my correspondents had described could feel otherwise. How could they treat such fine people with less than courtesy and respect?

The euphoria continued through the first day and well into the next. And then it happened. An opposing skip came rac-

ing down the green and crashed into me. I have never seen anything like it on a bowling green. Then came the Disney Masters, a tournament that pays tribute to Walt and his delight in the game. Many of the players seem to capture the attitude he brought to the game and I could relive the precious moments when I played with him on so many Sunday afternoons. But there had to be the few to spoil things. Several players insisted on running down the green. They did not show the slightest concern about what they did to the green, how their running interfered with games on either side or how it affected their opponents who waited so long so often to play their shots.

Back to the Southwest Tournament. There just had to be the few who insisted on spoiling games for everyone within earshot by their criticism of their partners and their complaints to high heaven about their bowls, the greens and their bad luck.

By its very nature bowls is a very social game and what happens on one rink has to be shared by so many. But what is shared does not have to be rudeness,

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anger, poor sportsmanship or buffoonery.

A few days ago I saw a picture of a player who had been at the first World championships in Australia and I was reminded of his behavior and that of three of his team. They raced down the green, rolled on it, turned somersaults, jumped up and down and shouted inanities for all to hear. Theirs was a poor imitation of a performance by third rate clowns and it earned the distaste of every other player there. They had not the slightest concern about its effect on others' enjoyment of their games.

The time has come to call a halt to running on the green and there has to be an end to rudeness, bad sportsmanship and buffoonery. By the time this appears the Southwest Division will have taken appropriate action. Here is what Bill Shonborn, the secretary wrote the other day in a newsletter to clubs:

"The Council (ALBA) has neglected to face up to the problem of bowl chasing which has been an issue for several years. It is difficult to understand why this problem remains unsolved when:

1. greenskeepers state that running on the green causes damage to the turf;
2. it is distracting to players on adjacent rinks, and grossly inconsiderate of their right to enjoy their game;
3. at least two people have suffered injury from being run into by bowl chasers. The Southwest should not wait any longer for an ALBA Council decision on bowl chasing. There is nothing in the constitution of either body to prevent the Division from instituting its own rule and enforcing it in Division sponsored

tournaments." Bill could have gone on to say that the Division is likely to start sending notices to a few players telling them that their behavior offends many others.

If bowls is going to remain the beautiful game it is and to attract fine people the ALBA has a clear duty to take the leadership in seeing that there is an end to bowl chasing everywhere. It must see that the IBB takes its duties in the matter very seriously and see to it there is no more of it.

BETTER GREENS

By Edgar R. Haley

Having just returned from a tour through the Southeastern, Eastern and Central Divisions, having held symposia in depth on greens management attended by representatives of virtually every club in these divisions and having visited eleven clubs for detailed evaluation of the greens, I feel that I have a grasp, in depth, of the general state of bowling greens and their problems throughout the eastern half of the United States.

First let me state that the overwhelming kindness and enthusiasm of the bowlers was much more than really heartwarming. I came home feeling very well repaid for the effort of the trip.

However, let's get down to the facts of these greens. Harsh and hard as it is to say so, the eastern greens, as a whole, are really quite poor. The saving grace is that the basic fundamentals tend to be satisfactory and, with just a moderate amount of intelligent and consistent effort, these greens can be made quite creditable or better. There tended to be certain consistent remediable factors present in nearly all. These factors, actually, are also found in all too many of the greens on the West Coast.

With the above in mind, it could be very helpful, perhaps, to describe the usual green and the sequence of steps which will markedly remedy the situation. Inasmuch as the majority of clubs belong in this category, it could be helpful to go into some detail.

I. Description.

It must be remembered that this tour took place in May and the turf had hardly time to pass its first flush after winter.

The surface was quite irregular. Except

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Better Greens

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in Florida, the basic turf is creeping bent. Every green had appreciable poa annua, some a great deal. Few had many dicot (broadleaf) weeds. The grass was 1/2" to 5/8" above the soil level and there was a really heavy thatch. Practically every green, and all greens with automatic sprinklers, was simply sodden. Two of those which did not have automatic sprinklers were in severe need of water, the tensiometer reading 60-70. Many had creditable root depth, to 2 inches. Others has less, from 1" to 1 1/2". In most cases, plugs of soil showed top layering of heavy black material over a creditable sandy loam. Proper, legal ditches with plinth and backboards were absent in a number. In others the boards need replacing badly.

II. Discussion.

A. Irrigation.

Careful, intelligent irrigation is the fundamental key to obtaining a strong deep rooted turf. While the grass plant must have sufficient moisture, of equal or more importance is the availability or oxygen to the roots. This is obtained only by watering thoroughly and then allowing the soil to dry, by evaporation, sufficiently so that water partially leaves the little spaces between the soil particles, to be replaced by air. Naturally, when this drying process reaches a certain point at the root level (25-30 centibars on the tensiometer) it is about time to thoroughly irrigate again. At this level of soil suction there is an adequacy of air and still loads of moisture.

This cycle, and only this cycle, will produce the deep strong roots that we must have.

Given a healthy turf, the obtaining of a smooth hard level surface for bowling is basically mechanical.

B. Thatch Control.

Heavy thatch precludes any decent bowling. In fact, any thatch at all is a big detriment. All grasses develop thatch, the matted dead layer next to the soil. This material not only gives a squasy miserable slow irregular surface for bowling but is a detriment to healthy turf, promotes fungus and other diseases, and makes good watering difficult.

Thatch must be removed in its entirety, and requires a forth-right program, repeated as often as necessary. Of great help in controlling thatch, once it has been removed by verticutting, is the use of the scarifier. The scarifier also will give

an astonishingly smooth bowling surface if used thoroughly at least once a week during the growing seasons.

Considerably better than the verticutter and the scarifier combined is the greens planer. Along with the proper bowling greens mower the greens planer is the most important and satisfactory piece of equipment for obtaining an excellent bowling surface, once a half decent turf is attained.

All of these instruments: The verticutter, the scarifier, the greens mower and the planer, all must be used at a 45° angle to the ditches and with an overlap of 50%.

C. Aerofying.

Once the thatch has been removed, aerofying is in order. This very important procedure should be done at least twice a year, starting early in the spring. The tynes should be 1/2" or 5/8" (compared to the ineffectual 1/4" used on golf greens) and the plugs must all be removed. Five tons of medium fine sand per greens is spread. This can be done perfectly well by shovel. The whole is then gragged with the chain mat, filling all of the holes with sand and leaving very little on the surface.

D. Fertilizing.

Fertilizing is always performed with inorganic fertilizer, never any organic material, such as manure, milorganite or peat moss. Grass is a simple plant and fertilizer should be simple. Ordinary ammonium sulfate is very satisfactory, 60 lbs. per green per month, using a cyclone type spreader. Once or twice in the year a "balanced" fertilizer can be used. This will contain some phosphate and some potassium. The proportions are of relatively little importance.

Fertilizer must always be thoroughly watered-in after spreading. Always fertilize after using sand.

E. Finally, there are four materials, and only four, which are ever placed on a green:

1. Water
2. Fertilizer (inorganic)
3. Sand
- Medication.

III. Suggestions.

A. Buy a proper tensiometer and use it as a guide to irrigate and, more importantly, when not to irrigate. We use a tensiometer obtained from The Soilmoisture Equipment Co., Box 30025, Santa Barbara, Ca 93105. This instrument is absolutely accurate and absolutely reliable. I rely on it continuously, and do not irrigate until it reaches 25 centibars. Then I irrigate everywhere deeply.

This is the key to a strong turf.

B. Arrange, by hook or crook, to have

your green verticutted. Start a long term project to build or buy a greens planer (about \$3000, with the tractor).

C. A proper mower, designed for bowling greens, is an eventual absolute must. In no way is it possible to obtain a keen smooth surface using a golf greens mower. It was not designed for mowing large flat surfaces, and will not do it.

A bowling greens mower is a delight. Cost about \$1650 and is worth a club's big effort to obtain one.

D. Regular aerofying and backfilling with sand is a virtual rejuvenator for the bowling green. This must be arranged for on a regular basis.

E. Fertilizing, small amounts but often will pay big dividends. It takes about 40 minutes to fertilize a green, using a cyclone spreader.

Only the really important high spots have been covered here. What is here, however, is applicable to more than 9 out of 10 greens in the United States and Canada. Send me your troubles. I'm as close as the postman.

PEOPLE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

By Donald Irwin Jr.

Yes, "People Do Make a Difference." This truth is brought to my mind every day as I work on my assignments as Promotional Chairman. As I mention the names of people throughout this article, please remember that there are many names I should have mentioned—some I do not know about, others I may have overlooked.

NEW GREENS

Bill Strange and George Finlay are moving lights in Westland, Detroit in the development of two new greens. Phillip Dexter and others are working in the development of a new green at St. Clari Shores, Michigan. When these two new clubs are completed it will give the Detroit area two new bowling clubs. However, hard work is ahead. They need the support of the Detroit area bowlers.

The work being done in Detroit is an example of what must be done when a city grows away from its present greens. When a club has constantly decreasing membership due to conditions which are out of control of its membership, steps must be taken to convince the city fathers that new bowling facilities are needed. It might take five years from the time seeds are planted in the minds of men until the new greens are completed.

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People Do Make a Difference

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MEN ON THE MOVE FOR BOWLS:

Here is a list of people, who I have heard about through telephone calls or mail, who are doing things for bowls; Walter Sims in Fort Lauderdale; Ian MacDonald in Lakeland Florida; Walter Curtis in Cleveland; Charlie Rauch in West Hartford; Ray Northam in Hartford; David Ure in Hollywood Florida, David Ventry in Niagara Falls and Vic Jackson in Chicago.

To you, and to others we should have included in this list, we all say "thanks for your effort in promoting bowls." Yes, we should also include the name of Don Young who is a leading light in promoting new facilities in Rockford Illinois.

YES, PEOPLE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Lawn bowling is growing and moving forward. Charles P. Middleton is 92 years young and still bowls every morning from 9 to 10 a.m. Most of his bowling these days is done on indoor carpet, in Seattle, Wash.

The Bowls Magazine can be our best promotional literature. Many, many bowlers are leaving their Bowls Magazine in a Doctor's office or a dentist's office or in libraries or any public reading place where people wait for appointments such as Savings Banks. Also it has been suggested that every club should see that every woman bowler one way or another has the opportunity to see and read every issue of the Bowls Magazine.

W. T. Harrison of the Milwaukee L.B.C. has sent me a promotional piece that has been developed by two of their younger members. It is an invitation for new bowlers who started to bowl in 1976-77 to participate in a doubles tournament. Terrance McCormick and Jo Landgran have our thanks and congratulations for developing this successful program in Milwaukee. If you would like to see the literature, drop W. T. Harrison a card and hopefully he will still have some copies of the literature available.

John A. Durantini is the new coach of the Berkeley B.L.C. in Berkeley California. Like many of the coaches at various bowling clubs he has been bowling a relatively short time. We find that many of the coaches throughout the country are individuals who have been trained to be good leads during the past 1½ to 4 years. They in turn seem to be able to relate to new bowlers. Our thanks go out to all teachers and coaches.

Ezra Wyeth has worked with over 2000 bowlers in recent years in the United States and Canada. His system of teaching is outstanding. Perhaps in no other sport do so many owe so much to one person for their face to face personal instruction. Ezra Wyeth is a good man, dedicated to the game of Bowls.

Henrietta Krohn, a delightful woman, is the coach of the Laguna Hills B.C. Henrietta has taught well over 200 students. I have the lesson plan that she has developed. It is excellent. If you want a copy write me and I'll send it to you.

Don Gorman of the Sunrise Club in Freeport N.Y. reports that their club is getting a weekly item in Long Island's largest newspaper as well as getting promotional material into a small magazine that finds its way into Doctors' offices. Like many clubs they have an excellent handout piece that they give to interested spectators. We are getting quite a collection of handout sheets. If you have one please send us a copy—we are planning to develop a package of the various handout sheets used by clubs throughout the U.S.

Jim Coppola of Pines Lake, New Jersey, has great enthusiasm for promotion lawn bowls and is sparking his club drive for new members.

One gets the feeling that the Eastern Division, with Jim Candelet and Bill Farrell and people like Al Lyon setting the pace, is on top of their challenges. I have received many enthusiastic letters from various people in this division.

Here is the program as developed by Al Lyon of the Eastern Division.

1. Five years of hard work has developed a program which includes much local coverage by clubs in their daily papers.
2. Showing their film to Service clubs and Fraternal groups.
3. Personal contact by their membership in recruiting new bowlers.

Al Lyon says that his program actually only covers the surrounding Trenton area. However, the various correspondents and committee chairmen to exchange ideas as they travel around their division. Al Lyon does write each correspondent about a minimum of five times a year.

Our National program, that I am trying to put together, is still in the development stages. I would like to receive more ideas from interested people throughout the U.S. We are receiving about 20 to 25 letters weekly. Please keep the letters coming. One day this week we sent out seven packages of promotional

material. We want to help you promote bowls. Please call on us. We like the requests for promotional material and sincerely ask you to use the material to the fullest advantage.

In today's mail we received a copy of a good "Welcome to Lawn Bowls" piece that said "Come visit us—free instructions, individuals or groups," and it has four pages of material promotion Lawn Bowling by the Essex County Lawn Bowling Club "of New Jersey."

If all of us would work with the drive and force of Bill Farrell, Councilor from the Eastern Division, we would triple the number of Lawn Bowlers in this country in a short time.

Maria Bahrs has advised me that Oscar Christopherson and his five coaches at Sun City, California L.B. club has graduated twenty new members this year. Isn't this great!

Pomona L.B. club publishes the most informative club roster we have seen to date.

The Beverly Bias, a monthly publication of the Beverly Hills L.B. Club of California, is worthwhile. This club under Ezra Wyeth's direction has trained a team to go to the Maccabiah Games in Israel this year.

The club is presently having a person to person invitational program for all people who live in Beverly Hills area to join their club and learn the game of Bowls.

Dr. Edgar Haley is so much on the move promoting the science of having good greens that he is rarely home. I do understand that the folks in Santa Barbara have turned over to him the care and management of their greens. I hope to report more on this in the next issue of Bowls.

The symposiums which Edgar Haley held at many clubs throughout the country were most successful. One gentleman says Edgar spoke for a little over an hour and we asked him questions for two hours. He further stated that the three hour meetings were the best thing that ever happened for Bowls in their Division.

Carroll Chase's Mulligan Tournaments in the S.W. Division have been a tremendously good thing for Bowls. In many bowlers minds the "Mulligans" that Carroll holds through the division are in themselves an outstanding creative force for bowls. His leadership in obtaining the Home Savings and Loan as a sponsor for

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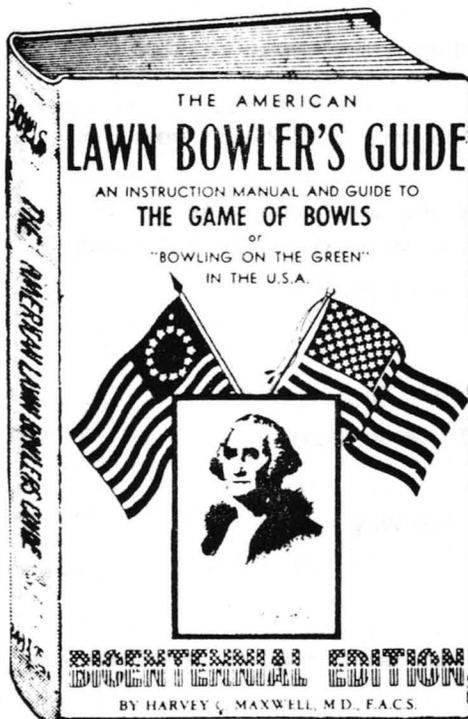
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Dear Mr. Tilley:

What "Going Metric" May Mean
to Lawn Bowling

In view of the actions of IBB and ALBA, it may be that you will feel that now is the time to follow up the informative but very general articles on the metric system in BOWLS, with one which gets right down to cases and specifically examines whether and to what extent conversion would affect lawn bowling.

Therefore, I'm enclosing such an article herewith.

It happens that I'm reasonably acquainted with the metric system, have taken the trouble to find out what is involved in "going metric," and am an experienced bowler (30 years) and a careful student of the finer points of the game. This may be a good combination for this purpose.

You are already aware that I understand far better than most, the time and energy consuming task you and your staff have taken on. After all, with some 50 years experience in writing for publication, editing, etc., I should know.

Therefore, in the hope of sharing your burden even to this small extent, I have tried to provide a readable, informative, accurate and timely article in form ready for use. To do this, I have spent the equivalent of more than a week's time in writing, rewriting, editing, re-editing. All data has been double checked and many points made were checked out in actual play. I hope I have been successful in this.

With all good wishes,
William C. Babbitt

METRIC IS FOR REAL AND WE SHOULD

MAKE OUT JUST FINE
by William C. Babbitt

Some wag has said that we're inching our way into the metric system. It started that way. It may even SEEM that way now, but this is strictly not true. Actually, we are on the verge of increasingly being plunged into it and, to no small extent, "cold turkey" if agencies promoting the change have their way.

In lawn bowling it appears we can't escape this all-encompassing movement even if we wanted to. In fact, IBB and ALBA are already moving in the metric direction.

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Important Notice

Due to the fact that the April 15th issue of Bowls was very late in getting out, we assume some clubs did not submit articles for the July 15th issue of Bowl!

Bowls is published 4 times a year on the 15th of Jan-April-July-October. All club material must be in to the Division Staff correspondent not later than the 20th of the month preceding date of issue.

All items of General interest and advertising must be in the office of the Editor not later than the 25th.

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Richard Folkins, who represented ALBA at the IBB meeting, reported to the ALBA Council the decision of IBB to reissue its "Laws of the Game" to show metric equivalents to two decimal places. ALBA decided to do the same when it reissues its "Official Handbook."

Impact studies are the "in" thing these days. So, suppose we make our own study on just what "going metric" might mean to lawn bowling. Would this be disruptive in any way, or would it have little effect? Might it even be moderately beneficial? The answers, you will note, are quite encouraging.

But first, to get some facts upon which to base our study, let's take a quick look at the status of the metric movement in the United States and ask a few questions.

Why is this movement gathering such momentum? How rapidly is it proceeding? Why the "cold turkey" approach?

Why is the current IBB and ALBA action only a preliminary, educational first step TOWARD conversion (as it is doubtless intended to be), but is NOT what is required to "go metric"?

What does "going metric" really involve, and how might this specifically affect lawn bowling?

Evidences of impending change to metric are everywhere. Metric equivalents (weight, volume, etc.) are now shown on just about every package, bottle, can, etc., we pick up. Thus, our favorite quart bottle of Scotch as 0.946 liter; a 20-oz. net weight jar or can as 567 grams.

Weather reports now also give metric (Celsius) temperatures, e.g., 50° F as 10° C; 90° F as 32°C. The ball park fence shows 104 meters as well as 341 ft. Highway signs are starting to appear showing speed or distances with rounded-off metric values, e.g., 10 miles—16 kilometers. The impending action by IBB and ALBA will, e.g., show 1.83 m. as our 6-ft. mat line equivalent.

Why not, then, just change our present values into metric equivalents and proceed to use them? This sounds just fine until you try it and discover that most such conversions will involve at least two and more often four or more decimal places. In many cases there are no exact conversions. In fact, "exact" conversion, attempts result largely in clumsy, decimal ridden values which would be difficult to grasp and impracticable to use. For example:

Want to convert one pound to kilograms? The answer is 0.453594 kg., that is, if you'll settle for six decimal places.

Want to order a set of 4¾" bowls by their metric size? Ask for 12.0647 centimeter.

So, what IS meant by "going metric"? It means the selection of logical, preferably whole numbers, preferably rounded ones at that, as our metric values. To follow the above examples:

One pound seems almost certain to be replaced by 500 grams (approx. 1.1 lbs.); the quart by the liter (1.0567 qt.); the 20-oz. net weight jar or can by one holding 500 or 600 grams; our 6 ft. mat line possibly by 2 meters (approx. 6½ ft.). The 55 mph speed limit (88.4 kph) has already been set at 90 kph.

These provide typical examples of "going metric" by rounding off values. Certainly, in actual use 90 kph makes more sense than 88.5 or even 88 kph.

In our case, e.g., 2m. would be easy to use, easy to remember, whereas 1.83 m. would fail both tests.

As you are aware, what has been happening thus far has been "educational" preparation for "going metric." How soon, then, will conversion really hit?

Well, the vast regulatory powers and actions of government plus the widespread activity of manufacturers and processors in many lines to shift over to metric at an accelerating pace, are combining to move us ever faster into the metric system. 1978 is shaping up as the year when this will start hitting us in important ways. As examples:

Significant action in the area of consumer packages seems likely to take place.

The Weather Bureau plans to make its reports in metric ONLY starting with temperature in July, then precipitation in September, and wind velocity in November. So, get used to the idea that 32° can be almost too hot to bowl.

The Federal Highway Commission plans to order that speed and distance signs be in metric ONLY. It had actually ordered the changeover of speed signs be completed by September 30, 1978, but has postponed this action due to public protest.

Now this is what is meant by "going metric" cold turkey, namely, that the best way to move from one system to a replacing one is to JUST GO! In this way we are forced to master and LEARN TO THINK in the NEW system without hav-

ing to translate back into the old in order to understand.

Government agencies strongly favor "cold turkey" pointing out that conversion experience in other countries shows that as long as the old system remains in use, the public will cling to it and ignore the new.

But how does all this apply to lawn bowling? Without in the least presuming to even try to guess what IBB and ALBA may decide is best to do, it nevertheless seems quite useful to see what happens when the principles we have noted are specifically applied to our situation. This should provide us with a very good idea of just how much of a problem there is and with have a clear understanding of what's involved. In reading the following items you may be interested to note in how many of them "going metric" will have NO EFFECT.

1. GREEN SIZE: ALBA sets green size at 110-125 ft. All that is needed here is to bracket these figures, i.e., 33.5 m.—38.1 m., whereupon all existing greens now standard will automatically be in compliance metrically.

True, in the future, when a new green is built or major repairs are made on an existing green to square it up, install new plinths, etc., it is likely to be done to metric measurements, e.g., 38 meters (124 ft. 8 in.) instead of the present 125 feet.

2. RINK WIDTHS: ALBA specifies 14-19 ft. for Rink width. Here a metric range of 4.2 m.-5.8 m. will embrace any presently authorized width.

Once the metric system takes hold generally, it seems certain that we'll see rink widths and other measurements expressed in metric even in instances where the green size might still be thought of as in feet.

Soon a 4.5-meter rink, instead of the frequently encountered 15-ft. rink, could come into widespread use. It is interesting to note that if one should play on a green actually complying with metric measurements of 38 meters square with rinks (8) 4.5 meters wide, even a highly experienced bowler would never realize that he was not actually on a typical 125-ft. green with 15-ft. rinks. This is a major example of how limited the effect of "going metric" is likely to have on our game.

3. MINIMUM JACK: The 75-ft. minimum Jack length equals 22.86 m. To convert this to 23 m. would increase the distance about 5½ in. Some clubs with slow greens might object to any increase and thus might prefer 22.5 m. (just under 74 ft.), hardly any cause for concern.

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A POSSIBLE TYPICAL METRIC SET UP

Green Size	38 m.
Rink Width	4.5 m.
Mat Line	2 m.
Jack-Front Ditch	2 m.
Player in Head	2 m.
Minimum Jack	22.5 m.
Minimum Bowl	14 m.
Mat Size	30x60 cm.
Ground Sheet	120x240 cm.
"Ninety Feet"	27.5 m.
Meter (m.):	3.2808 feet.
Centimeter (cm.):	1/100 m; 0.3937 in.
1 inch:	2.54 cm.
1 foot:	0.3048 m.

WHAT IS A METER?

The meter is the basic unit of dimension in the metric system. We can think of it as being about 1.1 yds. or 39 1/3 in. Actually, a meter is one ten-millionth of the distance on a meridian from the equator to the pole. Now, how about that!

4. MINIMUM BOWL LENGTHS: or the distance a delivered bowl must travel to remain in play is 45 ft. (13.716 m.). A possible conversion would be 14 m. (just short of 46 ft.).

5. BOWL SIZES: One manufacturer seems to have taken care of this problem very neatly by substituting size numbers for dimensions, thereby retaining its present sizes (BOWLS, Jan. 1977, p. 32).

6. MATS, which ALBA specifies shall be 14 in. x 24 in., could logically become 35 cm. x 60 cm. (about 3/16 in. narrower and 3/8 in. shorter than at present). 36 cm. x 61 cm. would be almost exactly 14 in. x 24 in.

7. GROUND SHEETS as to which ALBA does not specify size, commonly 4 ft. x 8 ft., could become 120 cm. x 240 cm.

8. MAT LINE, 6 feet (1.8288 m.) as already noted might logically be rounded to 2 m. (6 ft. 6-5/8 in.).

9. MAXIMUM DELIVERED JACK (position) is 6 feet from Front Ditch. This could also be set at 2 m.

10. PLAYER AT HEAD (position) required to be at least 6 feet in back of Jack. This could also become 2 m.

11. NINETY FEET, the standard distance for use in determining pace of Green equals 27.432 m. If this should be set at 27.5 m., the 90 feet would become 90 ft. 2-2/3 in. The question is raised as to

whether a change to 27.5 m. would have any observable effect on timing. There are enough opportunities for slight errors (unless we should go to elaborate electronic timing) such as to render the extra 2-2/3 in. meaningless. And, we don't time to hundredths of a second anyway.

TO SUMMARIZE: To "go metric" in lawn bowling, about all that seems to be of any consequence where conversions might result in changes would be in the distances of:

(1) 75 feet, frequently used, (2) 90 feet, occasionally used, (3) 45 feet rarely used but important, (4) 66 feet (Law 9 (B) (2), almost unheard of.

Moderate changes, such as a foot or so, in any of these four distances would almost certainly go unnoticed and thus seem to present no problem.

There remains the important 6-ft. distance which has several applications. Relatively small changes in any distance of 6 feet or less may be noticed for a time but even then may be held to be of no consequence. Thus, where ground sheets are used their placement in social games is usually "by eye." Measure the resulting mat line and it will rarely be found exactly at 6 feet. Variations of from minus 4 in. to as much as plus 7 or 8 in. will be found, but even then are likely to go unnoticed and if unnoticed are not thought of as affecting play. This range of about 12 inches is about twice the adjustment involved in changing from 6 ft. to 2 m.

Will it be easy to adapt to any changes in the shorter measurements? Suppose our present 6 feet is changed to 2 meters (about 6 1/2 ft.). How long would you say it would take to get used to it? Three months? Three days? Three minutes?

All this brings us to the two \$64 questions:

(1) What does the individual bowler need to know in order to bowl "metrically?"

(2) What will it be necessary to do to an existing green to bring it into compliance?

For answers to these questions to be meaningful, they must be based on definite facts. Accordingly, if we assume that the conversions suggested herein are in effect, then the answers are clear, namely:

(1) For the bowler this mainly means just go ahead and bowl. Of course, he'll want to learn to judge 2 meters (about 2.2 yds.) instead of 2 yards, for use in respect to mat line, player at the head, and Jack from Front Ditch. In other words, it's no big deal.

(2) As to existing greens: Green size, nothing required. Hog line (or 75-ft.,

measurement), adjust about 7 inches; the 45-ft. measurement, adjust about 11 inches; where ground sheets are used, adjust position about 6 1/2 inches so mat line is at 2 meters.

IN CONCLUSION, the evidence seems quite clear that when the time comes for lawn bowling to "go metric"—and this may be much sooner than we now think—it can be done with ease and possibly even some slight benefits. Most changes likely to result from conversion will probably go unnoticed in actual play.

In the meantime, this much we can all agree upon: The bowl nearest to the Jack will still be shot whether in inches, or centimeters, or determined with just a plain, no-scale measure.

THE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Tune: The Man on the Flying Trapeze
He bowled on the green with such confident ease
In order his bowling instructor to please.
The bowls flew so well on the green, like a breeze.

But of something he was not aware;
That bowling was really demanding
Of muscles and joints by degrees.
Next morning he found that he couldn't get up
For the pain of his thighs and his knees!
O-O-Oh!

'Cause he bowled on the green with such confident ease.
In order his bowling instructor to please.
His bowls flew so well on the green, like a breeze.

But of something he was not aware.
He groaned, and he moaned as he lay there in bed.

He needed massaging until he got red,
With Balm Analgesic. He lay there instead,
And dreamed he would lick this game yet.

Tho' bowling was surely demanding,
He would master this game by all means.
So, he bowled, and he bowled, and he bowled,
and he bowled
With the guys and the gals on the greens!
O-O-Oh!

He groaned, and he moaned as he lay there in bed.

He needed massaging until he got red
With Balm Analgesic. He lay there instead,
And dreamed he would lick this game yet.

Now, he stands on the canvas with greatest of calm—

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A masterful skip in the shade of a palm,
His bowling superb, and all leads he does
charm,
And he doesn't need any more Balm,
And now he is also instructing.
He signals the hand and the score.
He smiles when the shots are successful.
If they fail he doesn't get sore. O-O-Oh!
He stands on the canvas with consummate
ease—A masterful skip in the shade of
the trees:
Hiw bowling superb, any bowler would
please.
Could a partner want any thing more?

Composed for the annual banquet.
Redlands Lawn Bowling Club
By Hasso Pestalozzi
December, 1973

International Visits
By Ezra Wyeth

You have had a chance to read reports
of two visits, one to South Africa and
Rhodesia and the other to Australia. Both
brought very little success to the players
and it may be time to look at some possi-
ble contributing factors.

The visits took place at the end of our
winter and the majority of the players
chosen came from the Northwest, the
Central and the Eastern Divisions.
Originally the majority chosen came
from the other three whose greens are
open all the year round but three players
had dropped out. It seems unfair to ask
players who have had neither games nor
practice to go overseas and to play
against world class bowlers. September
and October are about the only months
when it would be reasonable to have
players from all over the world get
together for competitions.

Two avenues are open to the ALBA. It
could refuse invitations at a time when
all players are not at their best or it could
confine its selections to players whose
greens are open all the year round.
There are objections to both of these
choices but they must be weighed
against the inevitable fact that the players
without practice cannot do themselves
justice.

The method of selection raises very
serious questions and has been the cause
of sharp criticism. The Council con-
stitutes itself a selection committee. It is
now known whether this influences the
choice of those who represent the
divisions on it. The fact is that the coun-
cilers have to select their fellow coun-
cilers and at times themselves. Again this

is not fair to them that they should be in
this position.

Over the years it is evident that ability
has not been the only criterion used in
making selections. The team to go to
England for the World Championships
was chosen over a year before the event.
No other country felt the need to select
its team so early. Then the player with
the least impressive record in com-
petitions received four first place votes
when the councilors made their selec-
tions. Embarrassment followed during
the succeeding year when a player not
on the team qualified for the Bowler of
the Year Award with the highest score up
to that point.

In the recent selections the Bowler of
the Year for 1975, Frank Souza was
nineteenth. Only one or two of the
players ahead of him can match his
recent record in competitions.

The simple fact about bowls in this
country is essentially a charitable ven-
ture. The work of the Council, most of
what the Divisions do and the
production of the magazine scarcely cost
the bowlers a cent. The councilors pay
their own expenses when they go to an-
nual meetings. It would not be un-
reasonable if the few rewards that the
game offers, like overseas visits, went to
them. They should be paid for their ser-
vices. Until they are they can feel
justified in selecting themselves to go
overseas. Better still they should lay
down a policy and leave the selection of
teams to others who will not be con-
sidered for visits. This would put them
above criticism.

Old Mac Donalds Green

Old MacDonald's farm has been
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!
Made into a bowling green.
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!
With a slick rink here, a slick rink there,
Here a rink, there a rink,
Everywhere a slick rink.
Nicest rinks you've even seen.
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!
In a shed you'll find a mat.
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!
On a rink you'll lay it flat.
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!
With a flat mat here, a flat mat there.
Here a mat, there a mat.
Everywhere a flat mat.
Mats all laid out in a row!
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!
Everybody gets a chance.
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!
Better watch your grip and stance.
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!

A forehand here a backhand there,
Here a hand, there a hand,
Everywhere a glad hand.
Everybody gets a chance.
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!
All you leads pick up a bowl.
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!
Find your spot before you roll!
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!
Get a hot shot here, a pot shot there,
Here a shot, there a shot,
Everywhere a hot shot.
Your skip will signal where to roll.
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!
Here's a fact we all should know.
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!
Our club is fine, but it must grow
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!
Get member here, a member there,
Here a pair, there a pair.
Everywhere a new pair.
Members, new, will love it so.
Ee-Igh, Ee-Igh, Oh!

Hasso Pestalozzi
Redlands L.B.C. 1972

The skip rolls one heay, alack and alas.
Said the vice, "I am trying to give you the
grass"
Then aside to the opponent, said "That
was a slip,"
"If I can get through, why can't the
skip?"
But the skip is anxious to show off his
skill.
With the second bowl he comes in for
the kill.
He gets a nice wick, and just the right
weight.
The opponent then muttered, "We've
started too late,
We had seven points lying a little while
back,
Till you rolled in and moved the jack"
The third bowl came through a regular
buster,
And looked worse than the Indians to
Custer.
The skip could hardly muffle a groan.
He'd promoted the opponent, and dis-
placed his own.
Then out came the measures, and eons
went by,
Till both the vice-skips pronounced it a
tie.
Then all shook hands, and staid again
To tell each other how good they had
been
Yours, Isabel Searlett
Lawn Bowling Div., Lake Wales
Tourist Club

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The Champion Lawn Bowler with apologies to "Casey at the Bat"

When he stepped out upon the mat
The crowd in awe stood still
His skill was most outstanding
Gave to all who watched a thrill
So see him poised to cast the bowl
His eye upon the jack
He measures distance carefully
For weight he picked a spot
With grace he let the bowl fly
Across the green to go
It's planned to stop upon the jack
Neither fast nor yet too slow
"Oh, horrors, what has happened"
The crowd in dread calls out
"This think is quite impossible
Of that there is no doubt."
Alas, the truth it must be told
Though bitter on the tongue
This Champion of Champions
Had cast a bias wrong.
Oh, gloomis over all the green
For faith in man is shaken
So, bowlers always watch your bowls
That you be not mistaken.

by
John McClelland
Sun City, Arizona

The American Lawn Bowls Association The Justification

by
Al Relwob

Whether we be "social" bowlers or tournament bowlers, the necessity for organization, as represented by the A.L.B.A., is responsible for the actual existence of the game. Without such organization practically none of us could be playing this delightful sport in America.

Let us examine, in some detail, the history of organized bowling and why the A.L.B.A. is so completely vital to each one of us.

When the English and Scottish settlers came to this country they brought with them their favorite sport of lawn bowls. Each village and town had its own bowling green.

With the Revolution all that represented the old country became unpatriotic. The greens were ploughed up, including the personal green of George Washington. However the name Bowling Green has persisted, to be found dotted throughout the Eastern U.S. today. In only widely dispersed areas did the game persist in a desultory fashion.

Realizing that the game could never grow, might even disappear entirely unless organization took place, a few far-sighted energetic bowlers met and organized the American Lawn Bowls Association. Only then did the game prosper to achieve a stature sufficient to promote its spread throughout the country.

A close parallel can be drawn with the birth, growth and strength of the various service clubs such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and others. Each has a central national organization to which each of the clubs belongs. The individual in turn, belongs and pays dues to his club. It is the club which represents the unit belonging to the parent organization, and it is the club which remits monies in proportion to its membership. It is a necessity that each club certify as to its membership and honesty pay such monies in order that the club truly affiliate with the central organization.

It is rather obvious that, should a service club belonging to Rotary International fail to comply and thus be separated from the central organization, it quickly becomes a luncheon club only, and an entity unto itself. While this club may well carry on for a considerable time, it is inevitable that eventually it will deteriorate and die. Few of us, who have been long in this world, will argue the point. In the same way, and for the same reasons, this will inevitably occur with the independent bowling club.

Many of us who are not vitally interested in tournament playing may well wonder what we receive directly from the A.L.B.A. On the surface it may well appear that it is an organization for the many, but benefitting only the few. And, from a superficial point of view, this appears true.

However the value must be appraised in its entirety. Without a central organization there would be no cohesiveness between the clubs as a whole; there would be no standardization of play; there would be no organ, as the "B.O.W.L.S." magazine; there would be no effort toward

promotion (prorated in comparison with Australia, Britain, New Zealand; there should be 4,000,000 players in the U.S. instead of less than 6,000); and of greatest importance of all, without a strongly supported central organization, the great game of lawn bowls as we know it, will fade and die.

Only through foresight and sacrifice of those before us do we have the game available. We each have a deep-rooted responsibility to those who shall come after us, and to those at present who are unaware of this tremendous valuable recreation, to accept our responsibilities. It is only fair and honest, and a matter of personal pride.

The price is dirt cheap, the rewards enormous.

LAMENT FOR A NOVICE LEAD

Let your heart bleed for a lowly Lead
Whose game was not precise.
Each time he bowled he always rolled
Wrong bias, once or twice.

He could not seem to read the green —
His line was wide or tight.
And when his draw looked perfect —
pshaw!
The weight was never right.

Once in a while you'd see him smile
When he was on the jack.
But sure as sin he wouldn't win—
A wick would knock him back.

On quarter day he'd always pay.
Skips shuddered when they drew him,
And Vices sighed — some even cried—
Because, you see, they knew him.

But then one day things looked okay—
His team ahead by two.
The other Lead, with too much speed,
Sent three bowls near Peru.

'Twas the last end; our clumsy friend
Had two right on the jack.
His Skip — in shock — called for a block
And signaled him the track.

With dreams of fame, our Lead took aim
And rolled — Catastrophe!
He knocked the jack back, back, back,
back —

The other team had three.

At the setting sun he got his gun
And grasped it in his fist.
Of course he tried suicide —
And, of course, he missed.

C. West

CLUB NEWS

P.I.M. DIVISION

By George T. Rowse
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HONOLULU L.B.C. By Astrid Hormann

The same dedicated and skilled members who built our fine workshop are making progress toward enlarging our kitchen facilities. In this way we will be able to do a little more for our visitors, as well as for our own membership, in the way of hospitality. To this end a recent donation (by a non-member!) of a new water fountain from which flows instant hot or ice water has already proven a tremendous help in the serving of beverages.

Recently, our green, frequently praised by visitors, was given a rather special treatment. This consisted of "plugging" the green for better aeration, spreading 300 lbs. of fertilizer, and applying 7 tons of silica sand imported from Australia at the cost of \$40 per ton.

We shall miss our Greens Committee Chairman, Donald McArthur. Don died quite suddenly on May 31 while visiting his daughter in New York. He was a gifted man and a fine bowler.

P.I.M. DIVISION By George T. Rowse

At the last PIMD Executive Board meeting, progress was reported on the new Lawn Bowling Club developing at Santa Clara, which may be completed by fall 1977.

Interest in new Lawn Bowling greens has been shown in other cities such as Modesto, Los Gatos, Dublin.

It has been noted that the Federal Government has a Land & Water Conservation Fund, administered by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation of the Interior Dept., which provides funds for the development of all types of outdoor recreation (\$60 million in 1978, \$750 million in 1979 and \$900 million in 1980's—source: Yearbook '77 GOLF Magazine). Apparently, if each city or

town can furnish half of the cost of the project, application for federal funds can be made through the State's over-all program for recreational development. This can apply to Lawn Bowling Greens.

Maintenance cost is a local matter, however. At any rate, it is encouraging to know that some financial help is available. The Regional Office of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for the Pacific Southwest is at 450 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102.

BERKELEY L.B.C. By Beatrix Bakker

In April, 1977, the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club voted unanimously to award the distinction of honorary membership to Parker Allen. Parker's interest in, and contribution to the game of bowls continues even though he is no longer able to participate. He was a dedicated and patient coach at the Berkeley Club for some years, and is probably the world's leading researcher into the mathematical aspects of the game. The Club library includes his "Lawn Bowling Instructions Manual" as well as other publications.

The Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club is happy to report that the PIMWD Inter-cities trophy was won this year by the team of Betty Weiss, skip, Dorothy Peterson, second, and Anne Sisson, lead. Nine clubs participated in this lively competition and many bowlers took part in the playdowns.

PIMWD now has a handsome pin, which was designed by Virginia Herrick, a member of BLBC. The pin depicts the state flowers of the five states in the PIMWD and will be an attractive addition to any collection. It may be ordered through each member club.

PALO ALTO, L.B.C. By Bob Wilson

The next time you are in Palo Alto have a look at the Historical Records of the Club. For years these were maintained by our elder statesman Col. Billy White who is still an active bowler at age 87. Tony Hock is in charge of the records now.

The Palo Alto Club is not ancient like the Oakland or San Francisco Clubs which were established about 1908. In 1933 our Club was a gleam in the eye of the late Sandy Lockhart who is fondly remembered by us as a U.S. Champion Bowler. In 1934 the green was completed as a Federal W.P.A. Project "not alone for Palo Alto but for Sunnyvale, Menlo Park, Redwood City—" (Quotation from 1934 letter to the Mayor of Palo Alto).

The Clubhouse was built in 1954 with donations from members and the Lucy Stern Foundation. In 1974 the Club building was enlarged by adding the Paul Houseman Vista Room, a kitchen, larger picnic and storage areas and shaded arcade around part of the green. This was paid for equally by members, the Lucy Stern Foundation and the City of Palo Alto. The next improvement is to be another lattice arcade and an entrance arch donated by Mrs. E. W. Van Aman in memory of her deceased husband "Van," who served as Division President and Club President.

The Clubhouse was given to the City by the Club in 1954 and is now leased by the Club for \$10 per year. A very happy arrangement as the Club heats and maintains the building and the City maintains the green, with respect to which hope springs eternal for as this is being written the green is being renovated.

ROSSMOOR L.B.C. By Marjorie Miller

I am writing in behalf of the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club in Walnut Creek, Calif.

Rossmoor Bowlers have been busy exchanging invitations with the following clubs: Berkeley, Oakland, Leisure Town, Oakmont, Richmond, Sunny Glen, San Francisco and Sunnyvale.

Rossmoor won the B.A.R.L. Tournament. They also won the Division 2 but lost the final playoff to San Francisco, who won the Golden Gate Plaque.

SAN JOSE L.B.C. By Tom Mansfield

On March 10, 1977, Skip Lois Rigg and Lead, Fran Mansfield won the final round to capture the Ladies Harris Trophy. The San Jose Ladies Team reached the finals in the Inter Cities for the first time, but will have to wait for another year to claim victory.

The Men's Teams reached and won the finals in the Inter Cities. Our Murray Team played in the Finals but were out-bowled by Lakeside.

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Our Green is rapidly approaching a good summer time condition and the pace is good. Unfortunately with our mixture of grasses and high and low spots we have some peculiar rinks at this time but hope with harrowing once a week to have an excellent green again by early July.

For those persons who have an interest in statistics: Our club with a membership of about 100 to 120 persons (plus visiting players) put 6,122 people on our single Green during 1976. There were 233 bowling sessions, playing five days a week, with a few doubles sessions and holidays. That we played so much shows the fine cooperation we get from the City Parks and Recreation people and from our fine Greenskeeper Bill Jackson.

Our Parks Supervisors have recently started a Greenskeepers class and Bill is using Dr. Haley's book, along with his own experience, to teach this class how to maintain a Green. When the time comes for Bill to move to bigger—and we hope—better things, we should have well trained Greenskeepers as replacements.

RICHMOND L.B.C. **By David Tweedie**

The Richmond Club hosted the Brooks Trophy (Ladies Championship singles) on Saturday March 26, 1977. There were ten entries for this event and after keenly contested games the ultimate winner was E. Denton, Berkeley, the runner up was T. Shepherd, Sunnysvale.

Richmond has teams entered for the Inter-Cities, the Taylor Cup, the Golden Gate and the Murray. The nearest we got to anything was runner up in the Taylor Cup.

The President's Cup Trophy was won by Bessie Drenth, Skip, Winnie Stewart and Turner Daulton. The Club Championship Singles was won by Chuck Canistraci and the Ladies Singles Championship was won by Ann Baker.

The Club Doubles was well represented and the ultimate winners were the ever popular Oroville Artist and his wife, Erma, the runners-up were Eliot Swan and Mima Tweedie.

Our greens were closed for annual workover for about two months and during this period our good friends in Berkeley welcomed us and made us feel at home on their Greens. We finished the Inter-cities and Taylor, Golden Gate and the Murray on the Berkeley Greens.

The Redo Trophy was played at Berkeley on the 17 of April and the winners were Bob Straka, skip, Jack Weiss and Marie Alves, the runners up were Betty Weiss, skip, Kevin Batchelder and Turner Daulton; there is a rumor that Jack Weiss got no dinner that night because he was responsible for beating his wife out of first place!

The Annual Challenge game between Richmond and Fresno was played at Fresno this year and twenty two bowlers from Richmond traveled to Fresno; we had a fun game on Saturday and played the challenge game on the Sunday. The Fresno club entertained us at the Towne and Country Mobile Park Clubhouse where we all had a wonderful time. After a keenly contested game the Richmond-Fresno Challenge Trophy was won by Fresno. Richmond Team Cif Baker, skip, Judy Redo and Mima Tweedie were the visiting team with the highest points. The Fresno club deserved their win and the Richmond club congratulates them on being worthy bowling opponents and wonderful hosts.

SANTA CRUZ L.B.C. **By Sandy Davis**

Santa Cruz L.B. Club is not static—we are working hard on a drought-ridden green, adding strength to our potential competitive image in Northern California. Our practice games, local intra-club play and the bowls for fun and healthful exercise are routine—all of this is in preparation for tournament games in the PIM Division.

As we go along playing bowls, a game we all love and have shown devotion, we wish to share the benefits of our activity with other potential lawn bowlers. Those onlookers who show interest in bowls play are invited inside; we explain the point-object of the game, offering free instruction and use of lawn bowls for a period of time while they are learning the rudiments of lawn bowling—the instructor for bowls announces the novice is ready for play in our mixed games—the payment of annual dues admits the lucky one into SCLBC.

Our Club's principal export is good sportsmanship, sociable ability by all players and "a certain camaraderie" other sports do not share—in the field of outdoor activity, we offer relief from emotional stress, boredom and a sort of lonesomeness, because our club members keep you in good company; we are here to please you by increasing your leisure time among friends and helping you to live a few years longer playing bowls in Santa Cruz.

OAKMONT L.B.C. **By George T. Rowse**

Our Club has had its fullest participation in PIMD Tournaments since its inception, including three PIMD Cup Tournaments, Inter-Cities and Bay Area Retirement League. Our measure of success was quite moderate but this was offset by the experience gained in competition, the challenge of the events and visitations to other Clubs developing sociability contacts; the hospitality has also been appreciated.

Oakmont is now in process of its own intra-club Singles Tournaments, both men and women. Also, our third Thursday bag lunches stimulate sociability and promote eventful bowling.

Our Coaching Class, third this year, is under way and our membership should grow with developing bowlers.

Our green, newly aerated, gypsumed, sanded and surfaced, should give us good bowling ahead and we have recycled water.

SAN FRANCISCO L.B.C. **By Douglas Conley**

A "Well Done!" to the San Francisco teams who brought home both the Taylor and Golden State Cups in PIMD competition. The Taylor Cup team was made up of Harry Soderstrom, Frank Souza and skip George Santos. Henry Leigh skipped the Golden Gate Cup team with George Powers lead and Fran Cunneen vice. The Murray Cup team of Doug Conley, Fred Bahrt and skip Eddie Lawrence showed promise by winning their last three games after getting off to a shaky start.

The first John Hart Memorial mixed triples tournament, honoring a man who contributed greatly to the club, was recently played. The winners of this first of what it is hoped will be an annual affair were Gertrude Whittingslow—lead, Doug Conley—vice, and Armando Ribeiro—skip.

The Club Doubles competition has concluded with Frank Souza and Harry Soderstrom defeating Raul and Joe DaLuz in the championship match. The team of Orville Artist, Harry Soderstrom and Sat Souza is the Club Triples champion. The runner-up team was Doug Conley, Frank Souza and Chuck Canistraci.

There is heavy tournament action ahead, and the greens have been well-conditioned. They should provide an excellent showcase for the talents of our many fine bowlers.

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We have welcomed many visitors recently from areas as diverse as Australia and South Africa. We enjoy our guests and invite those visiting San Francisco to stop by our greens located in Golden Gate Park. Bowling is daily except Monday.

SOUTHWEST DIVN.

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SAN DIEGO L.B.C.

By Jo Zolla

We were too late for the publication deadline with our last article, so this one is going to reach way back.

Another quarterly tournament that we enjoy is with Rancho Bernardo (the Seven Oaks Club). We visited them this time and managed to retain the plaque.

We had enough winter visitors this year to again hold our annual tournament of visitors vs. the home teams. San Diego pulled through this year.

March 19 found Charlie Lee and Ed Fosdike manning the barbeques again for one of our quarterly feasts. We always have a good turnout for these tournaments and this was no exception. The winning teams were Andy D'Heyvre, Al Miller, and Bobbie Hansen (my mother), and Don McGonigal, Bruce Boomer and Margaret Hess.

We visited Riverside March 23 and had the Long Beach Club down for a visitation March 31.

Novelty singles were held on April 9 and the winners were Bill Elsom, Bob Craig and Don Irwin. The bowlers are very enthusiastic about these singles matches and we may be having them more often in the future.

Oaks North hosted us for another quarterly tournament and really tromped on us. We only managed to win four out of fourteen games.

April 30 we held the MacDougall Doubles, the winners being Charlie Lee and Marie Limbury.

Santa Ana and Meadows visited us May 4 and both greens were filled to capacity.

Our dear friend and bowler, Gil Jones passed away May 15. We shall miss him very much.

SANTA MONICA L.B.C.

By Ferrell Burton, Jr.

We know that bowlers all over the world are waiting with bated breath for the results of our club singles and pairs

so here goes: Chris Flores who was tournament chairman managed to get to the finals without rolling a single bowl—1 bye—1 default—1 death and 1 no-show. However, he overcame all these setbacks to defeat Fritz Cattolico. Unfortunately he also won the singles crown at Beverly Hills and was runner-up at Holmby Park and is now about as easy to speak to as the Pope.

The pairs final pitted husband and wife against one another. As a precautionary measure, the club engaged the service of two marriage counselors and one arbitrator. The winner as it should have been was the husband over the wife: Jack Brockstein and Betty Harvey victorious over Ruby Woodcock and Zella Brockstein thus preventing Ruby from winning this event for the third straight year. Since the next edition of Bowls will not be out until October, please check with International News Service and United Press for the results of our triples.

LAKEVIEW L.B.C. SUN CITY, ARIZONA

By Mary O. Schwarz

We have settled into our summer schedule at Lakeview with lawn bowling at 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and many of our members are traveling here and yon playing on greens all over the country.

We have just completed our tournament to determine the champions of our club for 1977. Rita Anderson and Ernie Olander won the trophies for the Singles titles. John Hepworth was successful in taking the Novice singles. Duncan Malloch and Fred Anderson won the men's doubles and Mildred Hoopes and Lola McKinley won the women's doubles. The husband and wife team of Ben and Eva Nye won the mixed doubles. Jim Tavalario, Rod Purcell and Tony Zelenak combined forces to take the men's triples trophy and runner up trophies went to Ernie Olander, Joe Gramels, and Jim McKinley. Other runnerups were Mary O. Schwarz and Virginia Bower for women's doubles, Ben Nye and Jim Hale for men's doubles, Jane Tanida and Royce Crossman for the mixed doubles.

LONG BEACH L.B.C.

By Phyllis Madden

Heartiest congratulations to Arnold White on his successful hip surgery. We'll see you soon on the greens, Arnold.

This half-year's tournament meets in retrospect:

Valentines Day Tournament on February 13th;

St. Patrick's Day Tournament on March 20th;

Easter Tournament on April 3rd;

Memorial Day Tournament on May 30th.

Appropriate and beautifully arranged decorations, tables and prizes for each occasion were provided by President Nell Parkhill and her able "right hand" Dorothy Wotring.

As a living memorial to our departed bowler friends and loved ones, Nell Parkhill instigated the preparation of a rose garden. Six lovely rose bushes were planted ceremoniously on Memorial Day. This unique memorial will receive the tender, loving care of Verne Roller.

We are making club history—our very best year in Coast League. As of this writing, Long Beach Bowling Club is in second place.

Long Beach Bowling Club is very proud of our Cecil Pyron, winner of the A Flight in the Southwest Division Open Tournament.

NEWPORT HARBOR L.B.C.

By Max Lorimore

Our Club is again well into its annual and active program of member tournaments and interclub matches. Among the more important of these is, of course, the Singles' Championship.

The 1977 Champion is LEO ZEITLMANN. His name may be the last in our roster, but he sure is number one in bowling this year. His win over AL MORRISON, who in the past was a singles champion, was decisive, as were the results of all his matches. To underscore his accomplishment, in late May, LEO won the "C" Flight in the Walt Disney International Singles' Tournament held in Beverly Hills.

This year our varied and active program is under the able direction of DICK WEISNER, who is assisted by vice president JOE BROCK.

SANTA ANITA B.G.C.

By Mike Eberle

The Third Annual City of Hope tournament was held on our greens on Sunday, June 5. This event which is attracting wide attention in Southern California has grown tremendously during its short existence. All entry fees are given to City of Hope, the great national medical center located in Durate, California. The tax deductible contributions exceeded \$1,500 this year and may double that figure next year when

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our fourth green will be available for use. Individual trophies were given to all members of the winning teams on each green and a gold City of Hope membership badge to every participant. Team trophy winners were: Green 1 (Tie)—Don Gruening, Dave Dall and Sid Williams (Arroyo-Secco); Dick Folkins, Rowland Rapp and Hugh MacDonald (Arroyo-Secco); Green 2—Bub Wagner, Merle Brugger and Gery Wagner (Laguna Beach); Green 3—Cliff Lauster, Genell Taylor and Earl Hall (Santa Anita).

Winners of inter-club events in the past 2 months were:

Mixed Doubles: A Flight Winner—Chuck Schaeffer and Winnie Eberle; Runner-up—Oscar Sandberg and Helen Watson; B Flight Winner—Lou Pupo and Volna Koening; Runner-up—Virginia Rosecrans and Stan Vogt.

Women's Singles: A Flight Winner—Lilly Godfrey; Runner-up—Volna Koening; B Flight Winner—Bea Giovi; Runner-up—Ethel Jackson.

Men's Singles: A Flight Winner—Dick Ridley; Runner-up—Harry Koening; B Flight Winner—Bob Watson; Runner-up—Bob Weitkamp.

Kings and Queens Doubles: A Flight Winners—Helen and Ed Burns; Runners-up—Winnie and Mike Eberle; B Flight Winners—Joanna and Bob Weitkamp; Runners-up—Volna and Harry Koening.

A team composed of Bob Weitkamp, Ben Frank and Joe Schneider won the prestigious Blue Feather Club Tournament which extended over 3 months.

SUN CITY L.B.C.

By Harold Mannheimer

Our officers for 1977 have been very active, were duly installed at our Annual Banquet.

Back in March we had some interesting news regarding the estate of Walter and Evelyn Kukla, whom you may recall, met an untimely death while attending a National Lawn Bowls Tournament near Berkeley in 1975. Their entire estate of \$120,000 was willed to the Nicolet, Wisconsin School District to add to the Glenn A. Kukla Athletic Fund.

The Kuklas started the fund in 1969 with \$5,000. After their only son was killed in an auto accident; the fund was started with Kukla's contribution in combination with District employees, and must be used at a college or university, for awards to graduating Senior athletes.

In Walter's memory, our club inaugurated an annual Walter Kukla Memorial Tournament, last fall.

At our Annual Intra-Club Tournament, last year the men's singles were won by a first year man, Fred Jarrel. This year, another first year man won, Fred's kid brother, Cleo Jarrel. Still to go are Ernest Jarrel, who has already shown marked ability, and Mildred Jarrel, Cleo's wife. So this is a warning to all competitors, watch out for the Sun City-Jarrel Club!

Other Class winners in our Tournament were Club Doubles, George Buck and Frank Hartz, (Frank also won the Novice Games for first Year Players). Mixed Doubles, George Zaninovich and Martha McKeig, Club Triples, Pete Johnson, Ann Baurle, and Leonard Record. Married couples Doubles, John and Dorothy Sans.

Handsome trophies were awarded these winners at our Annual Awards Dinner, held at The Anchor in Hemet.

At the Mulligan Open Draw at Riverside, Sun City brought home 16 prizes, and at the Southwest Women's Mid-Winter Open, our team of Ann Baurle and Trudy Rich won the "B" Division Doubles.

REDLANDS L.B.C.

By Peg Bennett

The Redlands Lawn Bowling Club held its annual intra-club championships during February, March and April. The winners were: Men's Singles—George Ewen; Women's Singles—Marty Riddle; Men's Doubles—Don Poe and Ed Thurgood; Women's Doubles—Peg Bennett and Phoebe Hill; Mixed Doubles—Bert Haalboom and Helen Kennedy; Men's Triples—Glen Myrland, Ward Petry, Carl Shedd; Women's Triples—Marty Riddle, Joan Worden, Jacy Darling.

A potluck was held at noon on Memorial Day followed by an afternoon of lawn bowling. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a wonderful time.

The Redlands L.B.C. hosted an Invitational Tournament on June 4th. Marty Riddle was tournament chairman and, although the day was very warm, she kept the matches running on schedule. Twenty-six teams entered the tournament and the prizes were won by teams from Pomona and Sun City as follows:

Green #1: 1st—A. D. Coats, Lowell Decker, Melvin Sian (Pomona); 2nd—Fred Jarrel, Ernie Jarrel, Cleo Jarrel (Sun City).

Green #2: 1st—Donald Blair, Bill Shonborn, Bill Nisbitt (Pomona); 2nd—Herb Meehan, Arthur Bowen, Vivian Bowen (Pomona).

Social chairman Phoebe Hill and her team of Joan Worden, Marge House, and

Kathleen Micalef kept the competitors happy from the pre-game "goodies" to the gallons of ice tea served during the hot afternoon.

Now that summer has arrived, we have switched to evening bowling. We bowl every night, Monday through Saturday. Sign-up time is 6:15 p.m.

HERMOSA BEACH L.B.C.

By Bee Chudley

What a thrill it was for the members of our Club to have 4 winners in the recent Walt Disney Masters, at Beverly Hills on May 29-30.

Art Grimmitt—the Runner Up in the Championship Flight.

Dave Stephen—the Winner in "A" Flight.

Jim Harvey—the Winner in "B" Flight.

Ken Bolton—the Runner Up in "C" Flight.

How proud we are.

MACKENZIE PARK L.B.C.

By Joe Bell

This installment will seem to be a continuation of the article in the January/February edition regarding the assessment that had been placed on the membership. It stated that another addition to the prevailing was one in the offering. It certainly was and the "asking price" was \$60 per year per member. Well, the old story came to mind, "you can't fight city hall and win." Anyhow the club decided to try and at the semi-annual meeting it was unanimously voted that the club be allowed to maintain the greens and use the assessment for that purpose.

After numerous meetings with the Park & Recreation commission they agreed in principle with the offer and decided to present the matter before the City Council, June 14, 1977.

We have had tremendous help from our A.L.B.A. Greens chairman, Dr. Edgar Haley, who had many individual meetings with the city officials and undoubtedly was a major factor in prevailing on the Park & Recreation commission to advance our case to the City Council. At this time we are waiting for the results of that meeting.

The club is now half way through its twelfth year and in that time we have spent approximately \$7,000 in mechanical equipment for use on the greens so we are well equipped and positive that we will soon bring the greens up to their previous excellence. If we get the "go ahead" from the city

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commission, it will be a giant step for us but surely in the right direction and with proper leadership & co-operation of the entire membership there is no limit that we can't achieve.

Today Ezra Wyeth is once again holding a symposium of lawn bowling at the Santa Barbara club and 64 members from the two clubs attended. It was a tribute to Ezra for such a great turnout and so the club finds itself in his debt for his personal endeavors to help all bowlers.

At long last we have the report of the City Council's decision and they rule that we have the approval to maintain the greens.

NORTHWEST DIV

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Northwest Division News By John L. Phillips

During the 1976 season and so far in 1977, while I have been suffering with a back ailment, I have bowled less and observed more. What I have observed leads me to conclude that Ezra Wyeth's method of instruction gives excellent results. Ron Veitch has been coaching clinics in Portland, using the principle, "Don't do as I DO; do as I SAY." By using Wyeth's system he has developed some excellent bowlers in a very short time, witness the fact that the PLBC Men's Pairs was handily won by novice skip Cliff Houghton and novice lead Homer Dunakin.

Old timers can also benefit by studying Wyeth's Common Faults in Bowling. In my own case, the temptation to bowl to the jack was so tempting that I was stepping inside the proper line, which caused my shoulders to turn left and my swing became a round house from right to left, and the follow through — we better not mention that. Results narrow bowls. Now you may ask, "OK, but how are you now?" To which I reply, "Much better, thank you, both as to my ailing back and to my ailing bowls."

Some matters of interest that came to my attention: Ron Veitch won the Rose Festival Tournament, defeating Bob Boehm in a final game that was the finest I have ever watched; in the recent Northwest Pairs the Queen City team of Lew Storm and Bob Tillman came in first,

with Canadians George Boxwell of Ontario and Bruce Matheson of British Columbia second. Excellent play by both teams.

I would like to congratulate the King City Club for the excellent job they have done in rebuilding their greens. In two seasons, the green is playable, with good pace and only a few hills and valleys. And the hospitality is first class. Art Newman has been so busy that he had not time to make his report for Bowls Magazine.

QUEEN CITY L.B.C. By Harold D. Jewell

At our annual Spring Meeting, three members of Queen City who passed away since our last previous meeting, were remembered with a minute of silent prayer. They were Louis Anderson, Tom Chapman and Condie May. They will all be greatly missed. Condie May was a veteran Queen City member and was very active in our club and in the Northwest Division. He served eight years as secretary of the Division and as secretary for Queen City for a part of that time.

Queen City bowlers did very well in the recent Northwest Spring tournament, with Elsie Upton walking away with the Women's Singles title; Lew Storm and Bob Tillman taking the Men's Pairs and Harriet Bauer teaming with Harry Schuck of Jefferson Park to finish second in the Mixed Pairs competition.

And in our only club tournament played so far, Bob Tillman and Gerry Barnhart took the Mixed Pairs crown.

Jefferson Park L.B.C. By Ralph Andrews

You have the right to remain silent but why not step up to Bill Craig or John Johnson, our Greens Committee, and tell them what a great job they've done, building up the greens. Bill and John, with some helpers, have worked hard on short rations and look at the results. Maybe they don't come up to the Plymouth Hoe quality (or Pastures in Paradise) but we can all be proud of them.

And proud of our tournament bowlers too. If you keep up on such things you know that smooth husband-and-wife team — John and Marge Johnson — won the Mixed Pairs in the Northwest Spring Tourney and John also took the JP Singles. Then he and Joe Patelli were Runners Up in the ALBA Pairs which was won by Bob Boehm and Bill Craig. Jefferson Park members did well in the Portland Rose Festival events.

And, now, since you are not going to remain silent, get a friend or two to come to the afternoon games and see how well you play. Get him or her interested in joining the club. Look at what some live members are doing ... and look at the sharp bowling and enthusiasm some of the new members are turning in.

Our membership remains healthy and we want to keep it that way. We need new people to offset those who drop out for one reason or another. Here are six new members and the club officially welcomes them and offers thanks to their sponsors: Edward Varner, Leslie and Richard Hathaway, Joseph Mariani, John and Margaret McGregor.

Portland L.B.C. By Ron Alex Veitch

Frank and Mary Bowman and Cliff and Opal Houghton led the Portland workaholics in preparing facilities for the Sixth Annual Rose Festival Open. The tournament was blessed with good weather and first-time visits by Bill and Rose Todd of Friendly Valley,, Cliff and Ruth Whitman of Cambria, Dick and Ruth Peterson of Sunnyside, John and Marjorie Johnson of Jefferson Park, and Gladys Mallory of Queen City.

Herman Runge won Portland Men's Singles to lead a strong contingent of locals into the Rose Festival Open. Pat Boehm returned from England where she represented the United States in the World Women's Championships and will highlight a good field in Rose Festival Mixed Pairs. The return of Al Crabtree from Australia and Merle Brugger from Southern California add further luster to the Rose Festival.

Tournament results appear elsewhere in this issue.

The motorist had always been law-abiding, but he tangled with a traffic officer. He claimed the policeman was wrong, one word led to another, and the motorist called the officer a jackass.

That landed him before a judge, who admonished, "You just can't go around calling police officers jackasses."

"Very well, your honor," said the motorist. "But would it be all right if I called a jackass a policeman?"

The judge said she didn't see how that would violate the law.

As the motorist was leaving the courtroom, he turned to the arresting officer. "Goodbye, policeman," he said cheerily.

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CENTRAL DIVISION

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ABOUT THINGS AND SUCH AROUND THE CENTRAL DIVISION

Ross Brown

Rockford LBC is as enthused as ever in making big steps towards the construction of their own green to be built on the properties of the Moose Lodge in Rockford, Ill. The word is that they are going to try to make the green as good as Ed Haley says they can be and perhaps a bit better. The future seems looking up for Rockford and what a potential of gaining added members from 2000 Moose!

Clubs in the Central Division are all having their ups-and-downs with greens care and memberships and preparing schedules for events that will be both in-club and joint-club affairs. The big event will be the Central Division Open Tourney at the Milwaukee West LBC in Dineen Park on the week of July 9th through the 13th with the Central Division Doubles to follow at the same site on July 15-16-17.

Many notices are given, printed and hailed to those bowlers who have been winners of various events, local, divisional, nationally and even worldwide. They all deserve credit for their accomplishments, both big and little and they should, they are winners and good consistent lawn bowlers, BUT a great deal of the praise and accolades have been mislaid. Who is the guy (or guys) that runs the events and tournament affairs, prepares the match schedules, selects the greens to be used, prepares the score cards, draws the opponents, sets up the rinks and all that other jazz that goes to making a lawn bowls event for the winner to make his show? There ain't no medals, no trophies, no plaque or a mention in the results columns for this guy, but he sure gets his share of barbs, jabs and raps about how he should have run the event. I think this guy does a lot and deserves more, even if it's only a thank you for a job well-done (and incidentally a job that very few relish or volunteer to take on.)

EAST CLEVELAND L.B.C. Marie Curtiss

The season opened our 43rd year of Lawn Bowling on May 1st. The Highlanders Colour Guard raised the flags and after a short ceremony of welcome conducted by President Colin Commander, the Caledonia Pipe Band played several selections of traditional Scottish tunes. The opening "spider" was won by Ernie Simpson. All in all, our 1977 seasonal start was a success, and we hope for great lawn bowling in the days to come.

CINCINNATI L.B.C. Victor Abnee

The CLBC opened its 1977 season on May 14th under ideal conditions, perfect weather and the greens in excellent shape. May 15th the club held its annual Open House, when prospective members are invited. The event was successful with 40 members and 28 guests in attendance. Refreshments were served and the members explained the game of bowls to their guests. The affair resulted in eight members affiliating with the CLBC.

Our Memorial Day tournament, the first of the season's holiday events when we bowl in the morning and afternoon, stopping for lunch, was enjoyable. Twenty-four participated in the event, a triples match won by the team of Bessie Black, John Davenport and Frances Brown. Thirty other members engaged in a social game of bowls in addition to the match play participants. Our Wednesday night Mixed Couples league, lasting 14 weeks, started on June 1st. The Jim Black Contest, running 16 weeks, got under way on May 21st with 40 entrants. In addition, the Tuesday night instruction class is well attended and proving helpful to both novice and veteran. Robert Manke and James Mancuso are the instructors.

LAKESIDE L.B.C. Marie Clausen

Lakeside's 1977 season got off to its official start May 15th. It was a successful day of bowling with the usual afternoon tea break provided by the women's group. Many thanks to Rhoda Eicholz, our club chairperson in socials, for keeping this tradition alive for yet another year.

On May 21, Dr. Edgar Haley was here, at the persistent efforts of Vic Jackson, to help Central Division clubs gain knowledge in the improvement of bowling greens. Dr. Haley held an all-day

session at Museum of Science and Industry with Gary, Lakeside and Rockford and Milwaukee Lakeside personnel in attendance. As a result of this seminar, Lakeside has become interested in procuring a tensiometer for testing moisture content and watering need of greens.

In the month of April, member Jim Rarity got together a group of Lakesiders to give a demonstration of bowling on the carpet at the Scottish Home for the Elderly in N. Riverside, Illinois. The residents were enthusiastic and enjoyed the demonstration. Plans are being made to have the residents visit the Lakeside greens during the summer and try to get the residents involved in the game, if only for a relaxing exercise and fun — if only on the carpet.

Results of our first two competitions of the season are:

MIXED DOUBLES: 1st Flight Winner—Alice Schneider, "Duke" Harlan (S)
Runner-up — Lillian Magnuson, Russell Kutz (S)
Second Flight Winner — Marie Clausen, Vic Jackson (S)
Runner-up — Marion Altendorf, Byron Shinn (S)

MARITAL DOUBLES: 1st Flight Winner—Rebecca McArthur, L. McArthur (S)
Runner-up — Mable Jackson, Vic Johnson (S)
Second Flight Winner—Olive Young, Lou Young (S)
Runner-up — May Henderson, Ken Henderson (S)

COLUMBUS PARK L.B.C. Fred Raraty

Our AGM was held at the clubhouse on May 14th and the following officers were selected for the 1977 season: PRESIDENT-Daniel White, V. PRESIDENT-Gene Davis, TREASURER-William Brown, SECRETARY-Mel Scott GAMES SECRETARY-Hugh Crerar

May 15th was our opening day and after the long fall and winter layoff some of the bowlers found themselves a bit rusty. It is hoped that with the good summer days of lawn bowls all of the old kinks will be worked out and we will be back in form.

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Our first tournament of the season was the Lockhart Trophy, held on May 29th and was won by the doubles team of Betsy White and Gene Davis.

Gary L.B.C. R. Brown

Gary once again is hanging on for another year and hope that we can make our mark on the Central Division and Chicago Association scene as well as in past years. Gary is coasting along with a 13 men roster with about the same amount of Women's club members. As long as we do have a green and clubhouse, we try to make a go of things.

It is our hope to convince the local parks people that a bowling green is more than a lush, green space within a small park and that golf greens and bowling greens are not the same thing. Perhaps in the not too distant future we can make the impression that it's a different game and the correct treatment can be applied to making the Gary green a real bowls green.

Our first scheduled event, the Chicago L.B.A. RINKS event had to be transferred to the Lakeside LBC facility because of our green condition and also no water in the W.C. And with no bushes around, you can imagine what a non-working W.C. can be in a bowls event. Out thanks and appreciation is extended to the Lakeside LBC and its membership for accepting the event transfer and providing us a great welcome. It would be nice to have an Edgar Haley on our parks team, maybe he could make them see the light, (the Park Dept., that is.)

Gary continues with the same officers as in the past, John Simmons, Prez-Ross Brown, Secy/Treas. and Directors Bob McGaffney, Jim Donnelly, Tom Rogers, Alec Wood and Paul Kutch, another no change, they just hang in there as years go by.

MILWAUKEE WEST L.B.C. Neil Bultman

Our endeavor at a Guest Day brought out 15 novice lawn bowlers on June 4th. We hope to bring them all into the fold. All of our season club events have been scheduled and we have invited members of the old Racine L.B.C. to spend at least two Sundays with us on the greens.

Our greens seem to be shaping up to a good condition and we are now looking forward to our hosting the Central Division Open Tournament, in conjunction with the Rockford L.B.C. in July. We will also be the host club for the Central Division Doubles Playdown event which follows the finish of the C.D. Open event.

EASTERN DIVISION

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SOUTHERN CONN. L.B.A. By Robert Baxter

The 1977 schedule of tournaments has got off to the best start in this writer's memory, thanks to the unusually fine dry spring weather that we have been enjoying in Connecticut. Not one of the six tournaments played to date was ever in the slightest danger of cancellation (in past years one could usually count on at least two falling by the weather wayside). Participation too has been excellent with 4 of the 6 tournaments playing to a full green of 16 teams, helped by some always welcome support from our neighbors in the New York and Essex County Clubs. Following are the results to date.

Galbraith at Waterbury: 1st—Waterbury L.B.C.—A. Kerr, W. Boyd, A. Bell (skip); 2nd—Irvington L.B.C.—K. Kerr, J. Muir, J. Breslin (skip).

Fulton at Greenwich: 1st—Greenwich L.B.C.—B. Schinto, J. Stankord, P. Finck (skip); 2nd Bridgeport L.B.C.—T. Barber, J. Donnachie, W. Miller (skip).

Jimmy Smith at Bridgeport: 1st Essex County L.B.C.—J. Lindsay, D. Lindsay, R. Lindsay (skip); 2nd Bridgeport L.B.C.—M. Brown, B. Weaver, J. Donnachie (skip).

Mitchell at Bridgeport: 1st Greenwich L.B.C.—M. Collins, D. Sokolowski, D. Liddell (skip); 2nd Waterbury L.B.C.—J. Bell, A. Bell, W. Aitcheson (skip).

Past Presidents at Waterbury: 1st Waterbury L.B.C.—M. Hunt, B. Hughes, A. Bell (skip); 2nd Waterbury L.B.C.—D. Aitcheson, W. Boyd, T. Hunt (skip).

Irvington Memorial at Greenwich: 1st Bridgeport L.B.C.—E. Brown, T. McIntosh, J. Donnachie (skip); 2nd Bridgeport L.B.C.—J. Scott, H. Bartholomew, W. Miller (skip).

TRENTON N.J. L.B.C. By Al Lyon

Activities at Trenton Club are in full swing. Opening day found a very large turnout of the Members and our Parks Dept. made the day perfect by having our greens in top notch shape after the extremely bad winter and early Spring.

The first Club Competition Completed was the City Doubles Championships, won by the team of Andy Campbell (lead) and Irv Taggart (skip) Runners-up were John Dickson and Al Lyon.

The New Jersey State Doubles played June 12th were won by the Bloomfield N.J. team of Duncan Farrell and Robert Lindsay, runners-up were Dan Knox and Jack Griffith of the Trenton Club. Teams from Bloomfield, Brooklyn N.Y., New York City and Trenton made up the field.

Dr. Edgar Haley, spent a day in Trenton discussing ways and means of improving our greens, with officials of the Trenton Park Dept. and Club Officers, and I am happy to report that our Park Dept. is going all out on his suggestions and already a definite improvement is visible to our Bowlers.

Trenton Club has a full Schedule for this year, but we are all looking ahead to 1978 when Trenton will be Co-Host of the National Tournament. To Bowlers everywhere "GOOD ROLLING."

CATARACT CITY L.B.C. of NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK By Alex Dunlop

Dr. Edgar R. Haley came to Niagara Falls and conducted a symposium on the care and maintenance of Lawn Bowling Greens. Many bowlers attended, including the city greenskeeper who received valuable information from Dr. Haley.

However lack of man power controls his operations. We regret the passing of two club stalwarts, John Wilson, long-time Secretary and Eastern Board Member. Also Jim Willis, former President and club board member, we miss them as friends and Gentlemen.

This correspondent is happy when former club members, located elsewhere due to various reasons tell him that they eagerly await the arrival of "Bowls Magazine."

We had the pleasure of hearing from Crawford McKnight and his son Bob, now living in Baton Rouge, LA. They were two of the better bowlers in the Niagara Frontier, and bemoan the fact that Lawn-Bowls is unknown down there. (Could our top officials do some promoting down there?) We invite other exiles to keep in touch.

BRIDGEPORT L.B.C. By Robert Baxter

The officers of J. Fleming Jr., Pres., A. Jelenik, V.P., and H. Bartholomew will remain at the helm for another year.

Under the leadership of Chairman Fred Schempp the tournament committee has got the season's bowling activities well under way with very good participation at all levels. The club singles

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draw is on the board with the best entry in many years. The round-robin doubles play downs to find our entry for the Southern Conn. championship is underway with 7 teams entered. The league has played four rounds to date with nine teams, only one of which is still undefeated.

Participation in the Sunday district tournaments has been especially good, with the club providing six to ten teams each week, the latter number when our ladies are able to bowl with us. Unfortunately as can be seen from the Southern Conn. column, our performance to date has not kept pace with our entries, with only one win and three seconds in six tournaments, although the last tournament, when we took both first and second was encouraging for the future. We have several new members playing in these, and all look very promising.

Also more and more of our members are venturing into tournaments in other districts. Five mixed trebles travelled to New York on June 4th and played in a 30 team trebles competition. Two of them, A. Kirkstein, J. Kirkstein and E. Miller (s), and M. Bush, B. Weaver and R. Smith (s) reached the playoffs, with the latter being shut-out and the former winning 3rd place.

We also have strong contingents planning to play in the Division's U.S. Singles and Doubles Playdowns and in the Division Tournament in August.

HOLY NAME L.B.C. **By Bill Lewis**

After a very hard Winter the Holy Name Lawn Bowling Club will start its 34th straight season May 11 at the beautiful Forest Park Greens.

Our Club has been in 4 Tournaments already in 1977 and we have finished in the top three in all of them. President Raschi is having another membership drive on and has already signed up three new members Ted Gagnon, John Root, & Joseph Sullivan. They are all good looking prospects and are having lots of fun.

The Wednesday Nite League has started and we are looking for 18 enjoyable weeks with plenty of competition within ourselves. June 21 Bob Hodges will be leaving us and going to Arizona to continue his Lawn Bowling. They sure are getting a good man and we all wish him lots of luck.

EDISON INDOOR L.B.C.

By Jack Gilbert

We completed our season near the end of March with finals in the Club Championships. The champions and runners-up were:

Singles—Duncan Farrell, winner; Al Lyon, Runner-up.

Doubles—Angie Siek and Duncan Farrell winners; Earl Valet and Dot Henry Runners-up.

Trebles—Vi Hay, Mary McGowan and George Ralston, winners; Jo Gilbert, Herb Zauderer and Charlie Duffy, Runners-up.

The last Trebles Tournament of the year was won by Joe Gilbert, Jack Gilbert and Isabella Forbes, with second place going to Frank Dyer, Vi Hay and Warren Dickson.

Although we are all now involved in the outdoor season, we are looking forward to the time we can return to Edison in the Fall.

BROOKLYN B.G.C.

By Jim Nicholson

Since our last news, activity at the Club is on the increase. A store room was built, the green ditch boards replaced, and the green seeded, rolled and sanded: and no doubt, the next report will state that the Clubhouse was painted.

On our opening day those who took part found the greens smoother and faster. Due to this condition the weekly bowling activity has greatly increased.

As soon as Charles Duffy returns from his honeymoon, the schedule for interclub competition and intermural games will be started. All other Committee Chairmen are working to bring about a successful year.

For their effort many thanks go to Clara and Stephen Woolsey, Earl Valet, Leif Lih and J. Welsh.

ESSEX COUNTY L.B.C.

By Isabel Forbes

The Essex County L.B.C. opened its 1977 season on Monday May 30th with our traditional mixed games in the morning and afternoon. The trophy, the Gladys Calcaterra Memorial Trophy, was won by the trebles team of Jim Coppola (skip), Carl Breikruz and Violet Hay.

On Saturday June 4th we traveled to New York for the George Reed Memorial Trebles which was won by Bob Lindsay, Bill Smith and Duncan Farrell.

On Sunday June 5th three Essex women made a trip to Bridgeport Conn., to play for the MacKenzie Trophy. The team: Isabella Forbes (skip) Angie Siek and Jo Gilbert made the day a success by coming home with the Trophy.

Our membership committee headed by Roger Winters has produced a very successful and well organized pamphlet to introduce bowling to newcomers. We hope this will help to promote the game of bowls and increase our membership this year.

SMITHFIELD AVE. L.B.C. **PAWTUCKET R.I.**

By Joseph McKechnie

Saturday May 14th turned out to be a beautiful day and promptly at 2 p.m. a goodly number of men and lady bowlers inaugurated our new season.

Our green showed the ravages of a rough winter. We owe so much to a number of dedicated members who were faced with the problem of coaxing the playing surface back to some semblance of condition.

We were especially honored by Wm. Miller of Clearwater, Florida, past president of the A.L.B.A., who attended our opening.

Under the leadership of our board of Directors comprising: Geo. Sayer, Pres.; Robt. Brandon, V.P.; James Candelet, Sec.; Dave Adam, Fin. Sec.; Howard Bacon, Treas. We look forward to another fine season.

Our live wire Ladies Section now numbers some 32 members and with Martha Garcia as President intend to play a real part in our Bowling activities.

THISTLE L.B.C. **By Mark Haber**

The opening of the Thistle Greens on May 7 was enthusiastically attended by most of our membership, and the club game ushered in a fine schedule of events for the coming season, in our district #2.

We have increased our membership by adding six new members to our club, and we take this opportunity to bid all our new members a most cordial welcome, and share with us all the good fellowship and good competitive bowling which has always been evident at the Thistle Greens.

We have been most fortunate to receive an analysis of the condition of our greens by Dr. Edgar R. Haley, National Greens Chairman, A.L.B.A.

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when he visited our greens and furnished us with written details of general condition and suggestions and instructions for improvements. This has been forwarded to our Park Supt. and to our greenskeeper and it is hoped that some material improvements can be accomplished. We are deeply appreciative to Dr. Haley for his efforts in our behalf and we hope that his untiring efforts in this direction for the bowling greens everywhere, will result in excellent bowling for everyone.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Fernleigh L.B.C. for the loan of their scarifier to be used on our greens and for the interest they have exhibited for the condition of our greens and assistance for their improvement.

BUCKHILL L.B.C.

By Charles Riedel

Our season officially opened on May 14 with a good attendance.

We are now in the process of rehabilitating our back boards and ditches in anticipation of the forthcoming playdowns for the Eastern Division men's doubles, (U.S. Championship) the Eastern Division Ladies singles and doubles playdowns for the Ladies U.S. Championship on September 19-21.

The Eastern Ladies Championships are scheduled for August 18 to August 21, with the 20th Buckhills Open Doubles, men's & ladies and mixed to be held August 28 to Sept. 3rd.

DuPont Country Club by Willard F. Spengeman

On April 3, outdoor bowling resumed here and excellent weather has kept it very active.

The Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Trebles were played on June 5 with Leslie Logan of Lancashire, England, his brother Stewart, formerly of the Midlands, and Gordon Cheasley, formerly of Kent, playing for the crown. Although the American team of Dick Clark, Paul Detwiler and Will Spengeman was victorious, any disappointment the British team might have felt was quickly dissipated by the traditional toasts to the queen. It was a great day for international friendship.

Officers for this year are John C. Goyne, president; Willard F. Spengeman, vice president and secretary, and William H. Van Derhoef, treasurer.

CUNNINGHAM BOWLING GREEN CLUB

By Larry MacDonnell

The Cunningham Lawn Bowling Club opened its 49th season with a large turnout. Fifty-seven bowlers were welcomed by club president George Archilles and Cunningham Park trustees.

The Milton Club won the top three positions in a Memorial Day Tournament in which bowlers from Quincy and Boston competed.

A team from Pawtucket (R.I.) invaded Milton and won the popular Earl Tays Trophy by one point in their final game. Sixteen teams vied for the trophy. Milton had 8 teams; Quincy, 5; Pawtucket, 2 and Hartford (Conn.), 1.

Evening bowling is underway with the Milton and Quincy clubs alternating on Tuesday evenings and home-club bowling on Thursday evenings.

CUNNINGHAM BOWLING GREEN CLUB

"I LIKE IT! I LIKE IT!"

"OH, IT'S A JIM DANDY."

"THIS ONE WILL BE JUST WHERE I WANT IT."

These encouraging remarks came from Colonel Henry Tourville, past president and secretary-treasurer of the Cunningham Lawn Bowling Club in Milton, Mass. The ebullient former Army officer saw something good in every bowl, and for that reason the ladies—never criticized—loved to bowl on his team. And Henry's skill on the green turned many an impending disaster into good scores.

Henry's activities weren't confined to competitions and playing. He was a willing and capable assistant in maintaining the Cunningham green and in sharing in the touchy job of making up teams. He was a ham radio enthusiast, a popular master of ceremonies at the club's dinners and parties, often staging skits wit with his wife, Marion.

Henry Tourville died last September. And we miss him.

GREENWICH, CT. L.B.C. By William C. Babbitt

Last Fall, the Parks Department, acceding to our request, hollow-tynded the green, discarding plugs, then, based on Dr. Haley's excellent manual on green care, top-dressed it with U.S. #50 screen sand, cross-dragging it 4 ways to carry sand into tyning holes. We had

some misgivings about using such very fine, powdery sand, but this Spring we found the green definitely improved.

As the manual points out, this procedure results in pillars of fine sand reaching down 2½ into the root system thus carrying water and oxygen thereto. Our experience seems to confirm that this fine sand is firm but does not compact as top-soil or even coarse sand will do, that grass grows well in it, and that the surrounding areas are improved.

This Spring a superior job was done in installing new plinths (2 x 12 treated lumber) around the entire green. In doing so the green was trued up to 125' square and brought up to level around the edges where it had fallen off.

To promote more uniform wear incident to rotation of center line location we increased our color coding intervals from 4 to 6 per rink. Colors are in logical pairs (black-white; yellow-blue; red-green) so arranged that if one color of the pair is the rink center line the other marks the boundaries.

For GLBC results in Southern Connecticut tournament play, see SCLBA report herein.

QUINCY, MASS. B.G.C.

By John Durrant

A beautiful warm day brought out a full house of 64 enthusiastic bowlers for opening day May 7. The Ladies put on a feast of sweets as fine as the day.

Quincy Mayor La Raia was scheduled to throw out the opening bowl, but his son broke a tooth in a street hockey game, so the Mayor ended up at the dentist's office instead of the bowling green. Better the son should take up lawn bowling.

Despite the bitter icy winter, greensman Johnny Milne had the rink in fine shape.

The only sad note of the day was the moment of silence for five members who had passed on, C. Whittall, A. Reeves, R. Owens, J. Hart, and R. Hubbard.

The day's scramble winners were: W. Gray, R. Murphy, M. Stevens, J. Murphy, A. Bissett, R. Durant, J. McDonald and L. Motta.

New officers for the club are: Norm Wakeling, President. Frank Ritchie, Vice President. John Durant, Secretary; Hazel Hendry and Marj. Bowie, co-auditors, the first women officers of the club.

SPRINGFIELD L.B.C.

By Howard F. Merchant Jr.

Our Annual Meeting was held Sunday May 1st. The following members were

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elected to office for 1977.

Howard Hodge, President; Alec Nicoll, Vice President; Ernest Nicoll, Secretary; and Roy Fenton, Treasurer.

We held our Annual McGregor Memorial Trophy Tournament on May 25th and the following club members were winners: 1st Place—Gene Randall, skip; Harry Milroy, vice skip; and Henry Flebotte, lead.

3rd Place — A. Casagrandi, lead; Bruce Clark, Vice skip and Nelson Hulse, skip.

This tournament was well attended with 16 teams present.

We bowl every afternoon at 1 p.m. on our beautiful greens in Forest Park, Sumner Ave., Springfield and invite all visiting bowlers and also anyone interested in learning to bowl to come over and enjoy the wonderful game of Lawn Bowling.

We are very sorry to report that we lost one of our old time bowlers this winter, George McGregor.

NEW YORK L.B.C.

By Marion Morey

The 1977 N.Y.L.B.C. season started out with a fine Opening Day April 30th and we've been lucky with grand bowling weather since. Our greens are vastly improved, thanks to our greenskeeper, Jerry Geiger and the tips he learned from Edgar R. Haley.

We're extremely pleased with the growth in new members—many on the young side and quite competitive! Both publicity explanation sheets and the enthusiastic teaching of Mary McGowan and others have contributed to the largest membership ever this early in the season: 104 members as of June 15th, with at least 20 more expected before the season is out!

30 teams completed in June 4th's N.Y. Open Trebles Tournament and we hope for as fine a turnout June 25th for the Open Doubles Howarth Trophy.

Winners of tournaments to date:

May 14—Caledonia Cup Club Doubles: Winners, Ladies T. Mercer, L. Corliss; Winners, Mens S. Rodger, D. Rosenberg.

June 4—N.Y. Open Trebles (George Reid Trophy): Winners Essex L.B.C., B. Lindsay, B. Miller, D. Farrell; Runnersup N.Y.L.B.C., D. Henry, M. & R. Storette.

June 11—Essex Open Trebles: Winners Essex B. Lindsay with N.Y.'s McGowan & Preene.

June 12—Trenton Open Ladies Doubles: Winners T. Mercer, D. Henry; Runnersup M. McGowan, B. Preene.

FERNLEIGH L.B.C.

By Richard D. Jervis

In April we held an indoor Lawn Bowling Clinic conducted by our own Jim Graham with about forty members present.

Then we started the season on May 7 with the President-Vice President Tournament which was won by the trio of Walt Sagner, Jack Hamilton and Jim Graham (skip).

Our club was host for the first tournament of District #2 and the J. Watson Beach Trophy was won by the New Britain team of Jim Ward, Frank Dobeck and Les Bacon (skip).

One of the most interesting happenings at our club in some time was the visit of Dr. Edgar Haley, national chairman of the standing committee on greens, culture and maintenance, Dr. Haley held a 2-day symposium at Fernleigh on May 12-13 for representatives of clubs in the Eastern Division. Our own member Charles Rauch is Eastern Division Representative. Seven of the nine District #2 Clubs were in attendance. The clubs present were Pawtucket, Milton, Quincy, Thistle, Tam-o-shanter, Fernleigh.

Dr. Haley not only presented detailed information for the care and feeding of grass for lawn bowling by lectures, slides and discussions but by personally mowing our greens which he did at least twice. His knowledge, energy and exciting personality made him a very popular visitor and our appreciation go to him and to Charles Rauch and his Greens Committee for arranging the 2-day event.

SOUTHEAST DIVN.

Russell Fourman

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BELLE MEADE L.B.C. NASHVILLE, TENN.

By Fred Russell

Despite the grass damage by the deep winter freeze and the May drought, lawn bowling in Nashville continues to afford enjoyable late afternoons on the greens at the homes of M.S. Wigginton and William Waller. The Belle Meade Lawn Bowling Club usually is in action on two week days and Sunday mornings.

A purely amateur atmosphere prevails. Rather than continuous teams, always there's a coin flip for partners.

CLEARWATER L.B.C.

By Kurt T. Dornau

While it has been found expedient to again eliminate evening bowling under the lights, energy and water problems being partly responsible, our morning sessions especially heavy on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, are well attended. Frequently as many as 16 rinks are in operation, partly with visitors from all sections of the country and those of the Florida facilities not in operation under this so-called off season.

This year's reciprocal visit to Mount Dora arranged by Bob Livingstone as usual was a great success. The morning games were won by Clearwater nine games to five, 208 points to 107, while Mount Dora were the victors in the afternoon by the same games count, the only difference being that Clearwater scored 177-127 points for an overall total 385-334.

Chet Wintsch, Anne and Joe Thomson took second place in the Bradenton De Sota Tournament.

The playdowns for the Southeastern Division Titles held in Lakeland during the first two weeks in April turned into Clearwater victories for both the Doubles and Singles. Skip William Kaestle with lead Willis Tewksbury won the doubles in a hard fight. In the final game, 10 ends by mutual agreement, with only single points per end posted in eight ends the score was tied 4-4. In the ninth end Kaestle drew within an inch of the jack when he was one down. The last end also went to the winners by one point with the nearest bowl one yard from the jack.

Arthur Hartley won his title with a 21-17 victory over Luther Schnur of Lakeland and a defeat of Harold Esch of Orlando by the score of 22-17.

The new officers for 1977-78 are: President—Peter Tait; Vice President—William Smith; Secretary—Paul Wampler; Re-elected-Treasurer—Carl Christman. The new directors for the next three years are: William Waring, Robert Mersereau, Paul Wampler.

Thanks are due to our retiring secretary Phyllis Parkman for five years of faithful and efficient service.

LAKELAND L.B.C.

By Ivan D. Henderson

A bowling famine in Lakeland? Yes, but a short one, all to our own benefit.

On April 22, 1977 the city undertook fairly extensive renovating procedures with our three greens and in order to do

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the job correctly and allow the turf to recuperate, closed all three greens until the 16th of May. From all indications and appearances they should be in their best condition for a number of years.

Night bowling started on Monday night May 16, 1977, kicked off with a "Dutch Treat" picnic lunch in the Jacaranda Building. The club served desserts and drinks followed with an evening of very fine bowling on a nice turf. Sixty five people enjoyed an evening of good fellowship and in some cases skilled bowling. The attitude of everyone was that "now we have much better greens." We are sure that when our winter visitors arrive late in the fall they will notice a marked improvement.

During this enforced period of idleness the Club had the pleasure of having Dr. Edgar Haley from California, representing the A.L.B.A., visit us with a serious discussion on the upkeep of greens. Visitors from surrounding communities were present. After the morning and afternoon lectures a period of questions and answers followed and everyone felt that Dr. Haley was doing a tremendous good in his efforts to upgrade and inform bowlers of the importance of good greens and proper maintenance.

A MESSAGE TO ALL S.E. CLUBS SPORTS WRITERS:

During the past five years, I have served as your Chairman, it has been a most pleasant relationship with all of you. There have been several changes due to various reasons, so I want to thank you who have served and you who are still serving, for your fine cooperation and good sportsmanship.

Since we have a five month period of absent members and very few tournaments played, I know it is difficult to get material that is interesting news to all of our readers. You all have adjusted your reports (typing and double spacing) to make it easier for our boss, Cress Tilley. You are to be commended.

Put these dates on your calendar:

All material to be on your Chairman's desk not later than Dec. 20th, March 20th, June 20th and Sept. 20th. This gives Chairman time to check and have material in Long Beach by the 25th.

This request could apply to all club reporters in all divisions.

May you all have a wonderful, leisurely summer vacation.

Your bowling friend, Russ Fourman

HOLLYWOOD L.B.C.

By John Flood

The highlight of the year was the visit of Dr. Edgar Haley of Escondido Lawn Bowling Club. Dr. Haley lectured with the aid of slides and movies for a period of four hours.

In attendance with members were Mr. Pat Stack, a supervisor of recreational facilities with jurisdiction over the green, Mr. Lester King, maintenance foreman, and our greenskeeper, Mike Valise. All were so impressed that a schedule of verticutting and mowing was begun to last three weeks, after which a program of scarifying, levelling, irrigating, and fertilizing is planned.

Many thanks to Dr. Haley, Pat Stack and Lester King for the promise of things to come.

SARASOTA L.B.C.

By Mary Scott

At the Annual Meeting of the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club held on March 16, 1977, the following were re-elected to their respective offices. President Charles Herman, Vice president, Marjorie Kesler; Treasurer, George Boli and Secretary, Mary Scott.

The winners of the Sarasota L.B.C. Trophy were: E. Baker, G. Smith, C. Gauvreau, S. The runners up: H. Cox, J. Schindler and J. Clarke, S. We held our 3rd Open Invitational Tournament on March 12, 1977 with a team from Sun City Center taking the honors. B. King, G. Flummerfelt and B. McLeod, S. The "Schact Men's Doubles" event was won by E. Baker and H. Laing, S. L. Zubay and R. Nicol, S. were second. Our final tournament of the season, The "City Friendship Tournament" was won by H. Parkinson, F. Scott, H. Laing, S. Runners up: M. Boli, E. Goodenough with R. Nicol, S.

All of our winter visitors from Canada and the northern states have started their annual journey to their respective homes and our green seems quite deserted now. The new green is showing the results of the tender loving care it is getting from our Greenskeeper "Dick" and hopefully it will be ready in October in time for the opening of our 1977-78 season.

We were saddened by the news of the death of one of our outstanding Canadian bowlers, namely, Evelyn Hodkinson.

ST. PETERSBURG L.B.C.

By Harry Hills

The weather may have been cool for part of our bowling season but the enthusiasm of our members, both in the Women's Club and the Men's Club was as warm as ever.

Many of our members come to St. Petersburg from Central and Eastern United States and from across Canada for the winter months to enjoy the pleasant association and active bowling at our club.

This past winter was no exception as our men's games committee, headed by Al Pym and Art Jennings, scheduled sixteen mixed and men's competitions. The Women's Lawn Bowling Club was also very active. Their Games Committee headed by Marg Walford, scheduled six women's competitions and cooperated with the men's committee in arranging all mixed bowling.

The Women's Club this year celebrated their 50th anniversary. They held a special afternoon tea at which many past presidents were present as special guests.

In both clubs many "jitneys" were bowled. These are very popular as they are real fun games enjoyed by all members.

The highlights of our season were the OPEN LAWN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP, trebles and doubles, held February 7 to 10, and the CONACHER CANCER RESEARCH BENEFIT mixed competition February 12, 1977.

We were honored this year when we were presented with a Life Time Membership in the Florida Sheriffs Boys Association and received a plaque from Don Genung, former Sheriff of Pinellas County. This honor came to us through the courtesy of our long time friend Russell L. Fourman.

The club members in order to express their appreciation for the generosity shown by Russell were pleased to vote him an honorary life membership.

It was our pleasure also to honor one of our members who has over many years used his extraordinary energy and diverse talents to improve greatly the greens and clubhouse, and benefit the operation of the Club. He is widely known for his efficient operation of the Official A.L.B.A. bowl testing facility located on the grounds of our Club. I am referring to the well known, and admired, Carmon Elliott. The Club voted Carmon an honorary life membership.

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SUNRISE L.B.C.

By Marie Gorman

Attrition is always a problem with our small club, but this season we have several new and enthusiastic members and thus are managing to keep on even keel.

Our "Change Partners" Memorial Day event was a closely contested game with five players winning three games, but Ernie Howell was the winner by two points.

Alex Hesse, our "Candid Cameraman" was on the scene catching us in action.

Long Island's largest newspaper is giving us a weekly notice which brings us many spectators to whom we hand out our explanatory flyer.

Wednesday evening cookouts, following the afternoon session of play, are well attended and ALBA members are invited to join us when in our area. Following the cookout there is a short playing time until dark.

DE LAND L.B.C.

By Hattie Hansen

We have begun a summer program, and bowling takes place every evening when the weather permits, before the late afternoon rains come.

A Mr. and Mrs. contest has just finished its third flight. Hoep and Billy Fox and Marguerite Greenwood and Bill Kurtz were the victors. They will meet to battle it out during the Grand Finale week in October. The Women's Singles will begin their flights June 20 and continue on the 21 and 23.

We have a Pot Luck supper every two weeks with about twenty-five or thirty people attending. There are three or four rinks used almost every evening. We feel that we carry on quite well considering that this is the good old summer time when so many of our members are away.

Citizen: "I'm sorry to trouble you, but that valuable ring I reported stolen? I found it in my desk drawer."

Desk Sergeant: "To late, ma'am—we're arrested the thief."

Critics: People who are quick on the flaw.

ALBA team visits South Africa and Rhodesia

The team consisted of R. Boehm and W. Craig of the NW Division, D. Coyle and J. Daluz of the PIMD, W. Miller of the SE, B. MacWilliams and D. McArthur of the Central. L. McArthur was the manager. The tour was made at the invitation and expense of the South African Bowling Association.

The team was scheduled to play three test matches against the South Africans who had won the recent World Championships. It was also to play against 12 provincial teams. At the conclusion of the South African tour the players were to go on to Rhodesia for more test matches.

The players were given a very enthusiastic welcome by their hosts on their arrival at Johannesburg and quickly settled into a program of practice and social activities. Interspersed among games were visits to places of interest like the Krugersdorp Game Preserve and the Kimberley Diamond Mine.

The manager found many demands on his speechmaking and he acquitted himself admirably.

On the green the successes were fewer. Against the provincial teams there were a few wins but in the three tests against South Africa and in the two against Rhodesia all games were lost.

Though their bowling did not match that of their opponents the ALBA players acquitted themselves admirably on the green and wherever they went. Again and again they were complimented for their sportsmanship and their demeanor on and off the green. They were fine ambassadors.

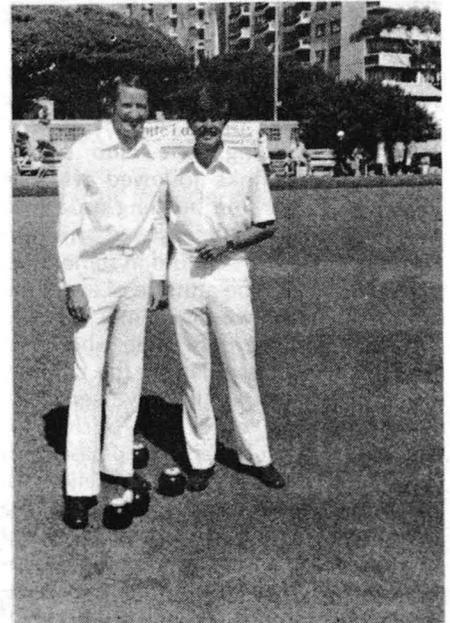
In a letter to the secretary of the ALBA, the President of the South African Bowling Association summed up the feelings of the many who saw the players in action in the following terms:

"Now that the tour to South Africa by your official team has been concluded, I write to convey to your Association the sincere appreciation of the SABA for your having so readily accepted our invitation to send a team here. I wish to place on record that it is our view that this tour was a tremendous success.

Your fellows, insofar as we were concerned, were immaculate in every way in their appearance, in their behavior as gentlemen on off the green and in victory and defeat. We particularly commend the manner in which the manager, Mr. Lachlan McArthur, dealt with his difficult duties throughout the tour and his

complete cooperation at all times.

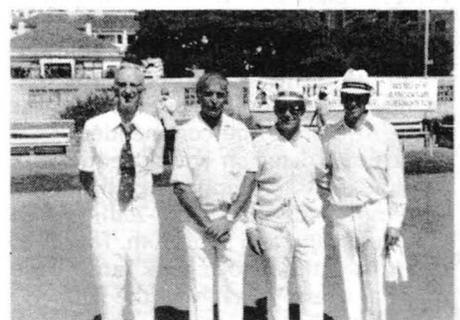
Each and every one of your team was a true ambassador for sport and for the United States.



1st test match Capetown Singles L. D. Watson—McArthur



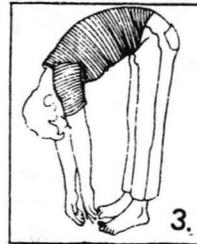
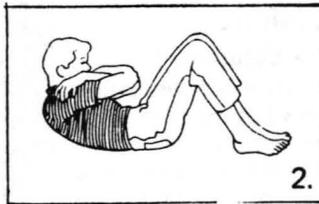
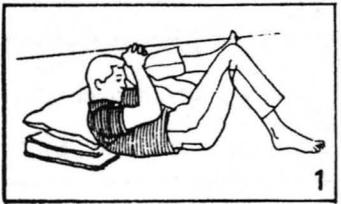
U.S. Team taken with Doormen at Durban



1st test match in Capetown for Pairs

Stretches for the Bowler

THE BOWLER SHOULD READY HIS OR HER BODY BY DOING THE FOLLOWING BASIC STRETCHES AT HOME JUST BEFORE GOING TO THE BOWLING GREEN.

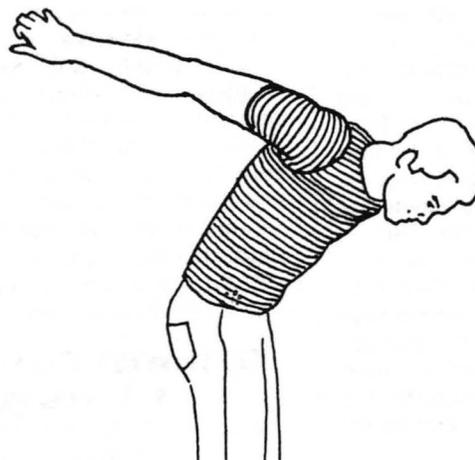


1. Temple-knee stretch
2. Sitting back stretch
3. Floor-toucher
4. Squat stretch

10 times
10 times
20 times
10 times

5. Upper back stretch
6. Flexion neck stretch
7. Inside leg stretch
8. Heel cord stretch

15 times
10 times
10 times each leg
10 times each leg



WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE BOWLING GREEN AND ARE READY TO PICK UP THE BOWL -DON'T !!! DO THESE STRETCHES FIRST: Copyright 1973 by Hyman Jampol.

1. Stand with your arms at your sides. Bend forward slightly and swing each arm backward as far as it will go. Feel a pull at the front of the shoulder. Do this fifteen times, each arm separately.
2. Clench and unclench your fists rapidly (about twice per second fifteen times).

AWLBA NEWS

7TH A.W.L.B.A. NATIONAL OPEN
TOURNAMENT

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

TRIPLES - Oct. 1, 2 and finals A.M. Oct. 3

DOUBLES - Oct. 3, 4 and finals Oct. 5

SINGLES - Oct. 6, 7 and finals Oct. 8

MIXED DOUBLES - Oct. 8 (Not an official
event)

EASTERN DIVISION

By Toni Mercer

Plans for the first AWLBA United States Championships at Buck Hill Inn in September (19 - 21) are going forward very well. We have been unable thus far to secure corporate sponsorship for the event, having received turndowns from Colgate-Palmolive, Coca-Cola and Monsanto (which company manufactures the fiber from which Henselite bowls are made). We are, however, pressing on with other companies in the business community and will report further. Buck Hill and Spalding Inn (New Hampshire) have graciously offered to provide trophies for the Singles and Doubles Championships — TV coverage by the major networks, newspapers and sports magazines.

We hope as many of you as possible will plan to attend the Championships to cheer our players on. We especially hope you will find it possible to enter and participate in the special event (September 23-24) following the Championships: a MIX or MATCH DOUBLES TOURNAMENT (see Spring issue of BOWLS MAGAZINE for entry form).

Our Eastern Division Tournament will be held August 18-21 and will include the first playing of the Clara Shempp

Memorial Singles. We're looking forward to a beautiful and memorable tournament.

CENTRAL DIVISION

By Marie Clausen

Midwest women lawn bowlers salute the Eastern Division's hosting of the first AWLBA U.S. Singles and Doubles Championships — and to all the women (and men) who helped to bring about this exciting and happy state of affairs. The Central Division AWLBA Playdowns will be held at the Division level only, bypassing the club level, the theory being that this will bring about more participation. The Doubles will be played off on July 15th at Milwaukee, Lake Park, Wisconsin. The Singles will follow upon completion of this event.

The fund to sponsor a Central Division women bowler who might become a member of the International Team is off the ground with Milwaukee West and Milwaukee Lake Park being the first clubs to donate monies. Central Division President, Edith MacWilliams reports the Cleveland Club will also contribute and the women's group is thinking of ways for funding. Games Chairperson, Marie Clausen, reports Lakeside women are having a one day Rinks competition, September 10th or 11th, stressing a fun festive time, allowing for the inclusion of women bowlers not normally in competitive events. Bob Savage, Central Division and National Champion, will construct metal plaques for the winners, and/or a trophy. There will be prizes and entry ribbons for mementos. It is hoped that the Rinks competition will become an annual event to raise money for this fund. Encouraging note: membership in AWLBA continues to increase among Central Division women bowlers.

NORTHWEST DIVISION

By Frances Herb

An Amendment was approved to our present Constitution at the Spring Meeting, May 2, 1977 so that our Ladies President is automatically a member of the Executive Committee.

Results of the Spring Northwest Tournament:

SINGLES:

First - Elsie Urton, Queen City L.B.C.

Second - Priscilla Hudson, Jefferson Park L.B.C.

DOUBLES:

First - Marge Johnson, Terry Ralph, Jefferson Park, L.B.C.

Second - Joan Loeser, Jenny Smith, Jefferson Park, L.B.C.

MIXED PAIRS:

First - Marge and John Johnson, Jefferson Park, L.B.C.

Second - Harriett Bauer, Queen City, L.B.C.

Harry Schuck, Jefferson Park, L.B.C.

PACIFIC INTER MOUNTAIN DIVISION

By Maggie Goff

At least half the dozen-plus members who travelled to Arcadia in April for the Southwest Division Open came home with wins. Mildred Main won the biggest slice of the bacon, but team efforts were also rewarded by prizes. Wins are always an added bonus to bowling travel and are a great incentive for action participation in the 3 months of competitive lawn bowling ahead.

IN P.I.M.W.D. Trophy games so far, the McClaren went to Sunny Glen, with Betty Spence, Namoi Davis and Gene Hawkins the unbeatable team. This is the first win for Sunny Glen women but surely not the last. The Brooks (Singles) went to Edith Denton, San Francisco — Oakland; the Harris to Lois Rigg and Fran Mansfield of San Jose, and the Maltby Novice to Irma Needham of San Francisco. The Inter-City Triples was won by Berkeley.

Coming up there are Intra-Club Trophy Games in each member club, several Invitationals, The California State Women's Tournament, July 8 - 15, the Play Offs for the U.S. Women's Championships at Buck Hill Falls in September, the P.I.M.W.D. Open August 20 - 26, and the AWLBA National Open in Southern California in October. To celebrate all this frenzied activity, the Pacific Inter-mountain Women's Division has a new pin. It is a beaut, and can be yours for \$1.25 from the treasurer.

Reportable as they are, the press of these competitive events fill the pages, and the real gist of what lawn bowls is all about gets cut out. To risk a guess, there must be between 2000 - 3000 women lawn bowlers in the U.S., whose figures are trimmer, whose health is better and whose lives are richer because of lawn bowling. Competition outside of the home club is not their thing, BUT their contribution to Lawn Bowling Clubs everywhere is irreplaceable.

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The game of "bowls", to a greater extent than other outdoor sports, is its own reward; but without the International Bowling Board, ALBA and its Divisions, the game could not have flourished and would not now be providing pleasure for so many. Perhaps the lack of publicity approval of the "home club only" player by these bowling organizations is a contributing factor to that person's lack of comprehension concerning the true value of supporting these seemingly unneeded organizations. Most club members only vaguely understand the vital role played by I.B.B., A.L.B.A., and Divisions in providing the playing rules and rewarding social contacts, while holding on to the pleasant traditions that all lawn bowlers enjoy.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

By Velma Dorsey

The Southwest Division of the AWLBA Singles Tournament was held April 6-7, 1977 at the Arroyo Seco Greens, Pasadena. The following were winners: Flight A.: Doris Bolton from the Long Beach L.B.C.

Runner-up: Lilly Godfrey, Santa Anita L.B.C.

Flight B: Ruby Woodcook, Santa Monica L.B.C.

Runner-up: Ruth Jaenecke, Glendale L.B.C.

The Southwest Division AWLBA Open Tournament held April 23-29, 1977 at Santa Anita came up with the following:

CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES: (29 teams entered)

FLIGHT A: Corinna Folkins - Dorothy Graham - Luise Godfrey

Runners-up: Ina Jackson-Frances Schaeffer-Marge Hoover

SECONDARY TRIPLES

FLIGHT B: Alice Ovington - Rene Hanson - Jane Evans

Runners-up: Kay Swan - Marge Goddard - Helen Steedman

FLIGHT C: Pat Boehm - Tecla Sheperd - Erma Artist

FLIGHT D: Dorothy Kath - Dorothy Mahan - Lois Cegavski

FLIGHT E: Jeanne Rood - Verne Roller - Velma Dorsey

FLIGHT F: Carol Smith - Phyllis Pimentel - Sue Nishi

CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES: (47 teams entered)

FLIGHT A: Pat Boehm - Erma Artist

Runner-up: Dorothy Mahan - Lois Cegavski

SECONDARY DOUBLES:

Flight B: Anne Baurle - Trudy Rich

Runners-up: Fran Boyer - Kay Pollock

CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES: (46 entries)

FLIGHT A: Luise Godfrey

Runner-up: Pat Boehm

SECONDARY SINGLES:

FLIGHT B: Mildred Main

Runner-up: Ruby Woodcock

MIXED DOUBLES: (78 entries)

ARROYO SECO GREENS

GREEN 1: Folkins - Folkins

Stephen - Stephen

GREEN 2: Allen - Allen

Monk - Monk

GREEN 3: Ray Olander - H. Hunter

Sneed - Sneed

SANTA ANITA GREENS

GREEN 1: Joe Bell - Edith Minner

Lowell Decker - L. Hayward

GREEN 2: Harvey - Harvey

Harris - Cook

The trophy for mixed doubles was won by Corinna and Dick Folkins with 3 wins and a plus 40 score. Trophy was given by Nina McDonald.

Child's definition of an adult: "Someone who's stopped growing—except in the middle."

The museum visitor spotted a picture of a group of men sitting around a table. All wore long hair, stretch pants, boots and fancy jackets.

They were signing the Declaration of Independence.

Two philosophers were engaged in a deep discussion as to where the sun goes when it sets. They pondered the enigma all through the night—then it dawned on them.

Billy and Patty each had an apple. "Let's play Adam and Eve," Billy suggested.

"How do you play that?"

"You tempt me to eat your apple—and I'll give in."

A gossip talks about others, a bore talks about himself—and a brilliant conversationalist talks about you!

Father watching his daughter select the most expensive wedding gown in the shop: "I don't mind giving you away—but must I gift-wrap you on top of it?"

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Cautioning her to remember she was under oath, the lawyer asked the witness her age.

"Twenty-one and some months," she replied.

"How many months?"

"A hundred and eight."

Tourist: Person who travels a thousand or more miles to have his picture snapped beside his car, then doesn't remember where it was taken.

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