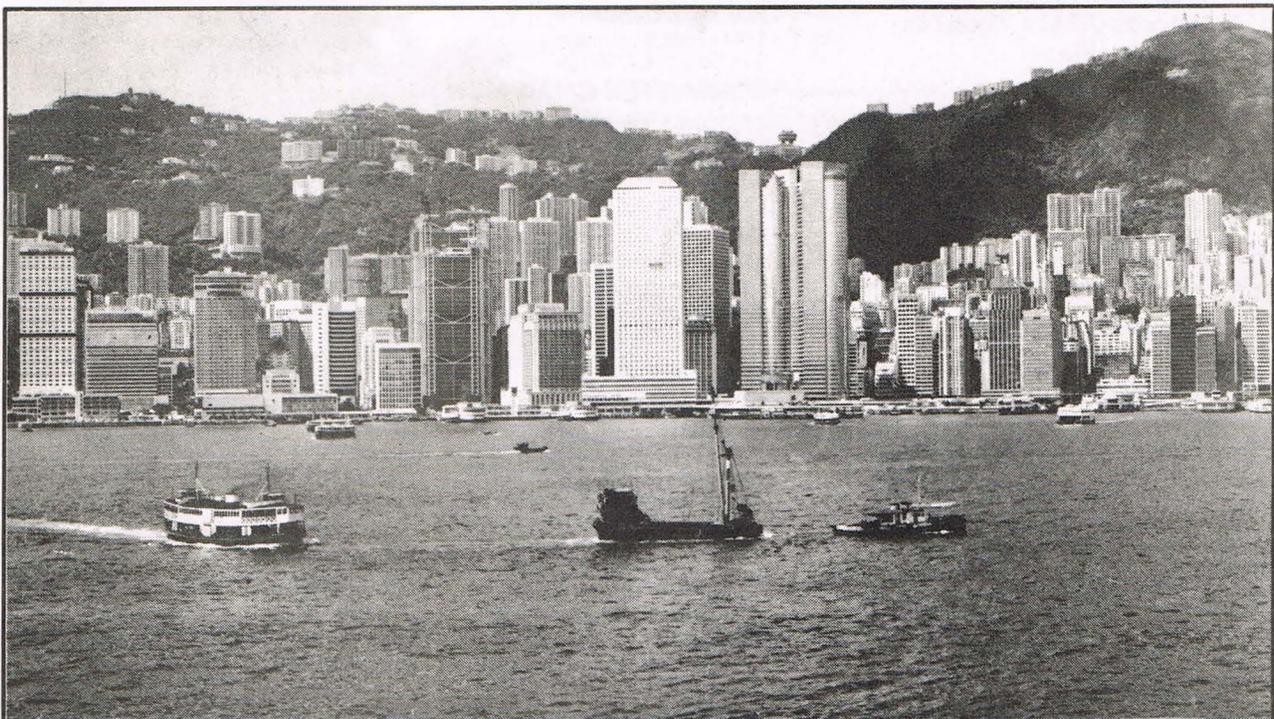


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tom Mansfield

This past year I have received letters from a number of our members with ideas for promoting membership. These ideas have been passed on to the Council for consideration. Some of the letters have told about declining membership in recent years. I shall use my own club, The San Jose Lawn Bowls Club, as an example of what is happening to a number of clubs.

Formed in 1966 with 62 charter members, the single green, city owned and maintained facility, was opened in 1967 with a membership of 79. Subsequent years are as follows: 1968-88, '69-120, '70-112, '71-108, '72-111, '73-112, '74-114, '75-106, '76-116, '77-109, '78-104, '79-64, '80-66, '81-76, '82-84, '83-77, '84-72 and '85-77. Of the 77 present members, 21 are ladies, about 20 are under age 60 and only three are charter members.

Our green is in relatively good condition with a pace that varies from 11 to 13 seconds. We bowl five days a week, bowling all day Saturday and Sunday. On Sundays when games are arranged and there may be no draw, about 40% of the players are from the younger or working bowlers.

Our memorial board has about 50 names on it. These were bowlers who continued active bowling all their lives. We know of about 30 members who have moved to retirement centers. Most years we have recruited five to six new bowlers. To me this says that our game needs an influx of young men and women if we are to survive as an active sport with National Championships and Open Tournaments.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT EARL TORANGO



With a new year starting, I would like to make the following request to all members of A.L.B.A. Please make an effort to pay your 1986 dues as early as you can. I realize many clubs do not bowl for several months each year because of the weather, however in some clubs, other activities are carried out during the months when bowling is not possible. One club that I know of, has a pot-luck dinner in December and starts to collect dues even though there will probably not be any bowling until April of 1986.

By paying your dues promptly, another problem is helped, the mailing of the Bowls Magazine. This allows clubs to mail their 1986 Roster to Bill Todd, Circulation Manager of the magazine. Bill does a wonderful job, but he needs to be informed of all changes in membership during the year, as well as a current roster at the beginning of the year. This will insure that all members will receive the Bowls magazine. As Secretary of the A.L.B.A., I would appreciate a roster from each club as they become available.

It has also been brought to my attention that some club secretaries are not aware of the fact that the Official ALBA Almanac & Tactics and Techniques is available for re-order. This comprehensive 52-page booklet contains most of the "need to know" information required for new bowlers or new instruction classes. Extra copies are available at low cost (1-25, \$1.50 — 25 up, \$1.00). You can order from:

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IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO!

By Richard Lochridge

Most lawn bowling clubs have two kinds of members—those who often play in tournaments, and those who mainly enjoy the sociability of club games. How many of each kind each club has is not important. It's their relationship to each other that has a bearing on the club, its operation and growth.

If a club has a preponderance of competitive bowlers who do not participate in normal daily play, the unity of the club will suffer. On the other hand, if the club has a lot of bowlers who do not care to improve their skills or only bowl sporadically, it will suffer as well.

The successful blending of these two types of bowlers is the key to a dynamic club. Tournament bowlers must try to tolerate and help their less skilled partners. They should not treat them as second class members. It is from this reservoir of new comers that future competitive bowlers will come. Social bowlers should try to improve. They should ask for help and get additional instruction if possible.

Encourage your tournament bowlers to bring glory to your club—but not to ignore their less competitive counterparts. Upgrade the skills of your social bowlers—and above all help your club generally by introducing new players to the game.

PROJECTING THE IMAGE

By Zola Cole

Attracting the Media! Trying to get some favorable publicity! Does that not sound like a lawn bowling publicity committee member? You bet it does!

Surely every club has enjoyed the anticipation (The T.V. cameras are here!) and then experienced the let-down when a one or two minute segment is shown sandwiched in between the weather and the sign off credits, perhaps prefaced by, "Here is shown a rather quiet sport; not very active."

The Portland Club would like to share with you a pleasant experience which it hopes to repeat next year with some added planning and activities.

Long a dues paying member of the Portland Rose Festival Association, the club decided early on in its 1985 planning to become an active participant in the attractions offered in the two weeks of the busy Festival, from May 30th to June 15, 1986. People come from far and wide to take part in the events and the pageantry involved in the mystical realm of Rosaria, to say nothing of the beautiful scenery of the area.

An early start was important. Club activities had to be planned enough in advance to get listed in the Rose Festival program and publicity material sent to travel bureaus and Chambers of Commerce all across the country.

During the two weeks, Lawn Bowling at Westmoreland Park was listed in the daily events calendar, on the T.V. morning news and in the newspaper.

The pitch was "There is Open House at the Portland Lawn Bowling Club in Westmoreland Park starting at 10 o'clock in the morning with free instruction to be followed by an afternoon of regular games."

It was advantageous to share the publicity of an already successful community event.

The week opened with the P.L.B.C. Men's and Women's Pairs Tournaments. The daily Open House attracted both out of state people as well as local people to whom Bowling was unfamiliar. They were given the opportunity to roll a few bowls after some instruction. Coffee, tea, and cake were on hand and served by the hospitality committee.

Some of the visitors planned to have further instruction and possible membership.

What was considered to be a very positive weeklong program concluded with exhibition matches in singles and pairs. The media coverage was very favorable in the newspaper and on the T.V. evening sports news.

HELP

By Bill Todd

This appeal is to all you good old Club Secretaries or anyone else involved in seeing that all of our members receive a copy of the magazine. (1) The mailing list is compiled from the annual roster you send to your Division Secretary. (2) Interim changes are made on the quarterly report form sent prior to each issue. (3) The Post Office requires complete addresses including name, street address, space or apt. #, city, state, and correct zip code. The correct zip code is imperative. (4) When sending a change of address *please list old address as well as the new one*. Write to me if you have a problem.

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Scots Hit the Jackpot in Hong Kong Classic

By Bert MacWilliams

It was my pleasure, along with Skip Arculli, to represent the United States at the 4th International Pairs Classic in Hong Kong in November 1985. Having represented the U.S. the previous year along with Orville Artist, I eagerly looked forward to this year's event. I was not disappointed. From the moment they met us at the airport until our departure, the hospitality and friendship extended to us was outstanding. A special thanks goes to our host club, The Indian Recreation Club, and to M.B. Hassan, Sr. and Oscar Odem, who met us at the airport and who were our guides and companions all the time we were there. They did everything possible for us and if we would have asked for the impossible, I'm sure they would have tried.

The Classic in five short years has become what its name implies and is truly a Classic in every way.

The Classic got off to a good start with the 24 overseas players and eight local players making up the field of 32 for a knock-out Classic singles competition. In the semi-finals, George Adrian of Scotland defeated Dennis Dalton of Australia and Cecil Bransky of Israel defeated John Bell of England. George Adrian then defeated Cecil Bransky to win the Classic Singles.

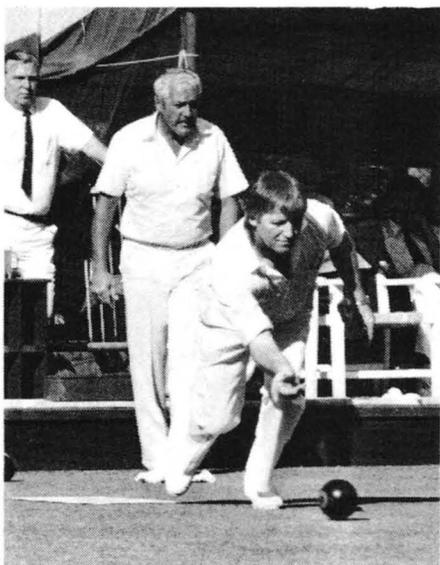
Twelve countries were represented in this year's Pairs Classic, plus eight local teams to make up the field of 20 teams. Of the twenty four overseas players, twelve of them had won medals at the Worlds Bowls Tournament in 1984, plus the British Isles singles champion of 1985 and the Silver Medalist at the Gateway Masters Singles Tournament of 1985. This was truly a classic field, probably the best ever assembled for a pairs tournament. Skip and myself managed to win 5 out of 9 games in our section but missed qualifying for the quarter finals by one point. (Points were awarded based on 2 for a win and 1 for a tie.)

The finals of this year's Classic was played between Scotland, represented by George Adrian and Willie Wood, and Australia, represented by Ken Williams and Dennis Dalton, with Scotland the winner. For the second year in a row, one man won both the singles and pairs. George Adrian of Scotland duplicated George Souza's of Hong Kong heroics of 1984. It should be remembered that George Adrian teamed with our Skip Arculli to win the gold in the 1984 World Bowls Championship.

A fitting climax to this Classic event was the final banquet where the visiting players took turns entertaining our hosts with song and humor.



In the singles final, George Adrian defeats Cecil Bransky of Israel, 21-13



Willie Wood delivers during the pairs final watched by Dennis Dalton of Australia. The Scots won, 22-18.

A tip of the hat to Ken Wallis, Pat O'Dea and the rest of their hard working committee, and all the sponsors who made this year's event what it truly is, **A CLASSIC.**

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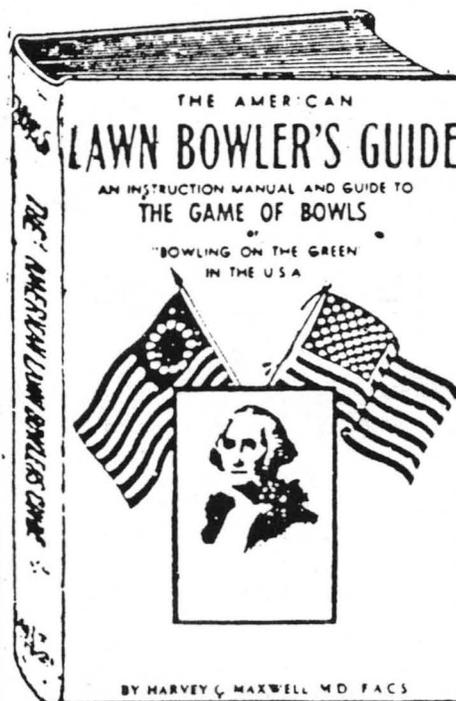
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TOURNAMENT HONORS RANDALL E. SPALDING

By Leonard Reed

Whitefield, N.H., Randall E. Spalding, founder of the Spalding Inn Club in Whitefield, N.H. and internationally recognized authority in the sport of lawn bowling, will be honored at the Whitefield Club on June 24-28 with the play of the first annual Randall E. Spalding Mixed Triples Open Lawn Bowling Tournament.

This tournament hosted by the new owners of The Spalding Inn and Club, William Ingram, Esq. of Whitefield, N.H. and his brother, Michael Ingram of Manchester, N.H., is under the direction of Herb Fisher, recently appointed successor to Randall Spalding as President of the Spalding Inn Lawn Bowling Club. Mr. Spalding was elevated to the honored status of President Emeritus.

Individuals or teams from across the country, Canada and from overseas have been invited to enter the four-day event to be played on the green at Spalding Inn in Whitefield.



Randall Spalding, 87, remains active in the sport which he has done so much to support over the past thirty-four years.

At the suggestion of a summer guest in 1951, Mr. Spalding decided to install a lawn bowling green at his popular White Mountain summer resort. He studied the techniques of construction and then supervised the installation of a regulation rink (20 feet by 120 feet) for the summer of 1952. The guests flocked to the sport. The enthusiasm encouraged Randall to invest in a full green (120 by 120 feet) in 1954.

In 1956 the Spalding Inn Club sponsored the first U.S. Singles Championship. The U.S. Pairs Championship was introduced in 1958. This nationally recognized tournament was born in Whitefield, N.H. under the auspices of The American Lawn Bowling Association.

Spalding Inn was the site for U.S. Championships in 1957, 1958 and 1959. From 1960 the tournament has been rotated among other clubs in the United States. It returned "home" most recently in 1977 and 1978.

Supervising the care and maintenance of the Spalding Inn bowling green, recognized as one of the finest in the coun-

try, has been a task of Randall Spalding for over thirty years. He "reads his green" with the eye of a practiced expert. He built a turf nursery so that he can replace plugs of diseased or otherwise troubled spots of the 15000 square foot green at a moment's notice.

As the first sponsor of a national level tournament, Randall fully understood the expense connected with this event. He participated in the development of a plan which resulted in the Charles Middleton trust fund designated to provide income to A.L.B.A to seed the sponsorship of this annual event.

The Spalding Inn Bowling Club maintains a signature register of all those who have bowled on the Whitefield Green since 1957. These bowlers represent enthusiasts and champions from all over the world.

The June 24-28 event will provide a suitable occasion for many of these sportsmen and women to return to the site of earlier games and join in the honors for Randall E. Spalding.



Umpire's Corner By John M. Stewart

The National Umpires Club roster continues to grow as we are entering our fourth year and should continue to do so, as we gain more and more credibility. The annual meeting held in Seattle last August produced the best attended meeting ever, with almost thirty National umpires attending, including five of the six Head Divisional Umpires and Marie Clausen of the A.W.L.B.A. The ladies organization are presently in the process of forming their own Umpires Club and are receiving guidance from our group to speed the formation.

At the Nationals in Milwaukee this year, the selecting and allocating of umpires will be handled by Jack Behling, the Head Umpire of the Central Division.

A complete list of all the approved National Umpires to date, is as follows:

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CARL WATERBURY ALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Bill Meierstein

For the second time in three years the Groves LBC of Irvine, California has won the prestigious Waterbury All League Championships held this year at Oaks North LBC.

This event is made up of the league winners from five Southwest District Leagues, each of whom send two teams to compete.



Representing the Orange/Coast District, the winning Groves teams were as follows: Joe Choate (L), Kurt Bauer (V), Bill Meierstein (S); and Gené Tatro (L), Dick Miller (V), John Lingenfelter (S). Friendly Valley, a close runner-up, represented the Central District. Representatives of other Districts were: South (San Diego LBC), East (Sun City, California), and West (Beverly Hills).

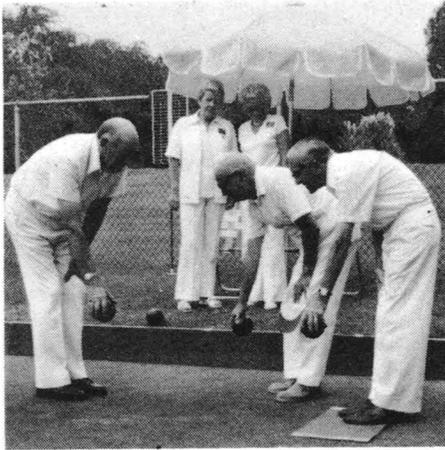
Super bowling, great lunch and wonderful weather were enjoyed by all.

Mr. Carl Waterbury, a former Groves resident, donates cloth patch emblems and generous cash awards to the winners.

Next year the All League will be bowled in this year's winner's district, and, by popular demand, will be held on a Saturday.

FINDING YOUR GRIPS

By Ezra Wyeth



The confusion among the experts reaches its peak on the subject of how to hold your bowl. They all know where to put your thumb and fingers but as with almost everything else they do not agree with each other. One thing they do have in common, however, is that they do not know there are two grips, the forehand and the backhand. With your backhand grip your thumb, index and middle fingers reach further round the bowl. This is due to the shape of the bowl: the highest part of the running surface is closer to the large than to the small emblem.

And the experts do not know that your grips are distinctive. As one Englishman wrote last year, a grip is as distinctive as a fingerprint. Another compared it to a signature.

Finding your grips is very easy, as your ALBA ALMANAC shows. All you have to do is this: with nothing in your hand, go through your delivery to the point of release and let your hand hang down. Have someone place a bowl in front of it, upright and facing in the direction of a forehand shot. Now pick it up and examine your grip. Finally, to check your grip, deliver the bowl. If it gets away smoothly and without a wobble all is well, you have found the right grip for you. If it does wobble, start again from the beginning. If the problem persists go through your delivery to the point of release and set the bowl down. It has to lean to one side, be turned to one side or both. Just straighten it and pick it up.

After you have found your forehand grip you can find the backhand grip in the same way as you used for the forehand.

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Out Where the Red Dust Blows.

by Don Wright

■ Touring the vastness of the Red Centre of Australia is an unusual and gripping experience. The so-called "dead heart" of the continent, located in what may be the oldest part of the world, offers much of interest.

Prior to World War II, the area was mostly cattle country, with huge stations (ranches), some of which were larger than the state of Connecticut (about 5,000 square miles). Now tourists are coming in large numbers and mineral wealth is running into many millions of dollars.

The unique sights of the land make a visit to the Australian Centre intriguing. As the motorcoach rolls along the red dust road that seemingly has no end, one watches carefully. A big red kangaroo, followed by its smaller grey-furred mate, may hop across in front of the coach. A toot from the coach captain's horn sends a big flock of pink-breasted parrots hurrying into the sky, while a little further on six emus are disturbed while drinking at a waterhole. On occasion these big birds may dart across the road at top speed, which can register about 45 miles per hour.

Stops by the road for morning or afternoon tea were always fun on the two-and-a-half-thousand-mile coach tour my wife and I recently made to the Centre. Sticks were gathered for a fire and as the "billy" boiled, city dwellers breathed in the smog-free air of the "outback." Australia has less than 15 million people in an area as large as the U. S.

Droughts are not uncommon in the great outback, and it was a succession of dry years that prompted some big cattle holdings to provide beds and food for groups of tourists.

One property we visited was 3,000 square miles in area, almost two million acres. In addition to cattle there were about a thousand "brumbies" (wild horses) on the station. The son of the owner played cowboy in a modern way and rounded up the brumbies on a motor bike. The wild horses are shipped by train from Oodnadatta to Adelaide where they are sold for pet food.

It was from Oodnadatta that the Reverend John Flynn came. He first traveled the vast and harsh outback by camel. Men liked him for his own brand of Christianity, for this man of God had a simple creed: to help his fellow man. He gave the Centre a pedal radio that helped to combat the loneliness and that could be used to call help in an emergency. He established bush nursing service, and the Flying Doctor Service. All these achievements were the work of this one man, a practical Christian and a great Australian who is still honored and respected. Near Alice Springs, the body of John Flynn rests between gum tree and mountain in the land that he loved and toiled for.

Americans, particularly Texans, are intrigued with the Red Centre. It's a big land of friendly people. Perpetual blue skies and white Ghost Gums combine with huge battlements of red rock to provide subject matter for the visitor's camera and the paint brush of the aboriginal artist.

At Palm Valley, not far from Alice Springs, it is difficult to realize that one is not in several countries at once. There are massive red rock formations that could well belong to Arizona. Stands of palms by waterholes could be any oasis in the Middle East, and herds of donkeys and camels running wild do nothing to dispel the illusion. The aborigines go "walkabout" amid the Ghost Gums which add their



Author sits for picture with Aborigine he met while touring the Red Centre.

stately charm to a scene both beautiful and unique. As with the American Indian when he had no longer to hunt for his food and fend for himself, the Australian aborigine in his Reserve, getting Government rations and with no need to be self-reliant, is finding it difficult to adjust to modern ways.

Given an adequate water supply the Red Centre can grow almost anything. At Alice Springs we had locally grown oranges and grapefruit that were really delicious. The Government established a rocket range at Woomera, and water had to be piped from the nearest river over 200 miles away. An uninhabitable arid area just a few years ago, Woomera today blooms as a modern town with gardens, a public swimming pool and green, grassy playing fields.

In contrast, at Coober Pedy, where miners gouge the ground seeking the glorious rainbow-colored opal, water is scarce and more precious than the lovely gemstone itself.



Several hundred miles from Alice Springs is Ayers Rock, the largest monolith in the world. It rises majestically alone above the flat plain surrounding it, as high as the Empire State Building and six miles around. It fascinates — not only with its huge bulk but with the many colors it subtly takes from the sunrises and sunsets. The Australian aborigines for centuries came to this sandstone giant to worship. Here they decorated cave walls with primitive paintings depicting important events in their lives and performed their rituals with only the big rock, the birds and animals as witness. □

HALEY AUSTRALIAN PAIRS

By Jack Williams

On the basis of its inaugural play during the period 7 to 10 November, 1985, there is good reason to believe that the Haley Australian Pairs Championship is well established on the Southwest Division calendar. Conducted at the Escondido Lawn Bowling Club, the event had a lot going for it: an outstanding green; a quality field of players; and, a special ambiance which characterizes this small club, beautifully situated as it is in a quiet residential area. None of these factors is apt to diminish in the coming years.

The format of the tournament, while borrowing somewhat (and with thanks) from that introduced at the Costa del Sol Mixed Triples by Dick Folkins, was nonetheless unique not only in its Win-Lose scoring procedures, but also in using the 2-4-2 sequence of bowling, known hereabouts as Australian Pairs. This arrangement gives both players on the team the opportunity, and the challenge, of functioning alternately as Lead and as Skip.

The tournament attracted a capacity field of 18 teams, with 6 competing each of the first 3 days, and the top 2 from each of those days returning for the finals on Sunday. Given the quality of the field, there was no seeding, and a wholly "blind" draw was used. The teams—which included both the 1984 and 1985 U.S. Pairs Champions—responded predictably well to the truly excellent condition of the green by demonstrating deft and delicate draws, and—on demand—some devastating drives. To survive, and, beyond that, to win, required a profusion of superb shots, selected from a repertoire developed over years of shot-making against skilled opponents.

Typical of the matches on all 4 days was the final game on Sunday, which pitted the only 2-wins/no losses pairs of the day against each other. The players—Jim Harvey and the "AD" Coates vs. Dick Simon and Jim Splitt—employed shrewd shifts of mat and length as they vied for advantage; despite all, they were dead even on points with but one end to play. Then, in the darkness relieved only by the overhead lights which had been necessarily turned on the green, and with rain threatening, the match came to a climactic end when Harvey carried the jack into the ditch for an unbeatable point and the Championship.



With the Harvey-Coates and Simon-Splitt duos taking the 1st and 2nd prizes, residual honors were distributed to: 3rd, Dick Talt and Don Peterson; 4th, Hugh and Laird MacDonald; 5th, Bill Meierstein and Ed Leach; and 6th, Lee Bain and Bob Briegel.

All contestants, and the organizing members of the Escondido Club, were unanimous in lauding the tournament, and in expressing their anticipation of renewals in 1986 and beyond. The fact that the event honors Edgar Haley not only enhances its prestige, but also gives well-earned recognition to that world-renowned Greenskeeper.



Dr. Haley tapes the event for posterity while Escondido LBC Prexy Robinson looks out for any possible female intruders.

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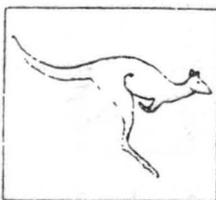
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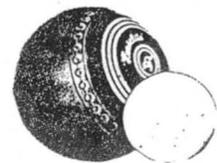


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LAWS OF THE GAME CHANGES

By Rowland Rapp
Chairman Rules Committee

To bring your rule book up to date make the following changes in LAW 6;(H),(3) on page 12. You could cut this out and paste in the back of your book.

DELETE: "After one improper delivery"
ADD: "After two improper deliveries"
AND, at the end of the first sentence, after the word "maintained", substitute a comma for the period and
ADD: "and further provided that if the end being played is the first end of a match, the mat shall be placed with the mat line 6 feet from the rear ditch, in accordance with Law 6 E 3.

TOURNAMENT FOR RETIRED SERVICEMEN

Suggestions have been made for a tournament for retired servicemen regardless of rank who have served with the United States or its Allies. If you would be interested please write to:

Robert Sturgeon
715 E. McElhany St.
Santa Maria, CA 93456

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Ferrell Burton, Jr.

Some of you readers and correspondents want to know and have written about the reason for not including tourney information in some of the club's news while the same info appears in other club's news. Why are some articles up front in the editorial section when they probably belong in the Division news. Why are some clubs allowed to go over the space limit while others are slashed?

The answer:- THERE IS NO REASON FOR IT, JUST EDITORIAL POLICY.

BEVERLY HILLS HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING & FIRST PEEK AT NEW SUPER COMPLEX

By Joe Siegman

125 members and guests attended the 60th Annual meeting of the Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club, Sunday, December 10th, a late morning brunch that included the first on-site tour of the Club's new, nearly completed bowls complex.

The brunch was a departure from its usual annual dinners for Beverly Hills, a club that has had to be flexible with its many traditions since the LBC began renovation five years ago. Highlight of the morning, and without doubt the main attraction for the huge turnout, was a grande tour of the Club's new field-house and three totally re-constructed bowling greens. The complex is still several months away from completion—the City of Beverly Hills expects to hold an official grand opening on or about April 1st—but the new look of the LBC dazzled the throng. Nothing was retained from the original three Beverly Hills greens, which at one time were tiered, but are now all level. The clubhouse structure is now more than double the size of the original building, boasting exceptional kitchen, lavatory and locker facilities. Of course, not all that has been built is necessary. But this is Beverly Hills!

Club officials will be cautious in breaking in the new greens. "We're looking to have the best lawn bowling facility in America," commented retiring Club president Dr. Richard Simon. Although the new grass appears to be growing quite well, Simon emphasized: "We are not in a rush. This project has already taken a few years. To paraphrase the late Orson Wells, 'We will roll no bowl before its time!'"

As a consequence, the traditional Walt Disney Masters Singles Tournament will not be scheduled this year (it was off-schedule last year, too), but will return in 1987. Club officials expect to hold all of

its inter-club tournaments, TBA after the greens become playable. The BHLBC also hopes to have the Maccabee Doubles and International Fives invitationals later this year, TBA greens permitting.

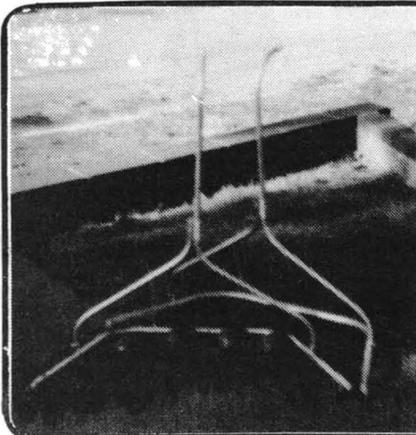


New B. H. officers pictured above. Below, Skip Arculli on way to Hong Kong Classic & Bill Thompson of Australia inspect new complex.

While the bountiful food and refreshments of the annual meeting were being enjoyed, the BHLBC elected its officers for calendar 1986: President/Irv Chalfin, vice-president/Helman Todes, secretary/Joe Siegman, treasurer/Adrian Cole, assistant secretary-treasurer/Ruby Woodcock, directors/Donald Welton and Clifford Lord. Other business included the presentation of official instructor certificates to Joe Siegman and Dick Simon by ALBA instruction chief Ezra Wyeth. The Club also presented out-going president with a special plaque recognizing his dedication and accomplishments.

Among the guests attending the brunch were Mr. & Mrs. William Hooker of Pasadena, CA. Mrs. Hooker's father, Oscar Beasley, was a founder of the Beverly Hills Club in 1927.

The good spirits of the annual meeting obviously paid dividends. The Club was swamped by new membership requests, and at this writing, the active member roster has more than doubled!



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Million-Up

Statistics reveal the new boom in bowls

THE NUMBER of flat green bowlers in the world has passed the one million mark for the first time.

Figures released by the men's and women's International Bowling Boards, the two major governing bodies of world bowls reveal that there are a total of 978,287 players affiliated to their organisations.

And with more than 30,000 bowlers known to be affiliated to the world's only other outdoor flat green code, the English Men's and Women's Bowling Federation, the magic million has been surpassed.

And nowhere has bowls boomed more in the past 12 months than Australia where one in 14 of the population are known to take part in the country's biggest participant sport.

Between 1983 and '84 no less than 41,838 took up the game for the first time - all but 4,000 of them men.

The total figure of 351,434 male bowlers in Australia was a massive 10 per-cent increase on the previous year. The new figure for women of 152,781 was only two per-cent up, as new clubs sprung up in every state from 2,102 in 1983 to 2,191 today.

Women's bowls in Britain (66,096) attracted a healthy 12 per-cent more, particularly in Scotland, where the numbers increased to around the 28,000 mark. England showed a similar improvement of nearly 8,000 extra bowlers to an all time high of 34,533.

Strangely Ireland formed four new clubs but female numbers dropped by 100, while Wales attracted nearly 200 more players for the addition of only one club.

The men of Scotland, Wales and Ireland all remained the same but there was a marked increase in English male bowlers with a jump of 2,240 taking the total in Britain to 219,532.

The numbers of bowlers in America and the smaller African nations continues to decline, particularly in Zimbabwe, Malawi and Kenya as the British influence dwindles. And it's a similar picture in South Africa itself where both male and female participation dropped, though 14 new clubs were formed.

Meanwhile the game continues to thrive in the exotic outposts of Hong Kong, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Western Samoa, where

FULL MEMBERS	1983			1984		
	CLUBS	MEN	WOMEN	CLUBS	MEN	WOMEN
Australia	2,102	314,678	148,699	2,191	351,434	152,781
Canada	259	9,152	10,675	258	9,196	10,874
England	2,656	115,169	39,434	2,661	117,409	34,533
Ireland	106	6,500	2,000	110	6,500	1,900
New Zealand	638	56,661	*27,000	639	57,757	27,746
Scotland	845	85,871	*22,500	861	86,633	28,100
South Africa	782	39,307	*28,200	796	38,875	27,904
United States	110	5,045	1,120	115	4,957	1,295
Wales	272	8,960	1,383	273	8,990	1,563
Zimbabwe	67	1,554	1,443	67	1,600	1,152
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS						
Argentina	6	300	76	6	300	92
Botswana	6	97	*50	6	100	53
Fiji	9	357	213	10	360	239
Guernsey	11	360	147	10	240	168
Hong Kong	16	550	167	16	604	295
Israel	5	200	175	5	200	250
Japan	14	1,140	-	15	1,150	-
Jersey	5	360	*160	6	313	149
Kenya	5	59	55	5	51	*50
Malawi	3	150	37	3	140	*32
Papua New Guinea	12	640	124	12	700	200
Swaziland	7	82	*120	7	121	150
Transkei	6	211	-	6	200	-
Western Samoa	6	409	*30	7	472	36
Zambia	13	268	186	13	268	155
Total	7,961	648,080	274,994	8,095	688,570	289,717

* Estimated figures.

- Figures for Japan and Transkei women bowlers were not available.

increases in male and female bowlers was reported.

In Hong Kong both sexes attracted more players and when the two new synthetic greens are opened this summer even more players are expected.

As for New Zealand, which will host both the 1988 men's and women's world championships, their numbers appear to have stabilised, but expect a big upsurge as these two major championships draw near,

BOB WARTERS

I.B.B. DOINGS By Larry Hennings

The International Bowling Board is the ruling body of the game. It is composed of 10 Full Members in countries which have more than 25 clubs, and associate Members of more than 5 and fewer than 25 Clubs.

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ALBA Bowls thanks Bowls International, David Marshall, Sec./Treas. of the IBB and Linda Parker of the Welsh Women's Bowling Association for the above statistics.

The Executive of the IBB met recently in Worthing, England, and is recommending to the IBB a further classification of Affiliate Member. A country with fewer than 5 Clubs which would not have voting rights, playing rights, or pay dues.

The Executive is further recommending the affiliation of the Bowling Association de Espana, and the Bowling Federation of India.

The above matters will be presented to the IBB at its next meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland during the Commonwealth Games in July 1986.

THE PETIT TOURNEY

A Man - His Sport

By Art Hansen

Meet the man and you know why the Pasadena Club hosted a tournament in his honor. Frank Petit is one of the most respected men in the sport. He is a former two time President of the club whose members wished to show their appreciation for all he has done for the club and for the game of bowls. The invitation to participate brought more entries than could be accepted and the club regrets that it could not entertain all of the friends who wished to play in the First California Frank Petit Pairs.



Honoree Petit is pictured with the unusual trophies featuring silver coins and silver bars of various denominations.

Entries included Keith Lance, President of the Southwest Division, Past Presidents Rowland Rapp and Jack Williams and Doreen Collins, Past President of the Southwest Division, A.W.L.B.A.

Teams from 22 clubs played in the three 14 end games. From Santa Maria to the north and Sun City, Arizona, with others from points between. Friends who came together to honor a friend and to compete in what for us is the finest sport in the world.

And the winners were:

WINNERS TROPHY

Bill and Eva Doliente from Santa Barbara

SECOND PLACE

Lee Bain and Bill Osterline from Redlands

THIRD PLACE

Frank Petit and Marian Bassett from Pasadena

FOURTH PLACE

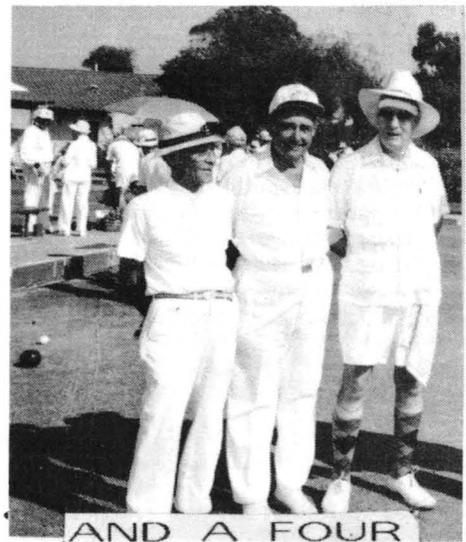
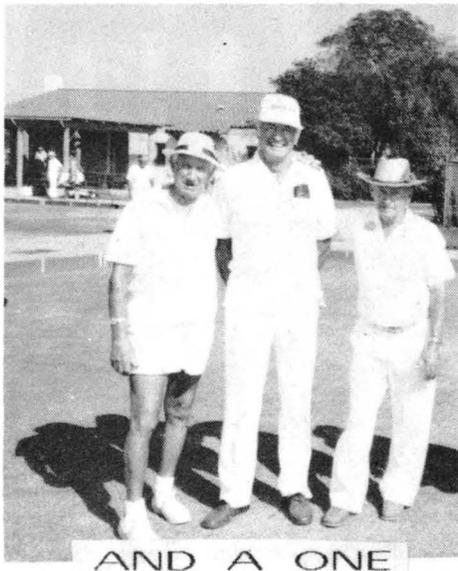
Cecil Pyron and Ray Danol from Long Beach

FIFTH PLACE

Herb Hill and Charles Rose from Friendly Valley

IMPROMPTU

By Laird MacDonald



Long Beach was the sight of a recent impromptu 2 day tournament hosted by Doreen Collins, Bill Meierstein and Laird and Louise MacDonald. (By the way, Long Beach has the best greens this side of Fiji, many thanks to their members for allowing us to enjoy them.)

Play the first day was a blind draw with the top four teams returning for a Round Robin to determine the overall champion of the Tournament. Teams 5-8 returned to play among themselves to determine their flight champion.

The remaining teams were invited back for a re-entry tournament. Returning in this group were Neil McInnes with Carlos Gonzales, Jim Harvey's team, Ken and Doris Botton with Ray Danol, Arnold White and Doreen Collins, Ruby Woodcock with Dick Simon; and Jim Splitt and the MacDonald threesome (not a bad group for a tournament).

Winners were the MacDonalds with 2 wins and 1 tie. Jim Harvey edged out Woodcock and Co. on points each having two wins.

Winners of the championships flight was a local talent, the only team to win 6 games captained by Cecil Pyron with John Roller and Bernie Huquet. Second place went to Ed Leach and the Doliantes. Third was Bill Meierstein's team with the Amos' from Santa Maria (Mike Majors subbing the final day). Fourth place was Leo Meredith with Sal Gonzales and Joe Duran.

Second flight was won by the Robertsons with Gene Tatro followed by Al Pearson, his son Dennis and the retiring Roland Rapp. Third place General Jack Williams with the Doyles. Fourth place Don Peterson's team from Laguna Hills.

HAWAII



HONOLULU

By Mary Harvey

This column is being written on the last day of 1985. To all of you, Hauoli Makahiki Hou. Or, as you say on the Mainland, A Very Happy New Year. May 1986 be good to you.

The 1985 Club Tournaments have all been played and the winners decided. The final three are:

MIXED PAIRS:

- 1 — Tom and Helen Rowlands
- 2 — Richard and Gail Watkins

LADIES SINGLES:

- 1 — Helen Rowlands
- 2 — Alice Njus

MEN'S SINGLES:

- 1 — Len Lebeter
- 2 — Tom Mullennieux

If Helen Rowlands was not tossing a winning bowl in a tournament, she and her helpers were tossing a winning party. At both the Thanksgiving and Christmas get togethers, there were more than fifty happy participants in attendance enjoying ham and turkey and all the trimmings. A fun time was had by all—including the auctioning off of the ham bone and the turkey carcass for soup. That was a first!

A club is made up of the membership, and someone has said that membership is made up of four kinds of "bones." Wishbones—those who wish someone else would do the work. Jawbones—those who do all the talking but very little else. Knucklebones—those who knock everything that everybody else tries to do. Backbones—those who get under the load and do the work.

Then there is Sally "Green Thumb" Gelfo. She has decorated our club house with a variety of beautiful plants, either in hanging baskets or gracing the handsome shelves which were built by our own master cabinetmaker, Tom Mullennieux. Thanks to both of these "Backbones" the appearance of the club has been greatly improved. Aloha.

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IN MEMORIAM



Carroll Chase

With the death of Carroll Chase this January, lawn bowling lost one of its most avid supporters. Carroll was known all over the world as an Ambassador at Large for bowling and bowlers in the United States. He started bowling in 1945 at the Pasadena club; won his first of many championships too numerous to mention when he was skip of the winning triples team in the 1954 National Open, and in 1959 won the National Open singles.

In 1957 he was a member of the U.S. team which visited the British Isles. In 1963 he toured Australia and New Zealand, and in 1972 made a second visit to the British Isles. Again in 1974 he bowled in Hong Kong and Fiji. He also entered major tournaments in East and West Canada.

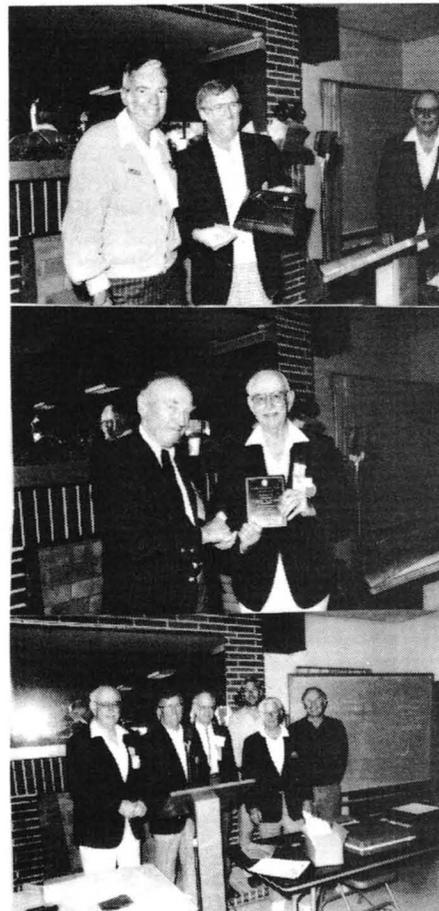
He was Tournament Chairman of the Southwest Division in 1961-2-5-6-7-8-71-2-4-6 and 1978. In 1975 he served as President of the Southwest Division.

A fitting tribute was made to him just last Spring when the Bowler of the Tournament award for the Southwest Division Open was presented in his honor.



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CHANGING THE GUARD



Pictured above are the new officers of the Southwest Division elected at its Annual Meeting last January 11th.

In top photo, immediate Past President Jack Williams presents gavel mounted on wood trophy to Keith Lance, the outgoing president.

Middle photo shows incoming President Lloyd Roark presenting appreciation plaque for seven years dedicated service to outgoing Secretary/Treasurer Art Hansen.

Bottom photo left to right are new electees as follows:

- President Lloyd Roark
- Councilor Keith Lance
- 1st V. Pres. Paul Rotter
- 2nd V. Pres. Laird MacDonald
- Councilor Richard Lochridge
- Secretary/Treasurer Wait Doyle

Thirty-four clubs were represented by ninety-six delegates from as far north as Santa Maria, and as far south as San Diego, as far east as Sun City West, Arizona.

Thanks to the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club for hosting the event with their marvelous hospitality.

ESCONDIDO LAWN BOWLING CLUB

By Jack Williams

1985 went out in a flurry of activity, both on and off the Green, as outgoing President Kermit Robinson and his slate of officers turned over the reins of leadership to a new group which will be hard-pressed to match the excellent performance of their predecessors in office. Highlight of the closing weeks of the year, of course, was the most successful Haley Australian Pairs Tournament (about which, please see related article), but also of great fun for our members was the annual Christmas Party, followed closely by the Annual Meeting and Luncheon. We are all grateful to the organizers of these events which put the cement in our structure.

The Club officers for 1986 are well known throughout the Division, and all come into office by acclamation of their peers. The organization is headed by that famous "yard-on" bowler, Hugh MacDonald, who will continue as well to be the Tournament Chairman. Assisting Hugh will be Edgar Haley and Lee Durko as 1st and 2nd Vice-President, respectively, and the important duties of Secretary-Treasurer will continue to be handled by the very willing and able Al Widener.

In addition to the usual schedule of bowling, the Club has resumed a series of "mini-tournaments" in which 6 visitors challenge the home team at Triples in the morning and a match-up of Pairs teams after lunch. Clubs who might wish to take a shot at us in this sort of competition need not wait for an invitation, but may have a match scheduled by contacting Hugh at (619) 742-1406.

And, as always (but it bears repeating in a New Year), you are reminded that you are MOST WELCOME to DROP IN for a game ANY TIME. Location of the Club is in the Division book of directions, or you may phone for guidance along the way at: (619) 745-6732. Come see us—we bowl every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and always wear whites.

And, finally, some Vital Statistics:

NEW MEMBERS, 1985: Fred Breylinger, Bob Byerts, Art Chilman, Stan Davis, Ivan Williams, Jack Williams.

—In Memorium—
Jorgen Damabo
Delmar Gray
John Herman

LONG BEACH

By Paul Owen

Long Beach hosted the Tony Triples November 2-3, and managed to field the winning team—Cecil Pyron, John Roller and Bernie Huguet. Winners of the Lena LeMaster Mixed Pairs at Long Beach were Jim Harvey of Hermosa Beach

and Sunny Forbess of Oaks North.

The holidays found Carolyn Robertson vacationing in Australia, Dorothy Watring visiting friends in New Jersey, and Doreen Collins visiting family in Toronto.

Our annual Christmas Party was held at Elks Lodge #888. All current officers were reelected—Ray Danol (President), Lucia Moore (Vice-Pres.), Mimie Freeman (Secretary), and Roy Wolcott (Treasurer).

New club champions are Frank Zober (Singles), Jo Smith and Phil Malouf (Pairs), and Doreen Collins, Mike Leslie and Armand Baisz (Triples).

HOLMBY PARK

Los Angeles

By Walt Wortham

The presidential gavel passed from George Seitz to Bill Powell at the Annual Christmas Party and Taffy Pull. Jim Brewer is the new Vice President. Incumbents Rita Aldrich and Dorothy Hasty agreed to continue as Secretary and Treasurer.



It took a last day win by Jay Powell over spouse Bill Powell to throw the 1985 Ladder Tournament into a three way tie between Jay, Bill, and Will Kuhlman. Bill's 20 points earned in various tournaments throughout the year won Bowler of the Year honors. Other point winners were Will Kuhlman (11); Frank Hopkins and Frank Longhaven (8); Horace Greeley (6); Dorothy Cella, Phyllis Hopkins, Jim Ashforth, and Jay Powell (5); Maggie Moffat, Larry Smith, and Bob Effler (3). Pictured above are the Bowler of the Year and Sky and Virginia Kleinhans. Among the Kleinhans many contributions to the club each year are Poinsettia plants for Spider prizes at the December Birthday party.

Thanks to 1984 improvements in one of our two greens, it has been largely inoperative throughout 1985. But help is on the way! Check the next issue of BOWLS for the next thrilling installment!

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

By Tommy Stirrat

The Santa Ana Bowling Club wishes all clubs and lawn bowlers a very Happy New Year. We have elected our new officers and board members for 1986. They are as follows: Helen Stirrat, President for her second term; Dan Jordan, Vice President; Howard Davis, Treasurer; Betty Monk, Secretary. Board members are Tommy Stirrat, Marion Lyle, Al Montovani, and Janet Davis. Congratulations to the officers and board members, for the job in 1985.

We also had our Christmas banquet and awards December 16, which was well attended and a great time was had by all. Our Triples Champions were Bill Mad Dog Mierstein, Dorothy Watring, Thelma Clinard. Doubles Champions were, Doreen Collins, Edna Schmidt. Singles Champion, Tommy Stirrat.

The (B) Flight Singles winner, John Reeves. Congratulations John, who is one of our oldest and faithful members. Novice Singles won by Marion Lyle. We also had our Ina Jackson Mixed Doubles which was won by Bill Mierstein and Nellie Jones. Congratulations Nellie and Bill.

I'm sorry I missed the October issue as my Helen and I were in Scotland, and England for a trip. We had some games on the Crown Green in England. Also bowled on the Indoor Bowling in Scotland. We enjoyed it very much and hope to go back again soon. I hope 1986 will be a good year for all clubs and that the members will make that special effort to get out to your club and enjoy a good game of bowls. So till next time, so long Friends.

—In Memorium—

Austin Johnson Ernie Greenfield
Bill Wilson Clyde Hunsicker
Sydney Graham

PASADENA

Mary Dick

The start of the New Year is a good time to acknowledge all of the hard workers who are the ones who make a club successful. We are most fortunate to have a large number of "doers" to whom we are all grateful.

Our annual Christmas party at Schuyler Mellon's was the occasion to honor our past officers and welcome the new, 1986 board.

Loutz Gage, Darrel Forgey, Bob Weitkamp, Barney Evans, Marian Bassett and Andy Rawn were heartily thanked for a very successful year which saw many tournaments and visitations, as well as a large gain in membership.

Special thanks went to Schuyler for again opening her home to us and to party Chairman, Dick Teachout and the very able hostesses, Alberta Faris, Sue Greene and Virginia Werts. Dick spent

most of the evening carving turkey and ham and still boasts all ten fingers—good show!

If it's pumpkin pie and whipped cream, it must be November. The virgins, Gene and Mary Louise, again hosted the annual Turkey Shoot providing not only pies and libations, but lots of fun and surprises for all. No one went home empty handed. There were turkeys, "turkey pups", hams given out and special gifts crafted by the talented hands of Gene. There were wooden wind spinners, butterflies, little birds that dispense postage stamps and decorative boxes. But the most pleased of all the winners were Tom Rhodes and Bill Derry who, as "Low Gross" champions were presented with tiny rakes complete with wheels and hinges. Now, that's a trophy we would all be honored to have on our mantel-piece! Thank you Gene and Mary Louise.

There are so many others who deserve our gratitude and we will try to thank them all in the coming year.

—In Memorium—
Mary Gray

SANTA ANITA

By Mike Eberle

Santa Anita was very active this Fall with a number of interesting events. A Pot Luck Dinner in October provided a wide variety of homemade goodies. It was enlivened with the songs of the "Good Old Days - the 20's and 30's" by a group who encouraged us to sing along. A Luncheon Is Served came in November—a great lunch with food products given as door prizes. At that time a class of 25 new members was certified. The Men's All Stars and the SWD Women's Le Masters were held at Santa Anita in October and early November. This was followed by a three day trip to Laughlin, Nevada by club members.

Our Christmas Party was held at Howard Johnson's Hotel with a very vivacious young lady taking us on a musical world tour with Christmas songs. Our new officers for 1986 were installed at that time. President, Roc Hollinger; 1st Vice President, Nancy Trask; 2nd Vice President, Warren Shaw; Secretary, Lydia Rogers; Treasurer, Ray Obazawa.

Completed were the following tournaments:

OVER 75

A FLIGHT WINNER: Cliff Lauster
Runner Up: Floyd Hughes
B FLIGHT WINNER: Peter Campanini
Runner Up: John Cornell

CONSOLATION PAIRS

A FLIGHT WINNERS: Margaret Nelson & Bob Shortell
Runners Up: Merritt Uhl & Walter Wright
B FLIGHT WINNERS: Earl Coates & Marjorie Kern
Runners Up: Wayne Putnam & John Lemieux

—In Memorium—

Roy Lorenz Bob Watson
B.A. (Snooks) Milton Tom Munn
Lilly Godfrey

RECREATION PARK

By Paul Owen

The club's Christmas Party and election of officers was held December 4, 1985, at the Long Beach Yacht Club. New officers for 1986 are: President, Joe Harkins; Vice President, Joe Dunlap; Secretary, Harold Key; Treasurer, Don Jones.

Four members participated, not as successfully as last year, in the Smoke Tree Invitational at Palm Springs—Ev Miller, Harold Frerks, Bob Gray and Armand Baisz.

The Recreation Park Triples were held in October, and the winners were: Green 1—Paul Rotter, Chris Gulbranson and Marge Roser from Oaks North; Green 2—Marion Dawson, Art Olson and Larry Turner from Riverside.



Our new club champions are Harold Frerks (Singles), and Harold Frerks and Bill Lusk (Pairs). Harold was also President of Seaside Lawn Bowls in 1985, which oversees maintenance of the greens and leasing from the city.

Ray Reilly helped bring the 65-foot ketch back from Australia, and while down under he got to try out their greens in Perth and Sydney, and also Fiji and New Zealand, in all of which he was received most hospitably.

CAMBRIA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

Cliff DeBernardi

At long last, after many frustrating delays, the Cambria Club has their new artificial surface in place. With the completion of our new locker room and equipment building things are really looking up. Since this was more or less a do-it-yourself project, the members put in many hours of work under the able supervision of Dick Jorgenson, Al Jones and Bob Carter. We celebrated our reopening with a visitation from Santa Maria in the early part of November.

New officers were elected and installed at our annual meeting and luncheon on Dec. 14th. Accolades to Lor-

raine DeBarnardi and her committee for a great lunch. Officers for 1986 are: President, Dick Jorgenson; Vice President, Howard Vander Linden; Secretary, Lou Ann Carter; Treasurer, Lou Neff.

Three teams from Cambria will travel to Las Vegas the last week in January to compete in the 2nd annual Hacienda Hotel Open Triples. Last year one of our teams finished in the money, hope to do better this year.

Our joy of accomplishment was diminished considerably by the passing of two members, Edna Mahood and Jack Shribbs, a long time lawn bowler in the Southwest Division.

MACKENZIE PARK Santa Barbara, CA

By Ellis Minner

It was a good year! Our newly reconstructed green is in operation and will soon equal our other green.

Our new set of officers for 1986 are: President, George Watson; Vice President, Ted Davis; Treasurer, Louise LeVeille; Secretary, Jan Hanna.

We wound up the year with a great Christmas party. Hors d'oeuvres, chicken, ham, and many other goodies were topped off with Christmas spirit(s), music by our President, Jim Selover and Ralph Henske—great for dancing and singing. A happy time was had by all.

We are looking forward to a good 1986 with our Lloyd Roark as Southwest Division President.

Happy New Year to all!!!

Come and visit us—you'll be glad you did—and we'll be glad you did!

LAGUNA BEACH

By Don Doherty

An interesting statistic was accumulated by accident in November that other clubs in the SW Division might be interested in to see if they can compete with. Our own long time member, Joe Costamagna, announced that he was hanging up his tournament shoes because he had reached the mature age of 80.

This was immediately before our annual Club Championships took place. He proceeded to win the Singles and skipped the winning Triples Title and this prompted your scribe to check out his other Club Championships achievements since he had joined the Club. Joe was Rookie-of-the Year in 1964, seven (7) times Singles Champion, eight (8) times Skip/Doubles Champion, five (5) times Skip/Triples Champion and during those years he won the "grand slam" of Singles, Skip/Doubles and Skip/Triples in three different years! You want lucky bowling—you got lucky bowling!

Our regular correspondent to "Bowls" magazine, Dorothy Henry, will take over again on her return from her Germany for the next issue—we hope.

SAN DIEGO

By Wayne Dancer

Our club had a pleasant visitation at Sun City on October 16, but was able to win only seven of the seventeen games played.

Record rainfall in November washed out much of our program, and, as a result of a severe windstorm, a large eucalyptus tree fell and demolished our utility building, and damaged much of the equipment within. Insurance and diligent work has put us back in business again.

The postponed annual contest for the Bill Young Mixed Doubles trophy was held on December 26. Sunny Forbess and Bob Craig were the winners, with Betty and Bert Barraclough runners-up.

In the annual election of officers, Ordis Forbess was chosen to be president for 1986, and Marjorie Maroun the new treasurer. Jack Williams takes over the job of tournament chairman, and Betty Barraclough becomes a member of the executive board.

Eighty-seven members attended the annual Awards Luncheon at the Atlantis Restaurant. The new year was ushered in with a Fun Day, with seventy-four bowlers participating.

—In Memorium—
Harry Bliss

BOWL-IN-AT THE GROVES

By "Mad Dog" Melerstein

By the time you read this, another year will be in the books and a wonderful year it was for Groves bowlers and the Club.

In Club Invitationals, Division, State and even National events, we had too many wins to put into print.

At the District level, many of our bowlers enjoyed the Fund Days, visitations and the Division biggie—"The Coast League" after which we won the All League Waterbury Trophy defeating the other League champs in the Division. All this thanks to Kurt (the Flasher) Bauer's guidance.

At our recent awards banquet the following 1985 champs were presented with beautiful plaques:

NOVICE SINGLES: Don Burzunski
MIXED RINKS: Martha Ledoini, Dorothy Park, Nancy Lance, Gill Meierstein.
MIXED TRIPLES: Marge Mellen, John Reynolds, John Lingenfleter
MIXED PAIRS: Irene Miller, Gene Tatro
LADIES SINGLES: Faith Tatro
MEN'S SINGLES: Bill Meierstein
MIXED SINGLES: Grace Shrigley

Another major event was our Annual Meeting at which we elected our 1986 Board. Grace Shrigley will pound the gavel (Men, please this is our second Lady President in a row!!!—and since the Meadows and Mission Viejo have lady Presidents—it looks like the whole

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of Orange County is controlled by the distaff side.) V.P. Dick "the Cowboy" Mellen will enforce Gracy's every desire. Elenore Pangborn will take over the Secty/treas. chores and Irene (whip 'em again) Miller consented to another year as our tournament chairlady. Thanks to Jean Marshall and her outgoing board of directors for a job well done.

Don't forget, we have one of the best greens in the west, so if you can get down this way, stop in for a roll. Visitors are always wanted and welcome. Yours for harder drives and wider draws. MD.

—In Memorium—
Warren Scott

SANTA MARIA

By Victor C. Wilson

More than fifty members of our club attended the annual meeting and awards dinner on December 3, 1985. A very good time was had by all.

Officers and Board Members for 1986 were elected and installed as follows: President, Victor Wilson; Vice President, William Achiu; Secretary, Gordon Hogue; Treasurer, Mae Stronge. Board members, Jim Barry, Gwen Amos and Bob McGovney.

Trophies were presented to the winners of our Intra-Club tournaments during 1985.

Our green is showing some improvement but still seems to have fungus problems, we are working on solving these problems.

Our competitive bowlers did very well in competition this year. Our men's novice single was runner-up in the finals, plus our doubles men's team lost in extra ends by one point. Reaching National Championship flight fourth place was the combined events of men's doubles team from Santa Barbara and Santa Maria.

We will be holding the T.A. Stevenson yearly rink tournament on January 4, 1986. T.A. was one of the founding members of our club and a "great bowler" at a young 90 years of age.

REDLANDS

By Peg Bennett

The Redlands club held its Annual Meeting on November 23, 1985. Hank Ruitter is our new President. To serve with him on the Executive Board are Peg Bennett, Past-President; Pat Oesterlein, Vice-President; Joan Worden, Secretary-Treasurer; Zelda Bain, Tournament Chairman; Ken Lowrance, Greens Chairman; Lois Paterson, Games Chairman; Jeannette Hathaway, Social Chairman; Bill Hathaway, Building Chairman; Doris March, Membership Chairman; and Russel Hadwiger, Senior Delegate. In the ladies meeting held afterwards, Lois Paterson was elected Junior Delegate while Pat Oesterlein becomes Senior Delegate to replace Phoebe Hill. The new Executive Board appointed Jewel Reiter, Sunshine Chairman; Marge House, Historian; Bill Oesterlein, Nominating Committee Chairman, to serve with Louise Moffitt and Marge House; Peg Bennett, Publicity; and Phoebe Hill, Telephone Chairman.

Our annual Christmas lunch was held December 7 at Plymouth Village. Sixty members and guests enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner. The entertainment was furnished by the "Patrician-Aires", a musical group that played music, danced, and sang solos, both Christmas music and old-time songs.

We welcome Joan McCarthy, Jane Henderson, Florene Hart, and Ken and Shirley Leaman into the club.

The Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club of Victoria, B.C., will pay us a visit in February. The ladies of our club will furnish a lunch and then everyone will enjoy an afternoon of lawn bowling and good fellowship.

—In Memorium—
Dorothy Williams

OAKS NORTH

By Gil Rea

Our annual meeting was held on December 6 with election of the board for the coming year as follows: President, Paul Rotter; Vice-President, Anita Axleson; Secretary, Muriel Savage; Treasurer, Edith Lute; and Members-at-Large, Roger Lindbloom, Bee North, and Marge Roecker. Following our meeting we enjoyed a "sold out" Christmas Dinner Dance, well done by our hostess Muriel Savage and her committee of Lill Jacobs, Marie Detrich, and Gladys Hansen.

Our capricious weather did settle long enough to allow us to enjoy visitations with our friends at San Diego, Rancho Bernardo, and Casta Del Sol. Our Club Events included the Gulbrandsen Triples; won by Belden Morgan, Len Schalek, and Bee North, with Paul Rotter, Roger Lindbloom, and Art Peterson runners-up. The Turkeyshoot was won by Inez Chlopan with Jim Vaughn taking second spot.

Congratulations to Paul Rotter, Chris Gulbrandsen, and Marge Roecker for placing "in the money" at the Long Beach Triples on October 19.

—In Memorium—
Buck Torrens

RIVERSIDE

By Jim MacWhinney

At our 59th Annual Meeting we elected Gerhard Brinkmann president. Along with Brink, Barney Barnett will serve as vice-president and the indispensable Eg Hammond will continue as secretary-treasurer. Brushing aside the holly and the ivy at this Yuletide meeting, Eg read a poem that even scanned. He paid homage to John Neblett's generosity in feeding the "wrong bias" kitty, but I forget what he rhymed with "bias."

John Mylne was made honorary life member in grateful recognition for all he has done for our club. John taught me everything I know about bowling. When in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes from a truly awful bowl, I remember his calm advice, "Take your time." And our outgoing president Jack Bristow had a few words to say about our "Masters Tournament". That is our "Over-Eighty" tourney that has sparked the imagination of us all. Keep your eye on this column for some more news about this event.

Connoisseur magazine for September, 1985 had an excellent article on lawn bowling called "Hustling the Stones." David Eames, a writer based in Cambridge, Massachusetts quoted this gem: "What sport shall we devise here in this garden to drive away the heavy thought of care?" Queen Isabel wonders in Shakespeare's *Richard II*. "Madame, we'll play at bowls," her lady-in-waiting replies. The queen pouts. "'Twill make me think the world is full of rubs, and that my fortune runs against the bias." A rub, I learned (slower learner) is any impediment on the green—even a leaf. "Ay, there's the rub," Prince Hamlet mused as he contemplated the hereafter. Bowls was his metaphor.

Hope all your bowling is without any rubs.

—In Memorium—

Viv Adams
Andy Anderson
John Lundell

C.A. Chamberlain
Bill Krumbein
Jerry Parsons

NEWPORT HARBOR

By Blair Lord

At the Annual Meeting of Newport Harbor held in December, the following slate of officers was elected for the year 1986:

President, Chuck Fontius; Vice President, Blair Lord; Treasurer, Mollie Willey; Secretary, Virginia Daniels; Directors, Hal Royston, Bob Hicks, Pearl Reed, Hal Riger, Marie Walker.

Committee reports revealed that members have been taking advantage of our good greens for more and more intra-club tournaments as well as social bowling. Some of the increased use can be attributed to the good weather we've had lately, as well as to the month-

calendars that have been mailed to members. Started this past year, the jumbo-size cards are sent out each month listing all activities for that particular month. The membership has been enthusiastic over this means of communication, and individual members have come forward with offers of paying for the necessary postage.



Instructor LyLe Ferrier hams it up with unidentified guest.

The annual Christmas Dinner Party brought out over 80 members and guests for a delightful affair held at the Irvine Coast Country Club on December 19. After the dinner a Christmas gift "grab bag" and "exchange" was emceed by Lloyd Barnett—lots of fun. This was the last event in a year full of exceptionally fine social event organized by Connie Royston and her social committee.

Several of our "snow bird" friends and members from Canada, Oregon and Washington have arrived for the winter season—they'll be with us until early spring.

SANTA BARBARA

By Harold G. Davidson

The Bill Green Pairs was played October 10 and 12 with the winners being:

First: Luise Godfrey and Leo Meredith.
Second: Sal Gonzales and Joe Duran.
Third: Irene Furman and Charles Kenny.

Frances Thurston organized the enjoyable event.

November 19 saw our annual Turkey Shoot. Nary a turkey was shot down, but there was plenty of fun and games. Once again, the afternoon was masterminded by Frances Thurston and Carol Smith.

At our Annual Meeting December 7th, the following officers were elected: President, Bud Weiss; Vice-President, Irene Heatley; Secretary, Pearl Howe; Treasurer, Margaret Remmers; Directors, Velma Dorsey, David Jones, John Sherer, Hal Davidson, and Don Cummings.

After the meeting, the Club's new bowling movie "An Adventure in White and Green" was previewed.

The film will be shown in the community in an effort to gain new members for our club.

Vice classes have been resumed and have proven popular.

Our Annual Christmas party was held Dec. 17, and the Club attracted a good turnout for Christmas and New Year's day bowling.

SANTA MONICA

By George R. Balling

The annual meeting and election of officers of the S.M.L.B.C. was held in the beautiful hall of the First Methodist Church on 11 December, 1985. Officers elected for 1986 were: Betty Dore, president; Cris Flores, vice president; Dorothy Youel, secretary; and Jim Hollway, treasurer.



As is the custom in our club, a Christmas luncheon followed the meeting, and again the club was honored by the presence of the top brass of the Santa Monica Department of Recreation and Parks, Don Arnett, Director, and Doug Stafford, Superintendent. The trophies for the winners of the various club tournaments were presented by Don Arnett. In the picture you can see Don presenting the trophy to "Doc" Thiers and Janty Lindsey, winners of the pairs tournament.

Santa Monica Bowlers were saddened by the untimely death on Christmas eve of a former president of the club, John H. (Jack) Shribbs.

FRIENDLY VALLEY

By "Over the Hill" Herb

We had our general business meeting in November when we elected our officers for 1986 by unanimous vote.

Don Martin (President, 2nd term), Ned Shafer (Vice President), Ralph Umpleby (Treasurer), Dorothy Bellante (Secretary), Roland White (Games Chairman).

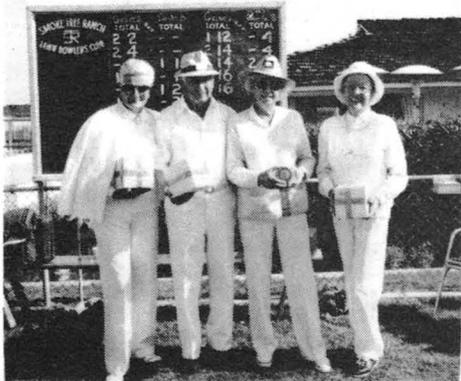
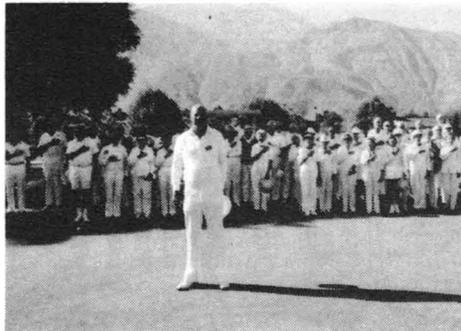
Our membership voted to buy a new refrigerator for the clubhouse which is now in place. We also had Christmas party in December with one of the best turnouts including our new members. We were entertained by a group of singers and dancers from Northridge, with the Master of Ceremonies telling some non-bowling stories.

The ladies "Bowllets" had their bowling and Christmas party later in the month with lunch and the presentation of trophies for the winners in their pairs tournament.

Our green is a golden brown this time of year but is bowling true and fast. We use our roller to take the dew and water off. Our Jr. past president Earl Illian has designed a "Thatch Catcher" for the roller which is still "Patent Pending" but does a fantastic job of removing a half barrel of thatch at a time. If any greenskeeper would like to stop by for a demonstration and a game of bowls we would be happy to have them. Good Bowling.

SMOKE TREE RANCH

The Fall Invitation proved to be a great success with over 14 clubs represented.



Pictured top is STR Prexy Gager Vaughn leading the pledge of allegiance at the opening ceremony. Middle picture is one of the winning team of Fos Sampson, Pearl Reed, and Keith & Nancy Lance. Runners-up in bottom photo are Louise Godfrey, newlyweds Julie and Chuck Unger, plus Marcia Miller.



SOUTHEAST DIVISION

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The Southwest Division A.L.B.A. U.S. Championship Playdowns in singles and pairs will be held at the Sarasota Club, starting on April 7, 1986 with pairs scheduled first followed by singles. Entry fees are \$10.00 per man per event. Entries should be sent to Bert MacWilliams, 2359 Finlandia Lane, Clearwater, Florida 33575 no later than March 28, 1986. Please make checks payable to Southeast Division A.L.B.A.

The Mixed Pairs event sponsored by our division's A.W.L.B.A. was held at Clearwater on December 1, 1985 and drew a capacity entry of 44 teams. Results are shown in the Clearwater report in this issue of Bowls. A similar tournament is scheduled on April 13, 1986 at the Sun City Center Club.

BRADENTON

By Vincent N. Hoffman

On the 23rd of November, Bradenton hosted 21 members of the St. Petersburg Bowling Club in a tournament for possession of the Walford Plaque. After five years of competition, in which St. Petersburg maintained superiority, Bradenton finally broke the long dry spell and triumphed 6 games won and 1 lost. The first meeting at St. Petersburg was won by the St. Petersburg bowlers 5 to 2, so by the slim margin of 8 to 6, Bradenton was victorious in the 1985 season.

We were pleased to have two visitors from Sun City, Arizona, Niels and Alene Kragh, bowl on our hard surface and they seemed to enjoy the experience.

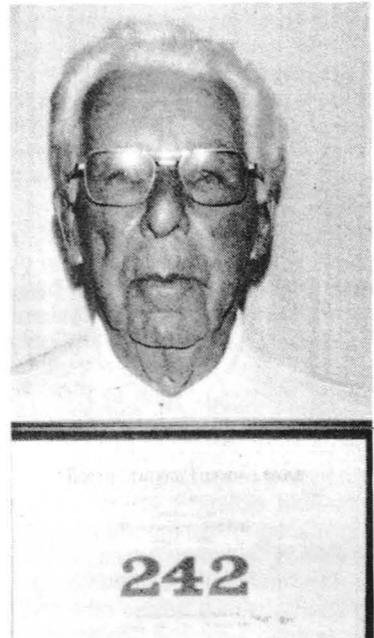
On Thanksgiving day we had our usual delicious dinner at the club, followed by bowling and another snack at supper. Our members, Mac and Vera Perrin, added to the festivities of our Christmas party at the club by being Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

The West Florida League teams have been selected and are looking forward to stiff competition from St. Petersburg, Clearwater and On Top Of The World teams.

HARVEY REIVE HONORED

By Harold L. Esch

A very unique presentation, by The North Central Florida League, was recently made to Harvey Reive, native of Canada, and winter resident of Winter Park, Florida.



The plaque, signed by each League bowler, was for the attainment of 242 consecutive games played in the League.

Harvey, who celebrates his 90th birthday this year, began lawn bowling in Toronto in 1938. He was a member of the Strathcona Club for several years; the High Park Club, and joined the Lawrence Park Club in the early 40's. He was president of that Club in 1948, and is still "bowling up a storm" at Lawrence Park in the summer months.

When he retired from his position as Postal Director for the Province of Ontario in 1962, he began spending his winters in Florida, and his bowling career in the N.C.F.L. started in 1965.

He was president of both the Orlando Club and the Winter Park Club, and in March, at the annual Awards' luncheon, the Winter Park Club presented him with the POINTS trophy. He is still as active and enthusiastic about lawn bowling as ever, and throughout the past season participated in a number of invitational and social matches.

And so we say to Harvey—"congratulations to a fine bowler and a fine gentleman."



CLEARWATER

By Kurt Dornan

The United States was one of seven countries participating in the First Pacific Games Tournament which was played in Tweed Heads Bowls, Australia. Ed Evans of our club was the manager of the U.S. team. He reports that the trip was great and the facilities excellent. Although hindered by the fast greens our team did very well. We won three games each in the Singles, Pairs and Triples but fell down in the Fours. The redeeming feature of the tournament for the U.S.A. was Clive Forrester defeating the Australian Singles player and our Triples team defeating a strong Australian team.

In the United States Championships played in Santa Barbara, CA, Sept. 23-25, Bill Farrell and Bert MacWilliams were runners-up.

Thursday, Nov. 21st we were honored by the Dunedin Widow/Widowers club. Through the efforts of Bea Weber, Bert Trickey and Chas. Weeks about 30 members were treated to a continental breakfast followed by a talk by Chas. Weeks about lawn bowling and thereafter by giving a number of the visitors lawn bowling instructions.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Men's 4-3-2-1

WINNER: Norm Smith
Runner-Up: Ed Evans
1st Consolation: Ray Goodenough
2nd Consolation: Bill Kaestle
3rd Consolation: Dick Fox

Ladies' 4-3-2-1

WINNER: Chris Fox
1st Consolation: Grace Trickey
2nd Consolation: Chris Burke
3rd Consolation: Betty McLeod

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT sponsored by Southeast Ladies.

44 entries from the following clubs: Clearwater, Top of the World, Delray, St. Petersburg, Bradenton, Mount Dora, Sun City, Daytona Beach, Sarasota. Chairman Virginia Varjian, Sun City, Draw Master Chris Fox assisted by Mary Cobean. Refreshments served morning, noon and between p.m. games, Chris Burke and committee responsible.

The Winners: Three Games:

Bill Farrell-May Goldie, Clearwater, 53 pts. plus 1
Al and Ida Hall, Bradenton, 49 pts. plus 2
Jim and Irene Watkin, St. Petersburg, 44 pts.
Alex Chalmers, Jean White, T.O.W., 44 pts.

Two Games

Jack and Joe Gilbert, Daytona, 48 pts. plus 5
Bert and Grace Trickey, Clearwater, 43 pts.
Harry and Gerry Smith, Sarasota, 42 pts. plus 7
Ed and Chris Burke, Clearwater, 41 pts.

Men's Singles

WINNER: Bill Farrell
Runner-up: Ray Goodenough
Consolation: Upper Section - Norm Smith
Lower Section - Charles Cobean
Third Place play-off - Bill Kaestle

Ladies Singles

WINNER: Marion Symons
1st Consolation: Chris Burke
2nd Consolation: Alice Merritt
3rd Consolation: May Goldie

DELRAY BEACH L.B.C.

By Robert Baxter

At this writing, just after Christmas, it looks as if the "snowbirds" have all "flown in" for the season, and it promises to be a good one. The club has enrolled what seems to this writer to be the largest number of early season new members in many a year, all of whom have joined right in not only to the bowling activities but also to the social activities.

The schedule of events with our South Florida neighboring clubs is virtually complete with Al Farah handling the arrangements for our club. We are all looking forward to renewing these annual rivalries and to seeing our friends at West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood again. Sheets for entries to our own club events will be on the notice board soon and these will be run off in February under the direction of Bob Baxter and Dan Bellamo. The first "Fun Day" of the season was held November 20, with Gerry and Louise McCaul "calling the shots." Everybody had a good time with lots of prize winners. More of these are planned during the course of the season.

Our monthly suppers started up in October and the three that have been held to date have been very successful.

Gloria Farah chaired October, Audrey Snowdon November, and Vera Fraser December. The December affair was particularly well attended with some 85 members and friend participating. This season the overall chairlady for these suppers is Vi Baxter and she has organized a fine group of members to run them each month during our October-April season. Our club is indeed fortunate in having such a dedicated core of workers who, year after year, make these so successful. This season the entertainment that follows the suppers is being procured by Em. Bates and his committee. To date they are doing fine!!

DE LAND

By Howard Grominger

The Club tournaments have been played promptly on schedule this season under the capable direction of Mayme Bateman, Games Chairman. The finals of the mixed triples competition saw Dunc James' team of his wife, Mary, and Don Fulton win over Tom Gilligan, Agnes Childs and Harry Bosworth. Chuck Bonstelle and Hope Fox captured the mixed pairs title in a very exciting come from behind victory over John Travis and Kay Symington. Illness has held up play in the Mr. and Mrs. tournament which has reached the final round. The Goslings, John and Ruth, will battle it out with the MacTavishes, John and Grace, in the finals.

The draw has been made for the intra-club tournament scheduled to begin on January third. Sixteen evenly matched teams are to meet each Friday over a period of twelve weeks. At the end of six weeks the top eight teams will be designated as the "A" group and will play other teams in that group during the final six weeks. The other eight teams will be designated the "B" group and will follow a similar procedure. John Travis is in charge which ensures us of a smoothly run tournament.

At a meeting held in December the following skips were elected to represent our club in the North Central Florida League. Chuck Bonstelle, John Gosling, Dunc James, John MacTavish, and Wes Sellers. We are looking forward to an improvement in our league play in 1986—the year of the comet.

A record number attended the Club's annual Christmas party held at the clubhouse on December 13th. All present enjoyed an evening of good food, good cheer and fellowship. The Christmas season rekindles the family spirit in all of us and our club truly becomes one large family.

—In Memorium—
Sam Seiden

MOUNT DORA

By Bob Hollands

Home-Coming Day, Nov. 4, was the start of our 1985-1986 bowling season and the clubhouse was overflowing with members for luncheon and an afternoon of bowling.

Our first tournament was the Mr. and Mrs. Doubles. Ellie and Harold Esch beat out last year's winners Peggy and John Lausch. Dec. 2 we started our Singles match for men and women. Harold Esch won over John Lausch and Jan Loring over Ellie Esch.

Fourteen teams signed up for our Intra-Club League and we divided them into two divisions. They will play 6 matches in their division and the divisional winners will meet in a final match. Most teams have now had two matches and we have had some close, well played games.

Thirty new members took our instruction course in November, and have now joined us in our daily bowling. Jan. 12 we will have a graduation ceremony welcoming them into the club and the game of lawn bowling.

Christmas was celebrated with our Annual Party on Dec. 9 and a good time was had by all. Now we are ready to resume our schedule of events again.

—In Memorium—
Carl Carlson
Richard Miller

SARASOTA Tenth St. & Route 41

By Sara Sullivan

Our bowling season began this year with our opening day festivities combining the beginning of our club's 60th anniversary with Sarasota's Centennial celebration. Our ceremony on November 18th was attended by a large crowd of players dressed in whites. The ceremony was opened with a flag raising of a new flag donated by Walt Woodroof. This was followed by greetings from our President, Paul Ward, Sarasota Mayor William Kline, and Recreation Department official, Chuck Cason and Pat Calhoun. After the ceremonies refreshments were served—punch and coffee and a commemorative cake baked and decorated by Ethel Roy. She was aided by her committee of Gladys Bainbridge, Gerry Smith, Phyllis Taylor and Nancy Tranvik. This was followed by a spider and a 12 end game.

We are grateful to Stanley Glen who had our historical membership record which dates back to 1927 beautifully reframed. It will be hung in our clubhouse.

The first competition of the season was won by the team of Marion Farnan (S), Ossie Barsten (VS), Roy Hermann (L). Runners-up were Harry Smith (S), Ed Turner (VS), and Howard Rake (L).

Sarasota will be defending the Grass League Pennant this year against Sun City Center and Lakeland when Saturday competitions begin on January 4, 1986.

Work has begun on our third green and we have hopes of having its use by next season.

*—In Memorium—
Stan Hodgkinson
Flora Smith*

WEST PALM BEACH

By Fran Feese

At the time of this writing the new season is upon us and all is well. Can you believe it?? We have six new members and more prospects. Most of our Northern "snowbirds" are already down and the rest will be here by the end of December. Those of us over eighty are in good shape and the kids from sixty-five on are craving action. We expect to play Hollywood and Delray in January to get the tourneys off to a rolling start. Meetings and barbecues will spark the affairs. Our rinks have been improved and are ready for the action to begin. During the summer we had visitors from England and recently the Kraghs from Sun City, Arizona, paid us a visit and bowled. There is a standing invitation for outside members to stop in and bowl with us if in the vicinity.

ORLANDO

By Ira Ridenour

Orlando, Florida was without a lawn bowling facility from 1978 to 1982. The original club lost a sixteen rink facility, basically due to failure to recruit new members. When bowlers were told of the only way to get a new location, they said it could not be done. But Martha and Ira Ridenour accepted the challenge and proved it could be done with positive thinking, enthusiasm and hard work. We were fortunate to have guidance and help from our good friends, the late Charles Coppinger of Mount Dora and Art Hartley of Clearwater.

The Orlando Bureau of Recreation completed the new eight rink facility in January, 1982. We organized the Orlando Club in 1983 and had 59 new members by September 1985. We played a number of social games with other clubs during 1984 and 1985 and are planning more for the coming season. We are also fielding three teams in the North Central Florida League. We are proud of our progress.

LAKELAND

By Bessie Bryant

November at our club means the arrival of many winter members to join with many new members to enjoy a season of bowling, fellowship, good health and fun in the sun.

The City Recreation Department and our greenskeepers have our greens in good shape despite adverse summer weather conditions. We appreciate their work.

We held a November Fun Day at which Hazel and Frank Lawrence celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary and provided the delicious refreshments enjoyed by 125 members present.

Our Christmas Fun Day was another great one. Doubtful weather turned into a sunny day and food, bowling and fun were enjoyed by 180 members.

The Grass League has started and two scheduled club tournaments have been completed with enough entries in one to have a double draw.

We regret the passing of charter member Angus Jackson, an esteemed gentleman and a member for 25 years.

FORT LAUDERDALE

By Don Cready

We are now getting prepared for our busy season which will carry through April. Most of our friends from the north have arrived and starting in January we will begin our home and home games with our Delray and Hollywood neighbors.

Joan Jones organized our Christmas Tournament and due to the format she conjured, I wound up the winner.

Mary and Bill Williams of Jefferson Park, Seattle, stopped by to bowl with us on their way to a Caribbean cruise and came back after their trip.

Although Dave Medlock will not be coming down from Toronto this year, we are expecting Al to arrive shortly. When Al gets here it marks the official start of our winter season.

HOLLYWOOD

By John Flood

Many of our northern members are down and have brought brisk weather with them.

New members joining the club are Lois and Jack Pullen, Martha Kruze, and Leo Benjamin. Welcome!

All day bowling on Thanksgiving was well attended, with Frank Seaman placing 1st and Rena Smith 2nd.

At the general meeting, dues were fixed, and a nominating committee appointed to arrange a slate of officers for 1986, to be voted at the Annual Meeting January 6.

Christmas Day bowling honors went to Bob Ritchie, Sr. and Frank Bedford. Other social dates are Robert Burns, Presidents, Saint Patrick's and Canada Day.

Home and away matches have been arranged with Delray, Lauderdale and Palm Beach.

A schedule of club tournaments, and entry sheets, have been posted. Christmas luncheon at Bavarian Village was a huge success. Mr. and Mrs. Neils Kragh of Sun City, Arizona, enjoyed bowling and joined us for lunch. Sorry to relate that Bill Patrick is ill and many not join us this season. After New Year our full compliment will be here and bowling will be in full swing.

In the year to come we hope all will enjoy the happiness that comes from health abundant and the love of friends.

All pay respect to our members who have gone before.

*—In Memorium—
James Boyle
Donald Drake*

*Helen D'Elia
Peter D'Elia*

PEBBLE BEACH SUN CITY CENTER FLORIDA

By John Lowry

Our 1986 officers are: Ernie Gustafson, President; George Kirn, Vice President; Charlie Hill, Secretary-Treasurer; Les Brantner, Tournament Director; John Lowry, Publicity; and Larry Manley, Ex-Officio.

Fran Zaick, Chairman of our Greens Committee tells us that our 32 rinks will be in beautiful shape for the upcoming ALBA Southeast Tournament slated for March 1 to March 8. We are expecting a record number of players for that event.

Our snowbird members are back with us and we year rounders are telling them what a wonderful summer and fall they missed. We only had to close the rinks 4 days on account of rain.

Our Pebble Beach membership is now up to 90 along with our affiliated club, Sun City Bowls Club, we have a total of 280 bowlers using our greens.

DAYTONA BEACH

By Jack Gilbert

Our Opening Day Tournament drew an entry of 28 members. A team of Claire Thomson and Ed Copper (s) came in first followed by Aileen Kirtley and Walter Newcombe (s) in second place.

We welcome new members Jamie Jamieson and Sid Lerbalestter. We are also pleased to have Aileen and George Kirtley and Gwen and Carl Chishall back with us after a year's absence.

With the passing of our president, Ross Beer, Joe Massey now holds that position, while Jean Henderson replaces Joe as vice president.

Skips for this year's North Central Florida League are: Fred Gauvreau, Jack Gilbert, George Harwood, Jean Henderson and Alex King.

—In Memorium—
Ross Beer
Loyale McKenzie
Alberta Royale

ST. PETERSBURG LAWN BOWLING CLUB

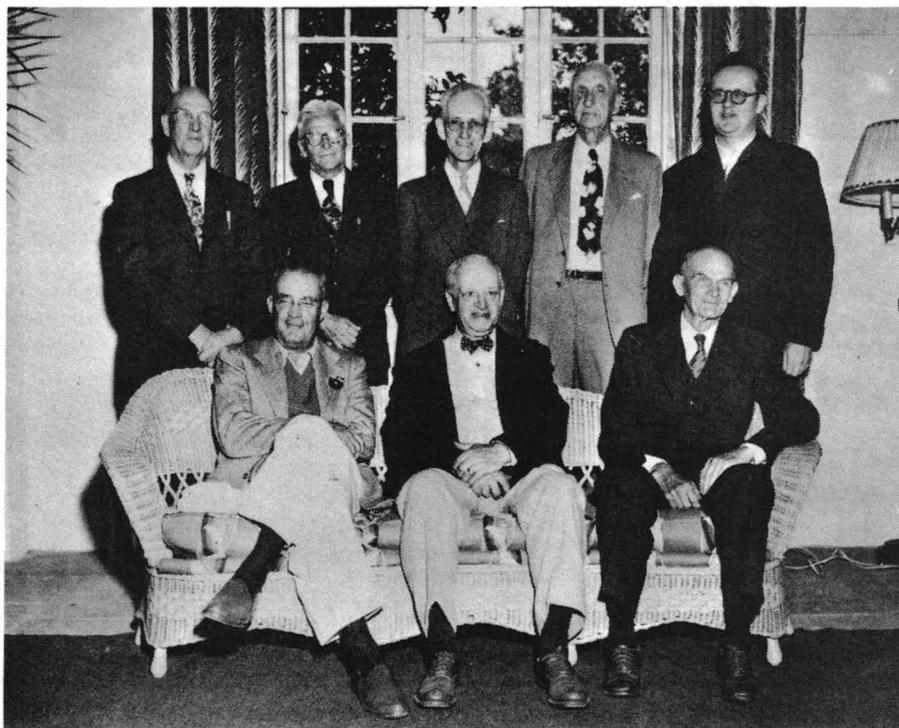
By Bill Robertson

With the return of most of our members who summer in the north, the St. Pete Club has commenced its usual winter-time level of activities: weekly tournaments, invitationals, league play, bridge and many other social events.

However, our membership is down somewhat from last year due to a number of reasons. We shall just have to try harder to attract new members and new adherents to this fine game.

Even so, we are maintaining our full schedule of bowling tournaments. In fact, we have added two new tournaments this season: a mixed doubles and a mixed triples sponsored by respectively Helen and Cliff Hawes, and Teddie and Art Hutcheson.

A big event this year will be the hosting of the AWLBA Southeast Division's Women's Tournament by the Women's Division of our club. Everyone is looking forward to this event which will take place from March 1 through March 6. We hope for many entries as the ladies



Organizational meeting of the ALBA's new Southeast Division was held December 14, 1950 at Orlando Florida.

Standing, A. E. Perkins, New Smyrna Beach; Elmer Eckis, De Land; Clifford Bryson, Daytona Beach; E. W. Howland, Lakeland; HAROLD ESCH, Orlando; & W. J. Stewart, Bradenton. Seated: Carroll Brown, Clearwater, J. Lester Esch, President; Major C. L. Marsh, Mt. Dora.

will be going all out to make it a huge success. Enquiries on the tournament can be directed to Shirley Robertson, Apartment 1805, 5200 Brittany Drive So., St. Petersburg, FL 33715.

Unknown to many people there is another bowling club in St. Petersburg. The Bartlett Park L.B.C. was established many years ago when the St. Pete Club was bursting at the seams with members. Bartlett Park has a small but fiercely loyal group of bowlers who faithfully turn out three days a week to bowl. Their commitment to the game is second to none.

On a social note, we recently had our annual Christmas party which was a great success with everyone.

If any bowlers are ever in our neighborhood, please drop in for a game or two (or more). We shall make you more than welcome.

—In Memorium—
Luella Plante

WINTER PARK

By Hilda Perigoe

The Winter Park Lawn Bowling Club is getting organized for a good season of competitive lawn bowling. We are looking forward to the League games and Invitationals which will begin in the New Year.

A group of our members visited the Orlando Club in November, and enjoyed a good afternoon of bowling. The ladies of the Club participated in the SEWLBA Fun Day held at Mount Dora in November.

A Christmas luncheon took place on December 11th at the Club House, and we anticipate a time of fellowship and festivity.

It is with sadness that we announce the death of one of our very active members. Eileen Guppy died suddenly in August. She will be greatly missed by all the members.

BELLE MEADE NASHVILLE, TENN.

By Fred Russell

The Belle Meade Lawn Bowling Club set a Nashville record by bowling as late in the year as Christmas Eve afternoon, on the green at Belle Meade Country Club. A bright sun offset occasional chill wind as veteran Arthur Reed and youngster Thomas Hudson emerged triumphant. The club expects to have at least ten new members when the spring season starts.

PACIFIC- INTERMOUNTAIN DIVISION



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Cold weather and fog seem to have been the norm for most of our area, particularly in December. Christmas parties and election of officers have occupied the major role with most of our clubs. Plans for 1986 will take a high priority a bit later in January.

The P.I.M.D. officers for 1986 are as follows: President, Murray Brunt; First Vice President, John W. Gerhart; Second Vice President, Arthur Odell; Secretary-Treasurer, Eliot Swan; Ass't. Sec'y-Treas., Clarence Erickson.

Tom Mansfield, president of A.L.B.A., and Orville Artist, will continue as Councilors from the P.I.M.D.

Vane Olinger will take over the duties of Tournament Chairman, Emerson Denton continues as Head Umpire.

There was considerable discussion regarding the clarification and possible changes in our rules governing P.I.M.D. tournaments. Copies of these rules as adopted will be distributed to all participants in P.I.M.D. event.

Dues for 1986 will be the same as 1985 since our treasury seems to be entirely solvent.

OAKLAND

By Tracy Cuttle, M.D.

At our annual meeting on December 14th, Nominating Committee chairman Larry Keenan presented the committees' recommendations for 1986 as follows:

President, Frank Good; 1st Vice President, John Beales; 2nd Vice President, June Beitelspacher; Secretary, Bernice Keay; Treasurer, Mickey Keenan; Woman-at-Large, Betty Hunter; Man-at-Large, Tracy Cuttle; Games, Larry Keenan, Frank Soares, Irma Saunders; Greens, Tom Mullahey, George White.

The above slate of officers was unanimously elected and subsequently installed by Past President Fred Seulberger, who also thanked outgoing president Wally Gerhart for a job well done. All the members heartily agreed.

For the Memorial Trustees, Bud Addleman was elected to fill the unexpired term of Doris Rea for 1985, and Wally Gerhart for the five year term ending in 1990.

Ozzie Holtham was made an honorary member.

We now have 165 regular members—including 17 new members—plus 15 associates, for a total of 180 members.



Our Christmas party on December 5th, under the direction of Rita Stirnus and her committee, was a great success. A total of 143 members and guests attended and were led in Christmas carols by the Oakland Children's Chorus.

One of the light standards in Oakland's "Necklace of Lights" surrounding Lake Merritt will bear a commemorative plaque in memory of Evely Zikmund. This was made possible by contributions from her fellow bowlers and her husband, Dr. Zikmund.

Fine weather conditions have allowed us to bowl through the end of the year. Our greens have been redone and should be in excellent condition in the Spring. We look forward to more good times in 1986.

SAN JOSE

By Beverly Barry Brunt

In 1973, Lester Barry, Santa Ana Lawn Bowling Club member passed away and left 3 sets of bowls to Nelson Barry, his son here in San Jose. Nels in turn gave his daughter and son-in-law two of the sets and suggested they try this strange game. Nels went on to become president of our club and was an active bowler in 1979. He especially loved to talk about the time he, as skip, his son-in-law Murray Brunt as vice, yours truly as lead, defeated the infamous Souza's in our first competition together. Dad's bowls are now still. He had hoped one of the grandchildren would one day learn the "strange" game of bowls...perhaps they will.

The jet-setters of lawn bowling, the Jone's, Chuck Spangler and Kottia Stewart are participating in the Second Annual World Open Triples (can't they shorten the title?) in Las Vegas. Good Luck!

Darrel Jones and Fulton Reid did a great job setting up the Annual Awards Banquet. But wouldn't you say that the "hit" of the luncheon was Fulton's son Kenyon who stole the show away from the guest speaker? Isa Reid, Santa Cruz's gain—our loss, also was able to attend. We miss her Gaelic laugh and spirit. Club officers Stan Neely, Don Graves, Dick Stafford, Darrel Jones, along with promising new member Chuck Vinezi, A.L.B.A. Prez. Tom Mansfield, and P.I.M.D. Prez. Murray Brunt brought in the New Year with a spirited game of bowls. I provided the egg nog to ward off the chill. Where else, at this time of year, is a green as well prepared as ours, ready to accommodate us lucky members. Let Murray and myself extend to all the best for a healthy and happy New Year in 1986.

ROSSMOOR

By Peg McDonald

The Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club starts the new year with a little of the old and a lot of the new. Following the club's precepts, Rossmoor remains "the club that does it all." The only help we get from the Golden Rain Foundation is the maintenance of the greens themselves. The club does all of the set-ups, greens control, supervision, daily draws and the luncheon set-ups. This is what keeps the club functioning as an extended family.

President Bill Cunningham has Ellis Groff as vice president. (Groff was president of the club in 1980.) Jean Haigler, who served as corresponding secretary last year has moved into the office of treasurer. Mary Ellen Swengel has become the new secretary and will work with Marge McLure who continues on in the post of secretary from last year.

New board members elected for two year terms are Ellis Groff, Jean Haigler, Herm Nyland, George DeKlotz and Emily Carlisle. Marge Crawford has been elected to a one year term to join Genevieve Fennell and Lee Searight, each of whom has one year remaining in their stint on the board. All in all, a very able crew to run the club's business.

WHEE! The rehabilitation of the west green and the construction of the third green is actually under way. Though the original plan would have had the work completed by now, Rossmoor members can delight in the fact that it is finally being done. By the time this is being read, the work should be completed.

SANTA CLARA

By Audrey Terrill

Inclement weather forced the postponement of our annual Turkey Shoot until December 7, when the bird was won by Ed Capick. Another annual affair, the Mercury Savings luncheon which builds our club treasury, was well attended, and the Christmas party at Harry's Hofbrau brought out sixty-three members and guests.

On this occasion Pearl Patton and Al Snyder, two of our most valued members, were presented with framed certificates designating them Honorary Members.

Pearl is the founding "mother" of the club. In June, 1975, it was she who wrote to the Mayor and City Council of Santa Clara after reading a brochure asking *How Do You Want Your Community Development Dollars Spent?* She proposed a lawn bowling green. Her interest and efforts never flagged and on Feb. 13, 1976 an organizational meeting was held. Construction on the green began the following year. She served as the first president, has been club historian for ten years, and filled many other positions of responsibility.

Al Snyder, another pillar of the club, is an artist with hammer and saw. He has always been available for construction of rakes, counter, display racks, etc. His "flying seagull" tops our club house.

Plaques were presented to club tournament winners by Tournament Chairman Barret Patton. Recognition was also tendered to Kottia Stewart, U.S. Women's Singles Champion, and Dick and Theresa Hoffman who won the Arizona State Pairs Championship.

Club officers for 1986 are President, Mike Coiner; Vice-President, Audrey Terrill; Secretary, Kottia Stewart; Treasurer, Miriam Michael; Director 1986-87, Gene Mackey. Margaret Bernier is the other director who has one more year to serve. Outgoing president, Don Thorn, presented the new officers at the Christmas party and they were installed by Barret Patton.

PALO ALTO

By Ed Arnold

We had the election of 1986 officers and the presentation of trophies for last year's intra-club champions at the annual general meeting in December. Officers: President, Scotty Elson; Vice-President, Penn Way; Secretary, Jeff Littleboy; Treasurer, Clara Campbell; Directors (1986-87), Dick Beckett, Rosalee Davies, Dick Peterson, and (1986), Obie Elson, Jo Holiman, Ed Arnold. Our annual Christmas party, this time, was held in the newly renovated clubhouse after the annual meeting. Had a big crowd for the cocktails and good things to eat. Some said "It was the best Christmas party ever!" An active committee was responsible for its success.

In December, our club painters did a professional job with their paint brushes on the interior of the clubhouse. In addition, we purchased a new green rug which makes the whole place look pretty special! Some are even suggesting that we bowl inside during the wet season. If we do, those who like short jacks will have a field day!

Welcome to new members: Macca and Frank Winnburg, Donald Winslow, Edwin Waye, Pat Kohlman, Leah Anderson, Sylvia Bottema, and Don and Beverly Kauffman. We thank two of our recently retired presidents for jobs well done: Harvey Hall (PALBC) and Jerry Brown (PIMD). We'll celebrate the 53rd anniversary of the founding of our club (1933) in March.

Resolutions for 1986: (1) get new members, (2) get inactive members out on the green, (3) practice!

Congratulations to two "neighbors" who reached the heights in 1985: Santa Clara's U.S. Women's champion, Kottia Stewart...and Berkeley's Nick Christensen, who won the U.S. Men's Singles title. Three cheers!

—In Memorium—
Dick Sund

DEL MESA CARMEL

By Ed Steeves



Donald C. Fenton, just elected president of Del Mesa's Lawn Bowling Association, is shown entrenched in his duties as chief "grass watcher." He succeeds Tom Malin, who served two active terms.

Other officers named for 1986 were George N. Paul, vice president; Wayne C. Toland, treasurer and Bruce W. Freet, secretary.

—In Memorium—
Jack Gilliland

RICHMOND

By Edwin V. Laplace

Our tournament schedule has finally come to a close. Our annual Trophy Dinner Party will be held at the Richmond Moose Club on January 6.

On October 11, we had the Baker Trophy Tournament. Winners were Cliff Baker, Dora Patterson, and Beulah Shively. Runners-up were Bod Odell, Gene Corr and Emeric Baxter.

The Stewart Trophy Tournament was held on October 27 and was preceded by a "Spider" which was won by Chuck Hahn. Stewart winners were Asta Dingman and Gene Corr. Runners-up were Hildegard Boyd and Harry Neumann. Third place was taken by Ed Shepherd and Chuck Hahn.

November 17 was our Turkey Shoot Tournament with seven rinks of pairs. Winners were John Freeman and Emeric Baxter. Runners-up were Ray Cocherell and Mima Tweedie. Placing third were Tony Martin and Winnie Stewart. The "Wooden Spoon" Trophy went to Asta Dingman and Lucille Cocherell.

Our Jingle Bells Tournament was held on December 15. Winners were Steve Wyrick and Alice Baxter. Runners-up were Vic Bright and Hildegard Boyd. Third place was taken by Asta Dingman and Charle Carver.

Officers for the new year were elected at the annual membership meeting on December 15. Our new officers are Ed Laplace, President; Vic Bright, 1st Vice President; Harry Neumann, 2nd Vice-President; Winnie Stewart, Treasurer; and Lucille Cocherell, Secretary. Jack McKay will again be our representative to P.I.M.D.

We have had the pleasure of having as a new member, John Freeman. John is a professor of history at the University of California, Davis, and is a member of the Barnes Lonsdale Bowling Club in London, England. John's team took first place in our Turkey Shoot Tournament on November 17 and will receive his trophy at our annual Trophy Dinner Party on January 6.

SUNNYVALE

By Ken Bowyer

Sunnyvale Club members have enjoyed the fun and extended hospitality of nearby clubs for the past few months while extensive work is being done on our Green. The "Grand Re-Opening" is targeted for March 1st, with special visitors and events planned.

Another successful Christmas party was supervised by Mary Balsama, and her helpers, who once again saw that we ate and drank well. Our own dance instructor, "Chuck" Spangler, provided "music that you can dance to" for a lively crowd.

With emphasis on recruiting, expanded participation by our membership, and hopefully more visitors from other clubs, evening bowling will start when Daylight Saving time returns. On Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 til dark we will have draw bowling and special activities. Plans are to serve evening bowlers hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks and liquid refreshments so that bowlers can make a full evening of it. Visitors are encouraged, other club members as well as prospective new bowlers.

Perry Williams stays on as our President for 1986; Gordon Haworth moves from Treasurer to Vice-President; Doro-lou Brown continues as Secretary while Past President Jim Hancock takes over as Treasurer. Members Mary Balsama and Chuck Spangler continue on the Board with new members Hugh Houston and Tecla Shepard. Additionally, Mary Balsama continues her fine work as Hospitality chairperson. Anna Tomeo is Visitations and Women's Tournament chairwoman; Carl Tomeo is Games chairman, Joe Shepard will serve as Men's tournament chairman and Ray Phelps will continue to keep an eye on everything as Green's chairman.

Innovative plans for 1986, a much improved green, new members, expanded participation, and the continued support of the general membership all promise that the coming year will be one of the best for the Sunnyvale L.B.C.

OAKMONT LAWN BOWLING CLUB

By Chris Waite

Our annual banquet was held in the Oakmont Auditorium on October 18 with nearly 150 members, spouses and guests in attendance. Bob VonBargen was Master of Ceremonies and handled the presentation of trophies to the lucky recipients with his usual aplomb.

At the yearly meeting in the first part of December the following officers and directors were elected for 1986:

J. Wiley Bischoff, President; Vannita Olinger, Vice-President; Paul Searight, Secretary; Harold McCain, Treasurer; Paul Drake, Pat Vozzo and Bob VonBargen as Directors.

We were very gratified to learn that our popular Past-President, Vane Olinger, has been selected to be Tournament Chairman of the P.I.M.D. for 1986.

The club has a number of new members that are rapidly becoming very good bowlers and we expect to see them in action giving a good account of themselves in this year's intra-club competition.

Our best wishes for the New Year; may the days be sunny with no "wrong biases!"

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SAN FRANCISCO

By Lucile Hawes

"You cannot fool Mother Nature"—no, but she can fool us mortals and thank goodness she did for almost every club event the past few months. We were able to accomplish them all as scheduled when only the evening before it appeared we were in for a deluge in beautiful Golden Gate Park.

The second annual Sam Ban Tournament was held on November 7. It looked threatening until Sam appeared on the scene and brought sunshine with him as a matter of course. It was such a happy occasion to be greeted by our 101 year old member who came by each rink of the two greens on which play was progressing. For 1985 the names of Skip Jim Smutz, Vice Melvie Soares and Lead Ken Duncan will grace the beautiful trophy Sam has provided.

Trophy Day took place on November 16 and there were many surprises in the form of unexpected winnings resulting from cumulative scores on Social Days. Also, the announcement was made—but this was no surprise—that Virginia Hill was Women's Bowler of the Year. Her bowling has been fantastic. Men's Bowler of the Year honor went to Clive Forrester. Congratulations to both. Melvie Soares and Herman Dudak added enjoyment to the occasion with their lovely voices in song.

At the quarterly meeting in December we learned that our Tournament Chairpersons, Harriet Roman and Jim Cloonan, were the recipients of the Virginia

Treadway awards which honor members who give outstanding service to the club. They certainly did do just that all year long.

Shortly before Christmas Betty Service planned a party in the clubhouse and all the ladies enjoyed a gorgeous repast followed by prizes and card-bingo. The accompanying picture is a part of Betty's committee who have made our social occasions such fun. Thank you, ladies.

Following is a list of the 1986 officers: President, Harry Hawes; Vice-President, Jim Smutz; Secretary, Virginia Hill; Ass't. Secretary, Lucile Hawes; Treasurer, Granger Hill; Ass't. Treasurer, Dorothy Powers; Past President, Emerson Denton; new Directors, Ralph Strauss, John Coyle and Bill Soares.

SANTA CRUZ

By Phil Maslin

Santa Cruz ended the year with its annual Christmas get-together at which some forty to fifty members and their friends and guests enjoyed a superb buffet dinner and social evening. Door prizes and trophies were awarded to the fortunate few preceding the supper dancing, music for which was provided by Louis Rabinovitch (a club member) and his group of musicians...and excellent it was.

A feature of the evening was the accolade to Maarten Bolle in recognition of his years of service to the club. Maarten has served terms as Tournament Chairman and Games Chairman in addition to FIVE terms as president of the club—a remarkable achievement. He now assumes a role as one of our esteemed elder statesmen.

At the club's annual meeting the changing of the guard was effected. The new board consists of Chester Laubscher, President; Roy Jahnke, Vice-President; Phil Maslin, Secretary; and Bob Voss, Treasurer. In addition, two members elected at large to serve on the Board are Esther Eral and Esther Johnson (Big Esther and Little Esther!)

Major Committee Chairmen appointed by Chester Laubscher are: Tournament Representative, Roy Michel; Greens Committee, Roy Jahnke; Games Committee, Phil Maslin, and Instruction Committee, Carl Olson. We are poised and ready for the New Year!

Roy Michel and Charles and Gladys Tait have recently joined us and all show promise of quickly becoming fine bowlers.

We look forward to the hasty passage of winter and to the coming spring and summer activities during which we hope to see many of our friends in the PIMD.

BERKELEY

By Clarence Erickson

December was highlighted by our usual gala Christmas Party at the U.C. Men's Faculty Club. It was a joyous event with 168 members, spouses and friends in attendance. John Clark, in his familiar role as Emcee, performed with wit and alacrity, and handed out the door prizes.

At our annual meeting on Dec. 6th, the following officers were elected for 1986: President, Clarence Erickson; Vice President, Leo Hasse; Treasurer, John Rinne; Secretary, Ella Collier; Assistant Treasurer, Lou Arnold; Assistant Secretary, Muriel Waite.

Tournament Chairman for men will be John Shively; for women, Kay Swan. Delegate to the P.I.M.D. Executive Board will be George Steedman. Chairman of the P.I.M.W.D. women's delegation will be Beulah Shively.

Eliot Swan will continue as Secretary-Treasurer of the P.I.M.D. for one more year (he says) with assistant Clarence Erickson.

Bowling will continue on our greens throughout the winter months, weather conditions permitting. So if you just happen to be passing by, come in and roll a few with us.

Berkeley L.B.C. members extend best wishes and "GOOD BOWLING" to all fellow lawn bowlers!

—In Memorium—
Leo Hamlin

FRESNO

By Kenneth Caudle

Forget the doldrums of the bowling season, this is the Sargasso Sea, everything almost completely dead. Our newspaper announced, after studying old records and much calculations, that we had broken a 56 year record for fog. All they had to do was to contact our frustrated, fogbound, frozen bowlers and they could have had the information immediately.

The one thing we did succeed in accomplishing was our annual dinner and election of officers for the coming year. Elected for 1986 are: Leon Sullivan, President; Sam Telaro, Vice President; Lois Milsap, Secretary; Adolph Blahut, Treasurer. The Games Chairman will be Bob Frost.

Our Annual Dinner was hosted by Dolores Aldred, and was quite a success.

Our green is in pretty good condition and we are looking forward to a really outstanding year of bowling. Even though the green came through the winter in good shape, we have members on stand-by ready to work more on it, as soon as the weather permits. We hope that any bowlers passing through Fresno will take the time to look us up.



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ROGUE VALLEY MANOR AND VILLAGE

By Maggie Goff

Although this is a new member club in the N.W. Division of ALBA and AWLBA, lawn bowling has been a popular recreational activity in this retirement residence since its opening in 1961. The present facility, one outdoor and one indoor rink both surfaced with Scapagrene, is in daily use by resident players.

1985 Champions, determined by the Fall Tournament and awarded blue ribbons at the Awards Dinner were: Art Burkhalter, John Wolfe, and Les Brewton, Men's Draw Triples; Eleanor Ritchie and Rae Lester, Women's Draw Pairs. Runners-up: Clare Appleby, Harold Thorne, and Chuck Sweet; Eleanor Williams and Pauline Nichols. Second Flight winners were Dick Hearons, Henry Parsons and Winston Nichols; and Helen Bisbee Bray and Betty Fort, Pairs.

Club members are looking forward to spring visits to other Division clubs, meeting their players and sampling the game of lawn bowls on real lawn.

PORTLAND

By R. Wesley Gregg

At the Portland Lawn Bowling Club's Fall Banquet, tournament awards were given out and newly elected officers were installed. They are: President, Chet Butzien; Vice President, Lee Griffith; Secretary, Martie Kerr; Treasurer, Berl Martin; Board of Directors, Carol Eubanks Cookson, and AWLBA Representative, Zola Cole.

The winter program included afternoon indoor carpet bowling during inclement weather. Also scheduled were game nights. At the Club's Christmas party, instead of a gift exchange there was a money tree for the purchase of a 70-cup coffee urn.

Berl Martin, who lost the lower part of his leg due to a serious infection, is home with his family and is in good spirits.

The Greens Committee, with donations from members, has provided the club with 20 lightweight metal rakes to replace the old wooden ones that never

went where they were pushed. Soon the committee will be working on the expansion of the equipment shed. Now the main concern is getting the greens ready for play this spring and summer for members including 17 new members and guests.

Stop by on your way to Vancouver, B.C.

—In Memorium—
Merle Brugger
Ed McKinstry

TACOMA

By Lorene Townsend

The National Open, which was held in Seattle this year, will long be remembered by those members who participated. Tacoma's Bob Boehm placed third in the Singles Championship Flight. Congratulations, Bob!

After a little Indian summer, Fall turned into a BEAR, in the Tacoma area. At one time, we had 17" of snow along with bitter cold and now unhealthy SMOG has engulfed us. Needless to say, bowling ceased quite awhile ago.

Our Ladder Playoff was held on September 28th. The top finalists were Warren Townsend, Phil Reaugh, George Skaer, and George West. Warren Townsend won the round robin playoff with Phil Reaugh second.

On October 8th, our club held its semi-annual dinner meeting at the Roadway Inn. Karl Keiser conducted the meeting as outgoing president. New officers elected for 1986 are: George West, President; Bill Said, Vice President; Peggy Sheppard, Treasurer; and Grace Said, Secretary. Trophies were presented to tournament winners. All of us thank Karl for the progress that our Club made during his reign.

On November 2nd, several of our members attended the Northwest meeting in Olympia. Tacoma's Mario Pereira was elected First Vice President of the Northwest.

A brief mention was made in the Fall issue of "Bowls" about our new night lighting for the greens. We believe that by having better lighting, we will be able to encourage bowling by those people who work during the day. Our old lighting was done by eight 1,500 watt incandescent bulbs with 33,600 lumens per bulb. We now have four metal halide (bright white) lamps using 1,000 watts each, but producing 125,000 lumens apiece. The Park District liked the idea of saving wattage, so they helped in the purchase and did the installing. The new lights are pointing north and south, so we bowl east and west at night to keep the glare from our eyes and to stay out of our own shadows. We thank the Park District and those members who made this project possible.

Tacoma wishes each of you a joyous year of bowling in 1986!!

SPOKANE

By John Marchi

The Spokane Lawn Bowling Club finished up a great year on October 19th, 1985 with an Awards and Installation banquet. New officers installed were Ray Ness; Lowell Brooks, V. Pres.; Pearl Kassa, Secty.; Gerry Honn, Treasurer; and Board Members-at-Large Jerry Kissin, Ruby Niemeyer and Jack Tam.

Awards were presented to all tourney winners and charter members Oliver Walton and Frayne L. McAtee both donated plaques to the club for the Men's and Women's Singles tourneys named in their honor.

Winner of the final bowling tourney was Ruby Niemeyer in the Women's Singles. Pearl Kassa was runner-up in this well-played tourney.

Members staying in cold, foggy and snowy Spokane have been meeting monthly for lunch. We've had 15 to 20 turning out for lunch, socializing and handling any business which may come up.

Discussion at the December meeting centered around enlarging our present 75' x 120' green to a standard 120' x 120'. Pres. Ray Ness appointed Lowell Brooks chairman of a committee to start collecting the preliminary data. Serving on that committee will be Jack Tam, Jerry Kissin, John Marchi and former president Frayne L McAtee, Jr.

JEFFERSON PARK

By Larry Hennings

When the President asks me to be the correspondent, what can I say. I will try to not be dull or boring, and even though as the oldest in terms of playing years, and knowing the shortcomings of all the members, I promise not to put any meat on the skeletons.

NAMES: Kellie Hammett (two-term limit) is now known as President Emeritus. New Officers: Al Bliiler (after a two year vacation) re-elected President; John Johnson, VP; Jean Lance, Secretary; Don Patton, Treasurer (perennial Mr. Money-Bags). Other directors, Bill Craig, Kay Ramsey (Ladies President), Vaughn Kilborn (replacing Al Taylor—whose family likes to eat). Kilborn, the rascalion, recommended me as his replacement as correspondent.

HONOR. The ALBA Council has accepted the invitation of Jefferson Park to hold its National Singles and Pairs in 1986. Dates are August 23 to 27. The ALBA Council is rather picky as to which club shall sponsor this important event, and Jefferson members are proud.

UNSUNG HEROES. It takes a lot of work to maintain the high standard of a club such as Jefferson maintains. Greens—Johnson, Craig & Berry. House—Bill Coleman. Games—Les Paul. Ladies, ladies, ladies. Plus of course, the officers and board of directors.

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OTHER HONORS. Mary Anderson re-elected to Council of AWLBA. Miriam Sherwood elected president of NWALBA. Priscilla Hudson completed her term as National Secretary of AWLBA. Dorothy Evans (our Australian transplant) and Irene Rantucci delegates to NWALBA.

IT'S TRUE. Our young Kevin Nishikawa told me he expected to be ousted from the ALBA for outpointing the President of the ALBA in the National Open in Seattle. However, nothing happened as Tom said he was just outclassed.

THANKS. I am grateful to Jefferson granting me Life Membership. Further reward is Jefferson providing me with excellent health and numerous new friends.

—In Memorium—
Howard N. Rice
Lewis P. Grieve
Robert L. Taylor

KING CITY

By Lois Rigg

The annual meeting of members was held October 17, with Roland Sparks and Clif Baxter re-elected president and vice-president respectively. Anita McIlvain will again be our secretary and Harold Nielsen the new treasurer. Serving as members at large will be Bertha Olmstead and Don Ferris.

A catered dinner on October 26 was the occasion for installation of officers with Ross Baer presiding. We now look forward to the winter social events and a new year of bowling and friendship.

QUEEN CITY

By Hal Jewell

Our newly-elected officers for 1986 are Robert Walker, President; Clair Chapman, Vice President; Don McMillan, Secretary; and Gene Weeden, Treasurer.

Executive Board members are Bill Burt, LaVina Duke, Arnold Haring, John Ober, Art Davidson and Maury Green. As Women's President, Nancy Sexsmith is also a member of this Board. We are looking forward to a good year.

Our Christmas party was very successful, with more than 75 attending. We sang carols with Irene Rantucci tickling the keys on the organ; Evelyn Craft gave an interesting report on the early history of Christmas tree ornaments; Maury Green as usual mystified us all with some of his magic following which there was an exchange of gifts. We then partook of the marvelous selection of cookies brought by our women members.

In the fall ALBA BOWLS, we listed Tony Mandich as runner-up to Mickey Roberts in the Novice tourney. Instead, the runner-up was Harry Itzkow.

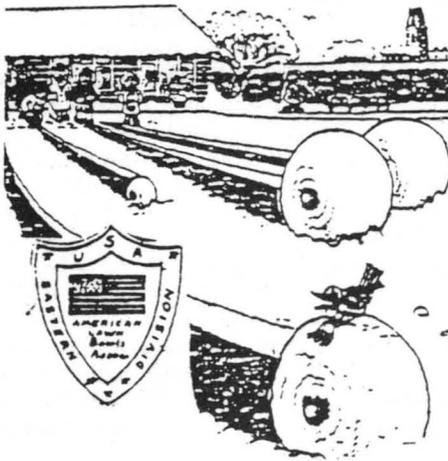
Our weather in November was COLD with over 17 inches of snow! For sure not our usual mild, rainy weather. So we have not bowled for some time—the longest period of inactivity for years. Many of our members have joined the snowbirds in Arizona and Hawaii. They will be sharpening their games while the rest of us get rusty!

Speaking of Hawaii, Urban and Elsie Urton are basking in the sun over there. Urban is the new president of the Northwest Division. Congratulations, Urban!

Time now to get this in the mail and we will do so if we can locate a mailbox as we grope through the fog which is now enveloping our area. The weatherman gets no Christmas presents this year!



EASTERN DIVISION



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The 1986 Eastern Division Annual Tournament will be hosted by Boston area clubs. Details including entry and reservation forms will be provided in the Spring issue of ALBA BOWLS.

IN CLUB NEWS: (1) Club outlines its new member program, so effective it sometimes makes a waiting list necessary. Note importance of continuing participation of members and a good introduction and instruction program, to its success. (2) Club gains members from its involvement in Official Disabled and Senior games. (3) Hurricane debris not allowed to halt club event. (4) Increase in womens participation important. (5) Two clubs report inter-club cooperation a strengthening influence. (6) Club has very successful "Tuesday" league, set up like alley bowling leagues.

SLATER PARK Pawtucket, RI By Richard Sayer

1985 was an incredible year for bowlers at Slater Park. We started the year by giving a well deserved tribute to Jim Candelet on opening day. We then played host to the Eastern Division U.S. doubles playdown which gave proof to our claim of having one of the best greens around. To top things off, first year bowler Jack Lynch teamed up with George Sayer to win the Eastern Division Doubles in Hartford. Slater Park came away with a winning record at that tournament with four relatively new bowlers. This also supported our claim to the importance of new members and their contributions.

We are entering the 1986 season with very high expectations for even greater accomplishments. We would like to see womens' involvement in the game greatly

IN MEMORIAM Jim Candelet



increase. Our system of opening tournaments to all bowlers in any combination, we feel, is certainly a step for the better in improving the game of bowls.

Our playing surface is certainly at its best and we wish to see more people come for a visit and a friendly game. We'd like to thank all the clubs which have supported us over the last few years, building a club has sure been more enjoyable with the good friends we have in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Thank you and good bowling in 1986.

BRIDGEPORT Connecticut By Tom McIntosh

Even Hurricane Gloria did not stop Bridgeport from bowling, thanks to John Zalenski and crew. It was our ladies closing day, the green was covered with tree branches, debris, etc...no bowling green to be seen. "Sorry ladies, no bowling today, unplayable."

Not John. He got a crew together early in the morning, and believe it or not, at 10 a.m. the whistle blew. We started bowling. "What a job," thanks to John and crew. "Well done, guys."

Our die hards day was a great success, thanks to all who attended. Clubs from Essex, Greenwich, and Waterbury all enjoyed a cold but great time bowling. Thanks go to the ladies for a beautiful luncheon they prepared.

John Zalenski, our new greens chairman, says, "It will be rolling good this year," and hopes the weatherman is good to us.

Our president, Jack Costello, wishes everyone a good season of bowling, and when in Bridgeport don't forget to stop by and say hello, and join us in a game of bowls. We welcome all visitors to our green.

ESSEX COUNTY By Neill Schreyer

The Essex County Lawn Bowling Club has concluded a successful 61st season. Our green was plugged, thatched and covered with top dressing in October and should provide the club with excellent bowling next Spring.

Our late summer tournaments were all held at Essex County. The Delaporte Pairs was won by D. Farrell (S), and C. Smith. S. Arculli (S) and J. Gilbert, from Daytona, Florida (an honorary member

of Essex), finished in second place. The Buchanan Open Pairs was won by George Ralston, Sr. (S) and George Ralston, Jr. Pete Wisse (S) and Neill Schreyer were runners-up.

On the club scene, Isabel Forbes won the club singles championship while Duncan Farrell came in second place. In the consolation round, Mary Schick finished in first place while Alex Glen was runner-up. The Club Pairs Championships were won by Skippy Arculli (S) and Jack Gilbert (Daytona, Florida). George Ralston, Jr. (S) and Jean Decker finished in second place. The consolation round was won by George Ralston, Sr. (S) and Alex Glen. Colin Smith (S) and Tom Carrick took second place in the consolation round.

The Essex County Club conducted a highly successful Tuesday night league. The league was organized similar to an indoor bowling league. Skippy Arculli (S) and Mark Furst finished in first place after defeating George Ralston, Sr. (S) and George Ralston, Jr. in the final position game. All agreed that the league was successful and will be organized again next year.

The annual banquet was very enjoyable with 34 people in attendance. Stetson Harding provided the entertainment by leading the group in a rousing sing-a-long. Everyone enjoyed the good food and fellowship, and the club looks forward to its 62nd season in 1986.

HAMILTON By Robert Stewart

At our annual meeting in November the following officers were elected for 1986: President, Marty Davis; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Stewart; Tournament Chairman, James Stewart; Publicity, Mike Hamann. Secretary-Treasurer Robert Stewart reported that our finances were in good shape and that there was no need to increase the dues. Fifty members and guests attended an awards luncheon. Attending this event was the Mayor of Hamilton Township, NJ, John K. Rafferty, who presented his triples league trophy to the winners. Most improved bowler for 1985 was George Doerfler. Have a Very Happy New Year.

CUNNINGHAM MILTON, MA By Sam Drevitch

Our 1985 bowling season was a great success thanks to the efforts of Games Chairman Jack Lucey and Greens Chairman George Archilles. Our green officially closed on Oct. 5 with many bowlers from Quincy and Slater Park, R.I. enjoying the two-game Scramble which was followed by a collation.

Congratulations to Al Cline for repeating his 1984 win as Club Singles Champion. Don Maccallus won the other bracket of the second robin, but had to settle as runner-up, when he lost to Al in a playoff.

Our club hosted the New England Singles and Pairs as well as the annual Dave Dakers N.E. Triples with George Sayer's team from Slater Park repeating last year's win in the latter.

N.E. SINGLES

1st — John Durant, Milton
2nd — Don Maccallus, Boston
3rd — Al Cline, Quincy

N.E. PAIRS

1st — Alex Dakers, Lou Motta, Milton
2nd — George Archilles, Rick Sanphy, Quincy
3rd — Andy McLean, Dave Douglas, Thistle, Conn.

DAVE DAKERS N.E. TRIPLES

1st — George Sayer (S), Arthur Newton, Harold Reese, Slater Park, R.I.
2nd — John Durant (S), Rick Sanphy, Dick Cutler, Quincy, MA
3rd — Sam Drevitch (S), George Archilles, Don Maccallus, Milton

I am happy to report the addition of three new bowlers plus eleven bowlers from other clubs who have joined Cunningham this year to help support the many events and expenses.

NEW YORK

By Helen Ryan

At our Annual Meeting held November 9, the following slate was presented by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Lois Carol to serve as officers and directors for the year 1986:

President, Stephen Cleaveland; Honorary Vice President, Blanche Preene; 1st Vice President, Elaine Hardy; 2nd Vice President, Helen Ryan; Secretary, Raymond Carol; Treasurer, Jeanne Magee; Directors, A. Norman Cross, George Kahn, Theodora Pierce, Sallie Riccardi, Pamela Sabin, Elizabeth Thompson.

Pam Sabin, our Entertainment Chairman, did it again! Our Annual Dinner was held in a private dining room of the 67th Street Armory, New York's beautiful late nineteenth century landmark. The food was delicious, the ladies glamorous in their lame, sequins and bright colors. Ed Spingairn distributed white elephants with his usual aplomb. Ray Carol drew a bagel cutter and Helen Ryan some carved Fiji Island forks used for eating "long pig". We were delighted to have so many of our new members with us. Our bowling season ended November 17.

TRENTON

By Al Winn

After a poor season in which participation reached a record low, president John Lugo called a special meeting at the end of October to consider various alternatives, to elect officers, and to act on business matters. Enthusiasm at this meeting was strong for making a new

start for the club, for developing a full new member campaign, and for enlarging our tournament bowling schedule in 1986. It appears that everything is "looking up" for the club next season.

Elections resulted in continuing John Lugo as president, Phil Johnson as vice president, Frank Myers as treasurer, and Bill Yardley as games chairman. Al Winn was elected secretary, replacing Al Lyon who had resigned earlier. Hal Smith and Dean Allen will head up the membership drive.

Our next season will open May 3, 1986, on greens which are often the envy of other clubs. Come and visit us.

SUNRISE

Eisenhower Park, E. Meadow, LI

By Marie Gorman

We were pleased to be part of the New York State Senior Games (55 and over). As it was just for one day, we had a three game triples tournament and the winners were as follows: Gold Medalists — Marie Gorman (S), Eleanor Gilligan, Evelyn McLaughlin; Silver Medalists — Eben Duncan (S), Dot Schaller, Bill McLaughlin; Bronze Medalists — Bill Meyer (S), Kay Bartley, Walter Brengard.

At our annual business meeting it was voted to retain the same slate of officers for 1986. Several items were brought up which our Games Chairman Eben Duncan will take under consideration.

Our Christmas party was a joyous occasion due to the work of Kay Galvin, Phyllis Bennett and Eleanor Gilligan. The catered luncheon was delicious. Doug McNeil "emceed" the fun and games. Talented Ann Soper was at the piano for our singing. So ended a good season.

Dan Gorman's involvement with the county officials on the Disabled Games Committee and the Senior Games resulted in good will and good publicity and an increase in our membership. Our new members show great promise and are enjoying learning the academics of the game on the carpet during the winter months.

BUCK HILL

By Charles A. Riedel

With much fine weather in the offing, our members and guests (there's always room for more) will soon be enjoying our 16 rinks.

The Reuse and Wood memorial tournaments will be held during the summer. The Eastern Division of the American Womens Lawn Bowls Association will hold its annual tournament here August 22-25. Then in September, the AWLBA U.S. Championship matches begin on September 9th and continue until the 12th. Come see the excellent bowling.

FERNLEIGH

By Bob Safford

Fernleigh had another good year recruiting new members. We believe that we have a formula that works which we would like to outline for you.

1. More and more of us are selecting a couple from our friends with whom we would like to share the fun of lawn bowling.

2. During conversations, we tell them about the nature of the game. How you don't have to make-up a foursome or set-up a starting time like in golf. Just go over to the green and the games committee will fit you in. We describe the fun of playing in the cool of a summer's evening followed by refreshments and a re-hash of our stellar plays.

3. We tell them about the four complete lessons covering principles and on-the-green practices and procedures.

4. Next, as sponsor, we invite them over to the club, reserve our own rink, and let them roll a few to see how easy it is.

5. If they agree to try the game, we enroll them in the training session.

6. When the final training is over, we again, as sponsor, introduce them all around. They will then be included on a team with an instructor who will guide them.

7. After a month of free bowling both the candidates and the games committee will know whether bowling is for them, and *only then* do we talk of membership.

Our President, Chic Wyckoff, suggests that, even though the snow is on the ground, we start thinking about new prospects and do what we have outlined above this coming Spring.

We want to keep our co-chairmen of membership, Ernie Screen and Ralph Lashley, busy training new prospects. We may even develop a waiting list, but what's wrong with that?

CATARACT CITY Niagara Falls, New York

By Alex Dunlop

We held our annual Fall membership dinner November 4th, 1985 and all had a very enjoyable evening. We elected the following: President, Bill Cracknell; 1st Vice—President, Ted Payne; 2nd Vice-President, James Manz; Secretary-Treasurer, Alex Dunlop; Tournament Chairman, Ed Ventry; and Board members, Blaine Shaw, Gabe Petorak, Harold Gadsby, Pat Rauccio, Joe Miller, and Charlie Fekette. We plan to meet at least once a month during the Winter and Spring.

The Cataract City L.B.C. extends Season's Greetings to all lawn bowlers and invites you to visit with us this coming season.

GREENWICH Connecticut

By William C. Babbitt

At our annual meeting, we re-elected Thomas Quinn as president. Other 1986 officers elected are Charles Morgan and Bert Schinto, vice presidents; Ella Jones, secretary; Irene Ulrich, treasurer. Plans for increased activity and membership effort in 1986 were made.

In our Club Championship matches: Men's Singles — Robert Duncan, winner; Charles Morgan and Charles Lowden tied for second. Club Doubles: (match or mix) Winner, Robert Duncan (S), Dr. John Schinto; Second, Edward Durner (S), Evelyn Finck.

EDISON INDOOR

by C. Smith

In November we rolled out the rugs and a new indoor bowling season was underway. The following officers were elected at our annual meeting: President, A. Toohey; 1st Vice President, G. Ralston, Sr.; 2nd Vice President, C. Smith; Secretary, I. Forbes; and Treasurer, P. Wise. Good luck to our new slate.

On December 14th we were visited by two bowlers from the Bridgeport Club, Bill and Edith Miller, who in their first try on the rugs, forced the tournament into a three way tie by defeating the tournament leader.

The tournament was won after playoffs by C. Smith (S), A. Toohey (V), and J. Prunisiti (L).

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CENTRAL DIVISION

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Central Division is happy to announce that they are the hosts for the 1986 A.L.B.A. and A.W.L.B.A. Open Nationals; the men at Milwaukee Lake Park, the women at Milwaukee West, Dineen Park. Pat Mueller (Milwaukee Lake Park), 1986 Tournament Publicity Chairman, writes the following sparkling paragraph:

"Milwaukee, city of festivals, parades, parks and most of all, friendly welcomes, looks forward to hosting the 1986 Open National Tournaments. All of Central Division anticipates an exciting week of lawn bowling and urges early registration for the event. JULY 12-18 is the time to be there. The two sets of two greens (Lake Park and Dineen Park) are only a few miles apart and housing will be centrally located. The city has even planned its famous circus parade on July 13 for your free time pleasure! Come to Milwaukee!"

The people who are hefting the heaviest load of putting the 1986 Nationals on the road are: ALBA's Champ Salisbury and his committee; AWLBA's Sue Partridge, Tournament Director and her committee; and Lorry Blanksma, AWLBA Games Chairman. Lorry has consulted with the tops in games management, Dick and Corinna Folkins, Ferrell Burton, Jr., Isabella Forbes, Champ Salisbury, Lachlan McArthur, etc.

FLINT

By Phyllis Prior

The holiday season has been typical in Michigan, lots of snow, wind and cold weather, we were colder than Anchorage, Alaska!

We turned that around with a Christmas party at a local restaurant which was attended by thirty members of our Flint Lawn Bowling Club. We all enjoyed a very pleasant evening of visiting and greeting members we had not seen for a couple of months.

Our officers will be meeting soon to start planning for next summer of lawn bowling. We are going to have a real fun summer. There are many winter sports to be enjoyed in Michigan, but the Flint Lawn Bowling club is looking forward to spring green which is just around the corner!!

Happy New Year to the ALBA and the AWLBA!

MILWAUKEE WEST

By Gladys R. Litwin

Winter has been upon us leaving a blanket of snow on the greens from this very cold Wisconsin weather. The snowbirds, who went to warmer climates where they can continue to bowl and stay in shape, will be returning come spring to win a few.

Officers for 1986: President, Jack Behling; Vice-President, Fred Sherman; Secretary, Gladys Litwin; Treasurer, Art Schmidt. New Board Members: Margaret Moudry and Clem Wisch. Herb Ferber is Nominating Chairman.

With the coming of 1986 Open National Lawn Bowling Tournament to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as the Central Division to be hosting, much planning is being done to try to make this event a great success. We will be looking forward to meeting all the old friends and hope many new friends will participate in this tournament. We cannot control the weather, but we will certainly plan on having our Wisconsin greens in top condition.

—In Memorium—
Elmer A. Schidt

DETROIT WESTLAND

By Bill Davidson

After a fine 1985 season our annual dinner and membership meeting was held at our local club. Officers elected at that time were: President, Bill Davidson; Vice President, Roddy MacKenzie; 2nd Vice President, Roy Zafke; Secretary-Treasurer, Jim Symington.

July 4-5-6 is set for our annual Pittsfield Products Tournament. Invitations will be sent in early spring. Indoor bowling is now underway at the city recreation building. Nothing can compare to sunshine and real grass but every little bit helps when the snow is knee deep and the temperature is cold, to say the least.

Membership was up in 1985 and we expect even better things in 1986. Efforts for a second green and clubhouse are still being considered by the city. This addition would certainly help our ambitions.

CHICAGO LAKESIDE

By Andy Clausen

Here are quotes from Greens Chairman, Alvin H. Eichholz: "Park District Superintendent Edmund L. Kelly's letter of October 2, 1984 recognized that our greens would be unusable in May of 1985. To improve the greens he says 'A contract must be awarded prior to April 1, 1985, and it is hoped that work will be completed before June 1, 1985.'"

Late in March of 1985, the Park District decided not to contract out the work, but to do the work themselves.

On March 25 the Park District engineers with enthusiasm began the rebuilding of the greens.

Lack of experience, machine breakdowns, the need to experiment with building the equipment necessary to level the sand resulted in delaying seeding until July. Weather was also a factor.

Dr. Haley's recommendations for building greens on white sand were strictly followed by the engineers. The engineers did a superb job.

Our immediate needs for proper maintenance of the greens is the construction of a greensplaner and the development of an adequate watering system. We are heavily dependent upon the Park District for these items. This equipment must be used efficiently by Park District personnel to insure proper maintenance of the greens. Properly used, 1986 will be a GREAT YEAR FOR LAWN BOWLING.

Equally important is the need to have an active Greens Committee with its members fully knowledgeable of Dr. Haley's instructions for maintenance of lawn bowling greens built on sand. This is *not* an exaggerated statement of our needs. ANY VOLUNTEERS?????

Only the coming Spring of this year will tell the results of all of this hard and dedicated work!!

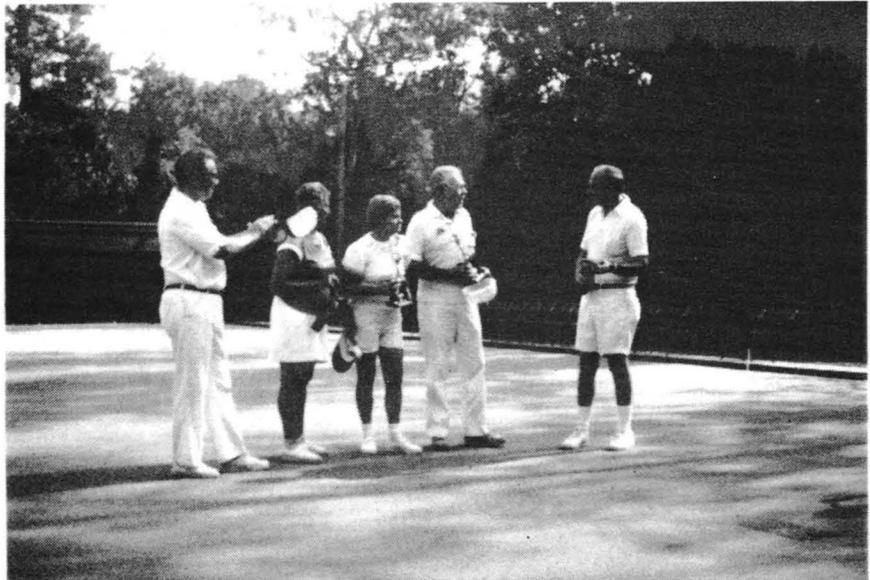
WESTLAND

By Agnus Marshall

There is indoor lawn bowling again this winter, and excitement about the new season of '86, especially with Milwaukee hosting the Nationals. From "the grapevine" there should be quite a few people from Westland entering.

Westland will be holding their 4th of July Annual Tournament as usual, as there are a number of people who want to enter from other states.

Greetings to the ALBA and the AWLBA!



HOT SPRINGS Arkansas

By Jack L. Shepherd

Greetings to the Central Division and to the A.L.B.A!

We are pretty much alone down here in Arkansas since the nearest club is up in Milwaukee or Chicago. Anyhow, we are only recently active in the A.L.B.A. By the way, our rink conduct would probably enfeeble the minds of our friends in other parts of the world and perhaps in the U.S. However, we are in it for the fun and the fast track of wrinkleville, and Arkansas does have its fun. We are all retired and hail from mainly the upper mid-west. We have 47 members who bowl regularly.

On September 20-21 we held the first annual Arkansas Open Lawn Bowling Tournament. Because this is a new sport to Arkansas we had limited participation from outside our club but Helen and John Green who summer in northern Arkansas and are members of Holmby Park L.B.C., California, were able to attend. It was their first time on astro turf and they proved very adaptable to the surface.

Tournament results: Men's Singles, Jack Shepherd; Women's Singles, Ginger Brennecke; Men's Rinks, George Bell, Joe Smock, Iggy Nuber, Gritt Gates; Women's Rinks, Eleanor Krause, Peggy Ellis, Jane Gates Ruth Bell, Jack Shepherd was Grand Champion.

Chairman Ted Killian with his able helpers, Merle Croak and George Bell are to be thanked for a great two days of fun. The tournament was well supported by our president and resident Englishman, John Yeomans, along with his vice-president, Beverly Shepherd, Secy./Treas., Jack Whitside, and Directors Fay Gussick, Ted Killian, Val Scharpon, and Merle Croak. Trophies were donated by the Hot Springs First National Bank, plaque by the Hot Springs Village Property Owners Assoc. and ribbons by the club. A recent letter from Champ Salisbury (Milwaukee) invites us to participate in the Open Nationals, 1986. Champ and Peggy along with Brad and Nancy Shepherd tried out our astro turf and mid winter bowling. We became good friends.

MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK

By Jack Lennon

At our Annual Luncheon meeting new officers were elected. They are: Jack Lennon, President; Ted Palmer, Vice-President; George Salisbury, Secretary; and Brad Shepard, Treasurer. New directors: Jim Cavender, Ken Degenhardt and Walter Fischer. The six other directors: Ray Fetterley, George Mueller, Roger Senn, John Hinebauch, Warren Partridge and John Rice.



Medals were awarded to the winners and the runners-up of the club events: Special mention for outstanding achievement is noted here for Elly Klein. Elly, one of the contestants, with moderate membership seniority, won the Allen Singles and was skip of the winning teams in the Stuart Pairs, Reed Triples, and the Friday Frolic. Honorable mention goes to Mike Rehorst. In his first year of competition Mike was lead on the Reed Triples winning team and with Gil Stephen was runner-up in the Thursday night Pairs, second only to his father-in-law and brother-in-law, Ted and Tim Palmer.

Paul Tilleman, our immediate past president, served for two years and the excellent leadership demonstrated was recognized by his successor who on behalf of the club presented him with a Bolo displaying his Milwaukee Lawn Bowling Association emblem mounted on a highly finished walnut wood square.

We look forward to this year of 1986, not only for the fun and skill of lawn bowling, but also to the hosting of the Nationals in July.

—In Memorium—
Henry Jung

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By Skip Arculli

The Foundation thanks Ed Evans for donating \$25.00 in memory of Robert Lindsay.

George Ralston, Jr. and Bill Miller have each donated \$25.00 to thank The Memorial Foundation for paying their travel expenses to the United States Championships in Santa Barbara last year.

Dorothy and Ferrell Burton, Jr. have donated \$25.00 in memory of longtime Councilor, Jim Candelet.

Skip Arculli has donated \$25.00 in memory of his friend and teammate, Jim Candelet.

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By Remy Hudson



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DC-4E

by Schuyler Kleinhans

The airplane above which is used on the Santa Monica LBC patch is the Douglas, Model DC-4E. The E was for experimental. The design of this airplane followed that of the DC-3, and was started in 1936.



The requirements for the DC-4E were to increase the capacity and particularly the range. This airplane had to fit in the maintenance hangars then in use. This requirement resulted in a choice of either a folding vertical tail or multiple vertical tail surfaces. The multi surface (triple) tail was selected to minimize maintenance.

The design incorporated many new features such as a pressurized cabin and on board auxiliary power to make it independent of ground equipment.

After the experimental aircraft was built and tested, all the airlines with the exception of United decided that it was too large and expensive for them to operate. As a consequence of this, a new and lighter design was developed. This new model became the production DC-4 (C-54). Eleven hundred of these airplanes were built and used during World War II and afterward.

The original DC-4E became an orphan airplane and, as such, was sold to the Japanese. It was used extensively by their General Staff. According to reports, it crashed in Manchuria during a bad storm killing seven Japanese General Officers sometime before Pearl Harbor.

Incidentally, on Dec. 17, 1985, at the Santa Monica Airport, a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the first flight of the famous DC-3 was kicked off with lots of fanfare, TV coverage, Air Force Band, and precision color guard. Present were the designers of the DC-3, Dr. W. Bailey Oswald and Arthur Raymond. Featured speakers were the son of the founder of Douglas, Donald Douglas, Jr. and Christine E. Reed, Mayor of Santa Monica. Two other sons of Donald Douglas were also present, Jim and Bill. The Santa Monica LBC was represented by Max Puterbaugh retired Douglas employee, and still a top bowler at 85, Howie Keefe, our ace P-51 pilot plus Dorothy & Ferrell Burton, Jr. At the closing ceremonies, Mayor Reed and Douglas Vice President Gene Dubil presented a beautiful brass plate mounted on a large piece of granite to the Santa Monica Airport commemorating the event. It should be noted that over 1000 of these wonderful airplanes are still in active service.