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COVER

"The cool, gray city of St. Francis" and the exciting San Francisco Bay Area will be the venue of the 1987 National Open Tournament to be held September 12-20.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Cole

We are into a new year and my thoughts are of clubs individually. I have visited quite a few, but the majority I have not. However, I feel that I know many of these because of reading the BOWLS Magazine. Each club is able to tell of its thoughts and activities in print, and also to read what other clubs are doing.

As I read the club news, I wonder: are all of these people telling other people in their neighborhoods and communities about lawn bowling? Or are they satisfied just to bowl with other club members and friends?

I then come across an article from a club which states, "We recently had what we call (an adventure in the park). It has to do with recruiting." This partially answers my thoughts; but are the others having their own adventures, if not in the park, in other places?

Let us really put out the word on bowling! Have either you or your club thought of sending a year or two subscription of BOWLS Magazine to your doctor's or dentist's office or to any other place where people while waiting might pick it up, read it, and become interested enough to pursue it? Most of them do not even know of "Lawn Bowling."

Did you by chance order the BOWLS Magazine for the ladies in your club who do not have an ALBA member in the family to receive a copy of BOWLS? I believe this magazine is one of the best ways of advertising, because in it we advertise very effectively about bowling with only the cost of a BOWLS subscription.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Earl S. Torango



Broken down to the basics, I think most members assume the duties of the Sec./Treas. are to collect money and pay bills for A.L.B.A. AND correspond with the Council. This is partly true, but it is like the tip of an iceberg, most of the work involves the correspondence with our members, and answering mail from foreign countries.

If you plan to tour a foreign country and plan to go with a group and bowl, the proper procedure is to have your tour approved by the A.L.B.A., in other words, a letter from our Secretary to their Secretary stating the tour has the "blessing" of our association. This is especially true if you plan a tour to England or Scotland.

In 1986, I corresponded with the Hong Kong Club so players from the U.S. could compete in the Hong Kong Classic Tournament. This required more letters.

In January of 1987, Neil McInnes will represent the United States in the International West Coast Classic in Australia. Again, more letters.

In February and March of 1987, the President of the English Bowling Association will tour the U.S., planning on bowling in the following cities: Ft. Lauderdale, Fl., Clearwater, Fl., Hollywood, Fl., Sun City, Ar., San Diego, Ca., and San Francisco, Ca., you're right if you guessed more letters.

I have been working with the LAE Bowls Club in Papau, New Guinea for almost a year arranging for the U.S. to play in the second Pacific Bowls Championships in October and November of 1987.

Correspondence has started with the Secretary of the World Bowls Tournament to be held in Auckland, New Zealand in 1988.

As you can see, these events do not just "happen," it requires planning, sometimes as long as two years in advance. This part of my duties is the "fun" part, even though I have to do my own typing.



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PROMOTIONAL QUICKIE Add An Incentive To Your One-On-One Membership Program

By Richard S. Lochridge

Bert Trickeys of Clearwater, Florida, has suggested an incentive that may help your club improve its membership program. He says, "Give a season's due to the member who brings in a new prospect who stays with the club as a member." Here's how it works: You have a prospective new bowler as a prospect. You arrange for his free instruction and get him to join your club. As a reward your dues will be waived for the second season your prospect is a member. Members and the club both benefit. The first season the club gets a new member. The second season the Club breaks even. The third season the club is one member ahead because of you. If everyone in your club participates in such a program your club will grow both in size and financial stability. Try it out on your membership.



TWO LAWN BOWLING SPALDINGS

Ralph Spalding, the President of the new A.L.B.A. Lawn Bowling Club of Sun City, Arizona, recently went to the Spalding Inn at Whitefield, N.H. to meet a relative he had never seen. Ralph, who is comparatively new to the world of lawn bowling, soon realized he had a famous namesake in the sport. Ralph was determined to go to Whitefield to meet Mr. Randall Spalding and to see the famous Inn. The two Spaldings met, and it was determined that they both descended from the same Spalding brother that came to America from England in 1619 before the Mayflower.

Mr. Randall Spalding, founder of the Spalding Inn, is a lifetime member of the A.L.B.A., and is one of lawn bowling's most avid enthusiasts.

HONG KONG INT'L. BOWLS CLASSIC

By Skip Arculli

Hong Kong, also known as "The Pearl of the Far East" and the Fifth International Bowls Classic more than live up to that name. On behalf of ALBA and Frank Souza, I would like to thank HKLBA for inviting USA to such a top class international event. I would also like to thank Craigenower Cricket Club for hosting us during our stay. The warm hospitality between HKLBA and the host club knows no bounds. The social functions, cocktail parties, the harbour ride, dinner at the track and the nighttime view of the harbour from The Peak will be long remembered by all overseas bowlers. All these could not be possible without the main sponsors. My hat off to The Hong Kong Bank (51% of Marine Midland Bank), Cathay Pacific providing a most pleasant flight to all overseas bowlers and Waco Form-scaff for seating stands for both venue clubs. It is my sincere hope that one day we could come up with sponsorship to host an international event and invite all the bowling countries that have invited us to their event.

The Fifth Classic provided the strongest field, an opinion shared by most people. Australia was represented by Stephan Richards and Ian Schuback, Canada—Dan Millgan and Ronnie Jones, England—Wynne Richards and John Ball, Fiji—Peter Thaggard and Peter Fong, Hong Kong—Mark McMahon and George Souza, Ireland—Sammy Allan and Jim Baker, New Zealand—Rowan Brassey and Peter Belliss, Scotland—George Adrain and Willie Wood, Wales—Robert Weale and Spencer Wilshire, Newcastle District N.S.W.—Terry McCable and Bob Fishlock. The Singles with a field of 32 was played on a knock out system over the weekend. The winner was Paul Richards from Australia. Paul was very popular with the spectators with his driving shots.

The Pairs were played on a round robin with two sections of ten teams. We were 4-5 in our group. The top four teams in each group went into the quarter finals. In the semi-finals New Zealand beat Hong Kong by one shot and Scotland beat England in the other game. The winners were the defending champions from Scotland, George Adrain and Willie Wood. The final was a dream for the organizers. At the end of the twentieth end the score was 16-16. The greens were running about 13 seconds. The standard of bowling was high not only by the overseas bowlers, the local bowlers also provided some very fine bowling. It has been a great pleasure and honour to be associated with the Hong Kong Classic.

NATIONAL OPEN REVIEWED

By Champ Salisbury

Some months have passed since the 1986 Open in Milwaukee. This has given me time to sort out some of the high spots and some of the low spots. It is hoped that this reappraisal will be of interest to spectators, participants and those who are involved in the future.

Our goal to return 100% of entry fees in prize money was accomplished by donations. The clubs in the CD responded generously, giving us a net of \$1350.00. We then wrote each of the 279 male members asking for a minimum gift of \$20.00 in return for a tournament pin. The response was sensational. Over 30% replied with an average donation of \$35.00. Total donations from clubs and individuals amounted to \$4125.00. This allowed us to hire an orchestra for the banquet and throw a free party for 244 men and women bowlers on Monday night. We did not accept the \$750.00 available from the ALBA for the National Open and were able to return the CD advance with interest.

We had problems with some of the end rinks despite the fact that we shortened the width to 13 feet on all rinks. Complaints caused reassignment in one case. This should *not* have been done.



With only 16 rinks available, any delay in play caused backups. In the case of the triples, the finals were not completed until late Sunday evening. We purposely did not set time limits on matches, and some teams took advantage of this. Slow play by a few contestants caused inexcusable delays. As in golf tournaments, I believe that chronically slow players be warned and then penalized if they continue to hold up progress. A semi-final match lasted almost *four hours*. The rules state that a bowler has two minutes to deliver after his opponent's bowl has stopped. If each bowler took that long in an 18 end triples match it would last 3½ hours—not including time to count the head and change ends. One bowler in this Open took 30 seconds to deliver the **JACK** from the time he was in position on the mat.

Thanks to the recommendation of the 1985 Tournament Director, the banquet was held on Friday night before the start of the tournament. If it had been held on Sunday night, as originally planned, the delay in the triples would have ruined the attendance. Cocktails at poolside, prime rib, dancing and *no speeches* made a congenial atmosphere for renewing friendships prior to the competition.

Monday night all bowlers, men and women, were guests of the Central Division at a come-as-you-are-from-the-green party in the Lake Park Pavilion. A buffet supper was served and a Dixieland band provided the entertainment. Hindsight convinces me the band should have been in the tent outside. The Pavilion acoustics were so bad that normal conversation was impossible.

Transportation to the greens from the three motels and back was provided by individual drivers for all those who requested it.

The last time this tournament was in Milwaukee we generated a lot of criticism by putting most of the top players in the same half of the draw. Despite the lack of authorization to seed players, we made certain that the 1986 "random" draw did not repeat our 1980 mistake. As a member of the Council, I am going to recommend that we reconsider seeding—particularly in the singles.

Our Games Committee inaugurated a computerized system for the score-cards and draw sheets that simplified and speeded up play. Instead of hand printing names on the draw sheets and each scorecard, all names were pre-printed on adhesive backed labels. Each had the number of the team with the names and was easily adhered to the next scorecard and draw sheet. Sample will be sent on request.

Because of the highs and despite the lows, we hope that all who attended had as good a time as we did. See you in San Francisco!

NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

By Emerson Denton

Applicants are reminded that the selection of the National Bowls Team is based not only on their documented record over the immediate preceding four years of bowling but also on the basis of subjective data relevant to that same time period.

Factors, such as cooperation, adaptability to diverse greens as well as to different circumstances, will to win, stability, appearance, stamina, health, sportsmanship and overall character and personality as a representative of the United States carry as much weight as the documented record.

The National Bowls Team of ten men will be selected based only on the documented record over the immediate preceding four years.

The National Bowls Team of five men to represent the United States in international competition shall be selected on their documented record as well as subjective data.

The ten men selected will be published in the Spring Issue of BOWLS Magazine. Each applicant will be advised of the disposition of his application.

SECOND PACIFIC BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Emerson Denton

The Second Pacific Lawn Bowls Championships will be held at the Lae Bowls Club in Papua New Guinea. The games will commence in Lae on October 26, 1987 and will end on Sunday, November 8, 1987, depending on number of entries.

The following countries have been invited to participate: United States of America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Hong Kong, Japan, Fiji, Singapore, Malaysia, Western Samoa, Cook Islands, Norfolk Island and Tonga.

The Lae Bowls Club is the largest in Papua, New Guinea, with an ample clubhouse and three greens with excellent lighting.

The United States has been invited to send a women's team of five and a Manager and a men's team of five and a Manager.

The cost of travel will be borne by the individuals on the teams. Accommodations and meals will be furnished to the players and Team Managers by the host country for 16 days.

Two men's major Open Bowls Championships will be conducted before and after the Pacific Games Championships and are open to entry by any bowlers visiting Papua, New Guinea.

Major sponsorship of the Championships has been accepted by the Mazda Motor Corporation.

Teams selected to represent the United States will be published in the Spring issue of the BOWLS Magazine.

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ROSSMOOR DEDICATES NEW GREENS

By Peg McDonald & Orville Artist

The dreams of all Rossmoor bowlers have been realized. Finally the efforts of all presidents from Myron Kreuger, the first, to Bill Cunningham, the present, culminated in the dedication ceremony held on Thursday, November 6. It was carried off with style and panache. Much credit must go to Orville Artist for spearheading the event as well as John Robinson of the Community Relations Department of Rossmoor for making the dedication into one of the outstanding episodes in our bowling history.

The morning started with coffee and danish provided by Community Relations and proceeded with pipe major Bill Driscoll of San Francisco's All Ireland Pipe Band leading a joyous march of over 200 lawn bowlers and guests around all three greens to begin the festivities. We invited representatives from all our Division clubs. Most of them were present including Division President Murry Brunt who took off from work to attend.

Orville Artist then introduced all of our out of town guests from the podium. Dr. Everett Howe, who has acted as liaison with the Golden Rain Foundation edified all with the history of the efforts to achieve three greens. John Robinson, representing the Foundation, expressed his delight at the achievement. Dr. Mildred Reed, past chairman of the Facilities and Relations Committee could scarcely conceal her delight.

Foundation President Robert Mauser cut the ribbon and the fun began. President Cunningham rolled the first jack, painted gold for the occasion, and delivered the first bowl. Walt Larson, head greenskeeper, the second, and Marg Randall, president of the Women's Activities represented the distaff side in the symbolic rolling of bowls to the golden jack. Finally, all bowlers present participated in a spider on the new west green. Now it was time for the champagne. We went through six cases and about one-half ton of cookies provided by the club. We were then treated to a champagne lunch on heavy laden tables provided by the ladies of the board. We then filled both new greens with triples and rinks for an 18-end draw game. More champagne afterwards and everyone went home happy.

All things considered the new greens play quite well and by the next spring, they should be in excellent condition. Rossmoor is looking forward to be a part of the 1987 National Open, and again demonstrated that it is indeed the club that does it all!!





1986 LAWN BOWLS ASSOC. OF ARIZONA

Ted Hoopes Memorial Championship Tournament

By Lindsay Towns

The primary purpose of the Lawn Bowls Association of Arizona is to hold an open tournament annually. The 1986 tournament took place from November 8 through November 19. Events included singles, doubles, triples, novice and mixed doubles. There were 353 teams entered, 64 mixed doubles teams. There was a total of 505 entries in all combined events. Participation came from the local retirement communities, from California and various states. This year's participation had more American Lawn Bowling Association members than in previous years. This was due to four ALBA clubs in Arizona which are expanding yearly. The Lawn Bowls Association of Arizona is an independent association and is not affiliated with any national group. The majority of its membership comes from 12 clubs, located in the Valley of the Sun in Arizona. The Lawn Bowls Association of Arizona is appreciative of this exposure by American Lawn Bowls Association and the BOWLS Magazine. The following is a list of the winners.

WOMEN'S SINGLES Championship Flight

Winner: Margaret Bell
 Runner-Up: Elsie Heller
 (See Picture 1)

Second Flight

Winner: Nancy Laughlin
 Runner-Up: Bernice Mickowski
 (See Picture 2)

WOMEN'S NOVICE Championship Flight

Winner: Glenna Farrell
 Runner-Up: Dottie Panaceck
 (See Picture 3)

Second Flight

Winner: Coral Nordstrom
 Runner-Up: Alvera Kerr
 (See Picture 4)

MEN'S SINGLES Championship Flight

Winner: Paul Newsome
 Runner-Up: Albert Hill

Second Flight

Winner: Ed Leach
 Runner-Up: Bill Shukan
 (See Picture 6)

MEN'S NOVICE Championship Flight

Winner: Edward Quo
 Runner-Up: Arnold Nawrocki
 (See Picture 7)

Second Flight

Winner: Bill Williams
 Runner-Up: Ed Stephens
 (See Picture 8)

MIXED DOUBLES Championship Flight

Winners: Niels Kragh and Aline Kragh
 Runners-Up: Bill Laughlin and Nancy Laughlin
 (See Picture 9)

Second Flight

Winners: Bill Weaver and Elsie Heller
 Runners-Up: John Bell and Evelyn Bell

WOMEN'S DOUBLES Championship Flight

Winners: Louise Godfrey and Pat Delmarsh
 Runners-Up: Aline Kragh and Greta Henderson
 (See Picture 10)

Second Flight

Winners: Ann Beckley and Theresa Day
 Runners-Up: Elsie Heller and Bernice Demers
 (See Picture 5)

MEN'S DOUBLES Championship Flight

Winners: Pat Fagen and Dick Gregory
 Runners-Up: Herman Frankel and Hal Davidson
 (See Picture 12)

Second Flight

Winners: Bob Hill and Ed Novakowski
 Runners-Up: Charlie Dussin and Al Kitson
 (See Picture 13)

MEN'S TRIPLES Championship Flight

Winners: Hal Davidson, Hilliard Harper and Bud Knight.

Runners-Up: Niels Kragh, John Henderson and Bill Weaver

Second Flight

Winners: Dave Close, Ned Tracht and George Macrae

Runners-Up: Lindsay Towns, Bert Thomson and Lachlan McArthur

WOMEN'S TRIPLES Championship Flight

Winners: Mary Terrill, Rebecca McArthur and Dorie Williams

Runners-Up: Gail Hodgson, Glenna Farrell and Dottie Panaceck

Second Flight

Winners: Billie Simmons, Vearl Tracht and Leah Close
Runners-Up: Jo Ketch, Bonnie Jaress and Evelyn Bell

Presented awards for outstanding bowlers of the tournament were Glenna Farrell, Paul Newsome, Niels Kragh, Hal Davidson and Edward Quo. Receiving an award for Extraordinary Contribution to the Tournament was Hank Passault, Chairman

**"THE JOSLYN STORY"
Eulogy to Lawn Bowling**

By Remy Hudson

Just off the press is a beautifully-bound, hard cover book entitled *The Joslyn Story*.

It brings to life not only Marcellus L. Joslyn's many contributions to society but his major contributions to the great sport of lawn bowling.

The book is prefaced with messages from President Reagan, Governor George Deukmejian, Senator Pete Wilson and others.

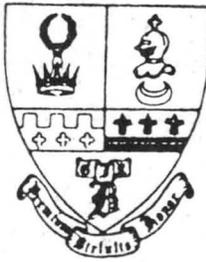
The book tells the story of how the Foundation Mr. Joslyn created has "carried on" for 26 years in the funding or partial funding of Senior Centers and Lawn Bowls Clubs throughout California. It charts the history of each club.

The game has never had a more ardent champion than Marcellus L. Joslyn. He was a championship bowler in his own right. Few men loved the game more than he.

While *The Joslyn Story* is concerned primarily with Senior Centers and Lawn Bowls Clubs funded by the Foundation it is destined to be a worthwhile and valuable asset in every Lawn Bowls Club library.

Copies of the limited edition of *The Joslyn Story* are \$7.50 prepaid and may be obtained by writing me at 12857 Camino Emparrado, San Diego, CA 92128.

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THE BIAS OF BOWLS

By Ezra Wyeth

It was good to see part of a bowls competition on local TV recently. It was played at Riverside and was for bowlers 80 and over.

Some of the players were interviewed briefly. One introduced the matter of why bowls draw but what he waid was not quite right. They do not draw because they are weight on one side. They draw because of the shape of the running surface. Some time ago a player from Sun City, Arizona, made a study and reported that the center of gravity of a bowl is one eighth of an inch nearer the large disc than small disc. Bruce Hensell says that actually it is less than one eighth of an inch. Anyway, if weight had any effect, a bowl ought to draw towards the side with the large disc.

The highest point on the running surface is nearer the large disc. Bowls made in England have a circular running surface; Henselite bowls have a parabolic surface. From the highest point towards the large disc the surface is circular; the other side is flatter. I repeat it is the shape of the running surface that makes a bowl draw.



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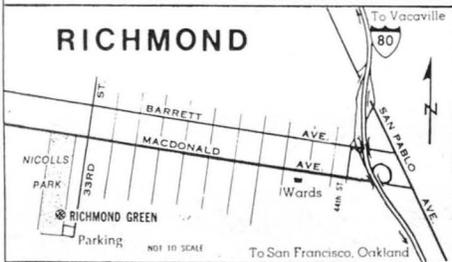
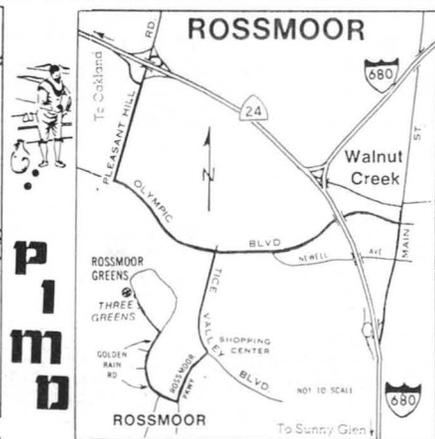
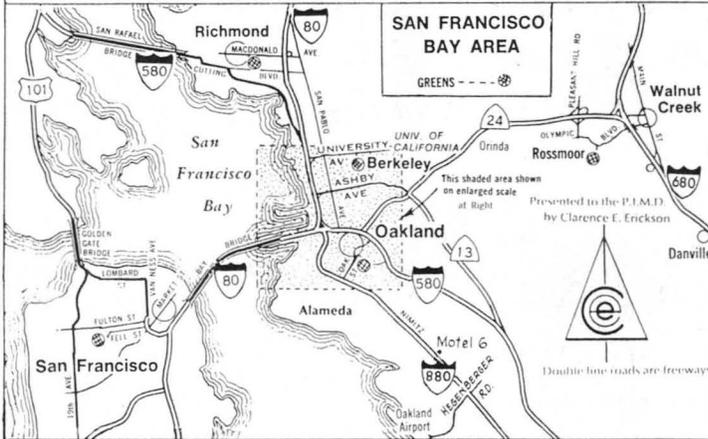
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Location of Greens

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Oakland Lawn Bowling Club has decided that their greens will not be in shape for tournament play by September 1987 and ask that their greens not be considered for the NATIONAL OPEN.

Most national motel chains have one or more outlets in the San Francisco Bay Area. Prices vary from about \$30.00 a room per night at Motel Six, about \$60.00 for two at Holiday Inn and as high as \$95.00 to \$100. at the Marriott or Hyatt Regency.

A list of a few suggested motels with rates will be sent to each person who enters the National Open.

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READER'S RESPONSE TO McNASTY'S ARTICLE ON RUNNING TOURNAMENTS

Dear Mr. McNasty,

I enjoyed your article on Running Lawn Bowling Tournaments in the Spring issue, and since you made the offer, I would like to add my two cents worth.

We all hope that lawn bowling will become a "big time" sport in the near future. Then, why not take advantage of the "growing pains" other sports have gone through and use them to our advantage. Enjoyment and enthusiasm by the participants is of prime importance, but certainly creating and holding spectator interest is a factor in obtaining new lawn bowlers. The semis and finals of any tournament create the most interest among prospects, so it is in this direction that we should put our efforts. There is no question that the accomplishment of these goals is best served by the seeding process in our tournaments.

When top players or teams meet in the first or second round, the losers are relegated to a lower flight where the average team or player is eliminated by them. This deprives players who rightfully belong in these lower flights the opportunity for a win or runner-up berth. In addition, since points are awarded for the National Team on the basis of showings in major tournaments, separating top players by seeding, is the only way to select our best team.

Certainly it is no disgrace for an average or less player to lose to a top seed. I lost in the first round of a singles tournament by 18 to 0, but I could boast that I was beaten by the winner of that tournament! (Really an excuse.) However, I still had the opportunity to go on and place in one of the lower flights (which I didn't!). A top player will still have to do his best when bowling against an "unknown", as anyone can lose on a given day. Additionally, plus points should be limited to 5 for obvious reasons.

Looking at the Sports World of tennis, golf, the holiday and invitational basketball tournaments and others, let's not buck the tried and proven method of seeding, thereby creating more interest in our sport.

Jim Hollway

Dear Izzy

I read with a good deal of interest your article "Running Lawn Bowling Tournaments" published in the last issue of BOWLS. I agree with all of your points with the exception of the one regarding seeding of players and teams. I thank you for offering me a forum to air something that has been sticking in my craw for the last several years.

In my opinion, seeding was in effect during the last two National Tournaments. It is my understanding that the ALBA Council approved seeding for the national event during their 1982 meeting. I felt at that time this was something which should have been brought back to the divisions for discussion before action by the council. As a result, I boycotted the 1983 nationals, thus expressing my silent protest. Incidentally, this is the only national I have missed since 1974. A close analysis of the draw sheets at Seattle and Milwaukee certainly indicated an attempt not to have top rated players meet each other until their reaching the quarter finals. Unfortunately, most of the bowlers who supported these two tournaments were not aware of the seeding.

Your suggestion of a three man committee to seed players could cause some problems because there is no common ground to evaluate a competitor. In professional tennis, they have the advantage of computers which analyze each player's ability based on placements in tournaments all over the world, usually against the same individuals each time. This eliminates the human factor and makes seeding a scientific matter. I would not like to be on a seeding committee and have to decide four seeds in a singles entry of Forrester, Arculli, McInnes, Souza, Esch and Artist.

Seeding in professional sports is done to assure a good gate and a fair market share of a television audience. In other words, money rears its ugly head. I have never seen many more than 100 non-paying customers watch a bowling finals. So why seed? I know the top bowlers like seeding because they want no surprises in the early rounds. But, if they are good enough to win, what difference does it make when they meet another hot shot?

I think we sometimes forget about the average club bowler who supports our sport and usually is the one who works the hardest in the administration of his club. His kind may represent as much as 90% of the ALBA membership. Without him, our ace bowlers would not have a place to bowl. If this average "Joe" did not enter division and national tournaments, they would cease to exist. Yet, with seeding, he becomes cannon fodder to be chewed up. With a legitimate blind draw, this nice guy might even win a few games and then go back to his club with some bragging rights. It's also a sure bet he would enter the next big event and probably encourage others to take part because they know "I'm as good a player as him."

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to express my opinions on "Running Lawn Bowling Tournaments."

Sincerely,
Jack Gilbert

Dear Isadore,

An important item not mentioned in your article in the Spring 1986 edition was plus points. I have always observed that usually when top teams meet each other the plus points are very low because of close games. However, if one of the top teams meets an average or pick-up team, they can score 20 or more plus points thus winning the tournament even if other teams, who did not have the opportunity to play some pigeons to fatten their score, have the same number of wins. Therefore, I would recommend awarding wins, in case of a tie, to the team with the *lowest* plus points. In any event, if this is too radical, there should definitely be a limit on total plus points. If there is still a tie it could be decided by three extra ends or five points, whichever comes first.

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So let us make a Resolution.
Be up and have a better game-although
It is not the whole Solution.

Don Wright

UNDER THE RAIN CROSS

By Jim MacWhinney

In celebration of its sixtieth anniversary the Riverside Lawn Bowling Club hosted its first-ever Masters' Over-Eighty Tournament. This was the brain child of John Mylne, and had been a local event for the past three years.

On October 15, 36 bowlers, responding to Secretary-Treasurer Eg Hammond's invitation, bowled in 12 triples teams, in an open draw. Competing were bowlers from the following clubs: Friendly Valley, Hemet, Long Beach, Newport Beach, Oaks North, Pomona and Riverside.

The two oldest bowlers were William Gregory and Albert Elmer, both of Pomona. Both were 97 years old. The strippling of the group was Belden Morgan of Oaks North, who was only 80 years and nine months.

Cash prizes went to winners. First place was captured by Herbert Hill, Friendly Valley, Ed Burns, Pomona, and Don Vanderzyl, Newport Beach. Second place went to Bill Todd, Friendly Valley, Harold Ervin, Riverside, and Gene Riddle, Riverside.

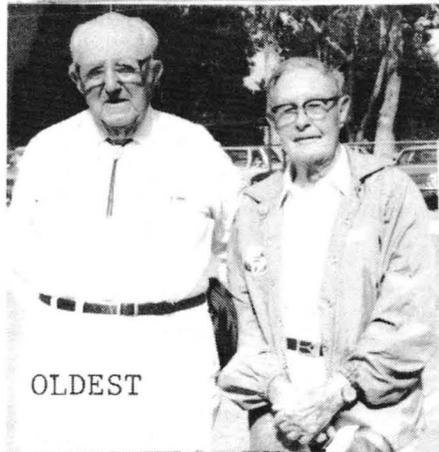
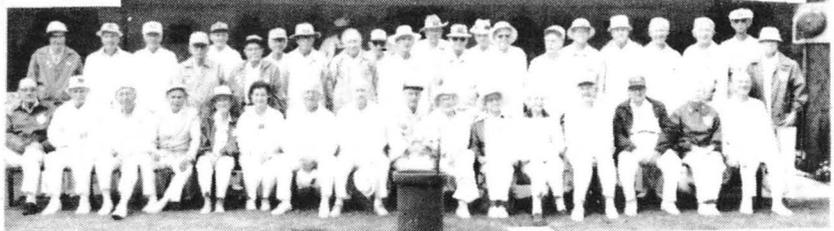
We had only five lady bowlers, Carolyn Binder, Maurine Haglund, Sue Finney, Jennie Plescia, all of Riverside, and Dot Todd of Friendly Valley, who was once one of ours, too. We hope more ladies can make it next year.

The lunch, furnished by the host club, was a hit with everyone. The octogenarians consumed roast-beef-and-cheese sandwiches, Ginger Mylne's exotic Mandarin salad, chocolate cake and beverages.

President Gerhard Brinkmann awarded the prizes, and Eg Hammod gave each participant one of our 60th Anniversary pins. We hope to make this Invitational Masters' Over Eighty an annual event. And if you're pushing 80, think about joining us when you reach that magic year. We'll be waiting for you.



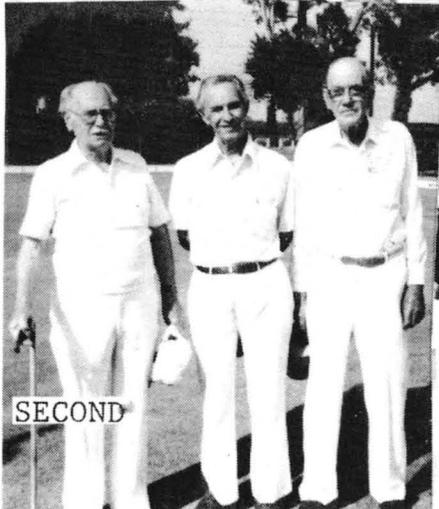
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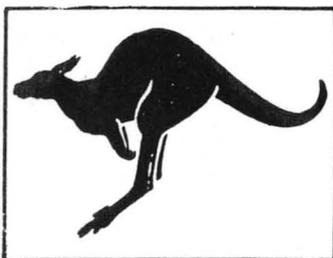
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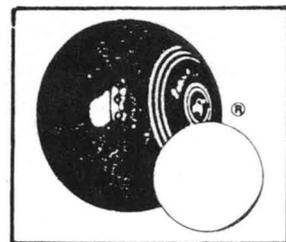
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2nd ANNUAL HALEY AUSTRALIAN PAIRS

The Haley Australian Pairs Championships enjoyed a most successful renewal at the Escondido Lawn Bowling Club during the period 30 October to 2 November, 1986. The event attracted an exceptionally strong field of entries, and was favored additionally by absolutely gorgeous weather and a green that was hard, fast, and true. The former was a vast improvement over conditions which prevailed for the inaugural event, and the latter was only to be expected since the tournament honors that Guru of Greenskeepers, Edgar Haley, who is also the Club's 1st Vice President.

The "2-4-2" format gave all the bowlers opportunity to display their skills both as Lead and as Skip, and produced matches that were worthy of the event and the green. Close, hotly-contested matches were the rule, and the many spectators were treated to remarkable exhibitions of shot-making that covered the spectrum from delicate draw to devastating drive.

The top-two finishers on each of the three preliminary days qualified to com-

pete in Sunday's final play-offs for all the gold and glory. Thursday's survivors were Ken Bolton and Jack Williams, along with Rudy Frinz and Ernie DeLean; Friday's heroes were the teams of Lee Bain-Kappy Njus and the dynamic duo (self-described) of Bill Meierstein and Ed Leach; the big winners Saturday were the always-tough team of Dick Simon and Jim Splitt, and the highly-regarded pair, Al Pearson and Ernie Venman. Thus was the stage set for Sunday's showdown and the fireworks that ensued set a high standard for excitement and drama. In the end, self-confidence, determination, and the sheer artistry of their deliveries brought the champions' rewards to Meierstein and Leach, while the poetry-in-motion pair of Simon and Splitt had (again this year!) to be content with the slightly lesser glory of the runner-up position.

It was a grand four days by any measurement. The field was of high quality, and the support cheerfully given by the Escondido Club members belied their small numbers. We look forward to doing it again in '87!



SURE AND A DONNYBROOK IT TWAS!

By Gil Rea

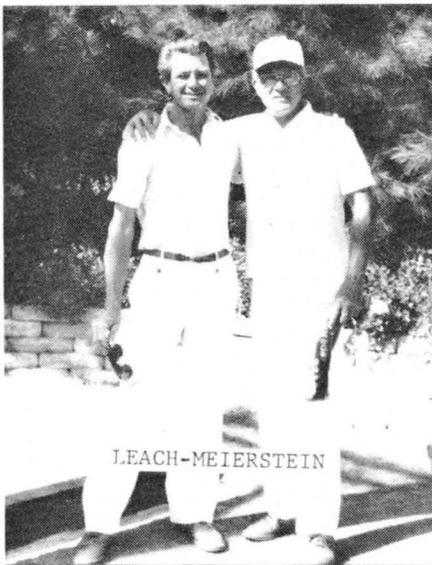
At Oaks North it was the "green on the green". The Irish in all of us came out at our first Donnybrook, which probably had the founders of this game turning in their graves. It was captain Anita Axelson's womens' teams against the men as led by captain Lee Durko (who for this day was known as O'Durk). The optional ethnic dress code produced some bizarre creations such as leprechauns, Scottish kilts, a butler and upstairs maid, a punjab, a queen of tarts, a clown, and various miscellany.

In keeping with Irish tradition, much confusion filled the contests which allowed unlimited substitutions along with a rotating scramble. ALBA rules were modified (understatement) on selected ends, such as spotting maximum and minimum jacks, or placing the jack 12 inches from the corner of the rink boundary and the ditch. We also played two gilhooulies, which are standard triples ends except that the jack is rolled *last*.

There was some gaming also as run by a "para-mutual Milt" Schoenberg, whereby one could wager a sum on the number of games to be won by the men or women. We also had a jackpot end, with an entry fee, which was won by the closest bowl to the ditch.

Dirty tricks, such as nose blowing, whistling, or horn blowing during a delivery were allowed: each team had a cheering section, and leads could ignore skips instructions, returning their own unique signals as they might choose.

On eight rinks we had 75 players, with the men winning 129 to 93, and well deservin' too. Captain Durko received a setting of boche balls and jack, and losing captain Anita a mounted set of eight lemons with gilded onion jack. Undaunted, however, our gals, borrowing a cry from the once Brooklyn Dodger fans, exclaimed confidently, "Wait 'till next year."





HONOLULU By Ray Johnson

Mrs. Alice Njus has finished a very successful term as our first lady president. The nominees for next year are: President, Joe Gelfo; 1st Vice President, Elsie Yates; 2nd Vice President, Dr. Lew Carpenter; perennial Secretary-Treasurer, Fleming Yates, and Immediate Past President, Alice Njus. Directors are: Terry Paul, Bernice Patterson, Helen Rowlands, and Cathy Seah. Ray Johnson's resignation as a director was duly noted.

The installation will take place at our annual dinner to be held at the Banyon Tree Showroom of the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki this January.

We are looking forward to another fine year of lawn bowling under our new leadership. We welcome, as always, bowlers from all over the world.

CLUB NEWS



EASTERN DIVISION

Sheldon N. Ripley
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Snow and ice on the bowling greens here in the northeast tend to make the rinks somewhat heavy and unpredictable. Many of our dedicated bowlers have long since departed for the Land of Rubico. About the only advantage I've discovered in remaining up north all year round is that, even though I was but a lowly lead in tournament play last summer, the winning skips and vice skips with whom I was privileged to bowl, not wishing to be encumbered by extra baggage on their trips south but not wishing to leave their trophies unattended in vacant homes and apartments over the winter, have left them in my care and I GET TO DISPLAY THEM ALL WINTER LONG!

I'm writing this on New Year's Day 1987... a good time for a little "house cleaning." Since taking over as E.D. Correspondent, I have not heard from the following clubs: Brooklyn (J. Nicholson), Buffalo (J. Witkin), Holy Name (W. Pratt), Springfield (J. McCaughney), Tam O'Shanter (L. Bacon), Thistle (M. Haber), Waterbury (A. Bell), Ausable (C. Rausch) and Edison Indoor (M. Furst)—for the last two, correspondence was returned because of no forwarding address. Are you alive and healthy out there? Am I sending correspondence to the right people? Would you rather not hear from me at all? One way or another, please let me know...at the very least, I could save time and postage.

The Summer of '86 was (too) short (and rainy) but nonetheless, a great season (aren't they all?)... and only five months or so till Opening Day '87! May it be a summer of sunny weekends, many new lawn bowling converts and continuing special comradeship that's such an important part of lawn bowling.

And now...here's the news from the East:

First, from Buck Hill Falls LBC comes

word that the club has presented a perpetual trophy to the Eastern Division AWLBA to commemorate the many contributions of the late Marie Manners to the game of bowls. Marie served as secretary and president of her Essex Club, as secretary and president of the division and of the AWLBA, as manager of the National Team in 1981 which competed in Canada, and twice represented the East in the U.S. Championships.

The inaugural tournament for the Marie Manners Memorial Trophy will be played at Buck Hill Falls this summer as a pairs competition—mix or match—July 25-26, 1987 and will be played as a five-game draw. Thirty-two teams can be accommodated. In addition to the trophy, substantial cash prizes will be awarded. Your participation is invited. For more information, contact Jean Decker, Secretary, at 209 Douglas Drive, Jackson Estates, NJ 08527 or Ann Wood, President, 340 Treetop Trail, Buck Hill Falls, PA 18323.

NEW YORK LBC New York City, NY

By David Tyson

The New York Club elected the following officers for 1987 at the Annual Meeting on November 8th: President, Helen Ryan; Vice President, Elizabeth Thompson; Second Vice President, Theodora Pierce; Honorary Vice President, Blanche Preene; Secretary, Ray Carol; and Treasurer, Jeanne Magee. Sallie Riccardi headed the nominating committee.

Members of the 1987 Board of Directors are Ann D'Anella, Lois Carol, Eleanor Fox, Ben Goldberg, Ann Hewitt and Dong Kingman, Jr. Louis Weiss and Dave Rosenberg addressed the meeting on ways to attract new members and encourage sponsorship of club activities by outside organizations.

Pamela Sabin, Entertainment Chairman, chose the Olde Garden Cafe and Winery for the Annual Dinner and some 40 attendees participated as Ed Spingarn, the master of ceremonies, led the group in games. Outgoing president Steve Cleaveland came within one ounce in guessing the weight of an oddly shaped package and one of our club's distinguished professors, Ed Spingarn, edged out the other, Ray Carol, by a "Milhous" filling in the middle names of Presidents of the United States.

Tournament winners: Men's Singles, George Carmichael, runner-up, Dong Kingman. Ladies' Singles, Theodora Pierce, runner-up, Elizabeth Thompson. New Members Singles Louis Weiss, runner-up, Morry Sterling. Diehard Pairs Dave Tyson (s) and Ed Spingarn, runners-up, Sallie Riccardi (s) and Teddy Pierce.

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FERNLEIGH West Hartford, CT

By Bob Safford

The good news this winter is that our new Board feels so strongly about our ability to recruit and train new candidates that they have increased our authorized membership potential from 90 to 100 members. Attrition usually takes about 10 members each year. To replace them it takes between 20 and 30 candidates who will come out and give lawn bowling a try.

Our Membership Chairman says: "Simple mathematics indicates that every active bowler in our club must start now to find a friend to introduce to lawn bowling next May." And we can do it, because we firmly believe that lawn bowling is a sport uniquely designed to give a man and his wife an activity they can enjoy together. Half the time it's men against men, or women against women. The other half of the time it's a mixed game, but seldom with man and wife on the same team.

Our new president, Paul Rath, is full of ideas to strengthen the closeness and fellowship of our membership. He is endeavoring to get every active member to serve on a committee of his choice. He helped organize a Christmas party which will long be remembered.

We at Fernleigh may be mostly retired folks, but we sure enjoy our sport, our green, our clubhouse, and our friendships. Come see us in the late Spring.

CUNNINGHAM BOWLING GREEN CLUB Milton, MA

By Sam Drevitch

Cunningham's very successful 1986 bowling season ended on October 18th with a closing scramble. By combining our schedules with our neighbors, Quincy and Slater Park, RI, we had a tournament every weekend which satisfied both the recreational and the highly competitive bowlers. Our green bowled the best in years, thanks to the diligent and continuous work of Greens Chairman George Archilles.

Our combined annual awards banquet for the Quincy and Cunningham clubs included sumptuous dining, dancing and sing-along. The following awards were presented to Cunningham bowlers:

Club Singles: John Durant; runner-up, Joe Ziniti. Club Pairs: Jck Lucey (s), Des Ward (l); runners-up, Don Maccallums (s), Sheldon Ripley (l). Club Handicap Singles: John Durant; runner-up Sheldon Ripley. Cunningham Foundation Trophy: Jack Lucey (s), Lou Motta (vs), Sheldon Ripley (l). George Cowie Trophy (Quincy L.B.C.): Sam Drevitch (s), Sheldon Ripley (l).

Our club hosted the N.E. Pairs Competition, September 27th, and came away with the first three places: 1st, Al Cline (s), Don Maccallum (l); 2nd, Alex Dakers (s), Lou Motta (l); 3rd, John Durant (s), Sam Drevitch (l); 4th, Rick Sanphy (s), Quincy, Des Ward (l), Cunningham.

We'll miss Des Ward, our young British member, who has returned to Britain after a six-month work assignment in the U.S. A superb, enthusiastic bowler, Des won the N.E. Singles, took 3rd in the Eastern Division Singles, and was lead on the winning teams in the N.E. Triples and our Club Pairs. Come back soon, Des!

We wish good bowling to our Florida snowbirds, Al Cline, Sam Drevitch and Lou Motta at Clearwater and 'Top-or-the-World' and John Durant at Mt. Dora.

SUNRISE East Meadow, L.I., N.Y.

By Marie Gorman

We took part in the 1986 Long Island Senior Games (55 and over) with Dan Gorman coordinating the Lawn Bowling event. For the \$11.00 entry fee, each participant received a light blue T-shirt and brown bag lunches for two days. Chase Bank donated handsome Olympic type medals. The ladies played triples, the men doubles.

Winners were Gold: Marie Gorman, Helen O'Connell, Doris Derleth; Silver: Matty Duncan, Marie Farinacci, Anne Breines; Bronze: Kay Bartley, Kay Meyer, Peg McShane.

For the men Gold: Tom Kinsey, John Amrhein; Silver: Earl Tocknell, Eben Duncan; Bronze: Len Derleth, John Scalici.

Voting at our annual Open Meeting resulted in the following new officers: President, Len Derleth; Vice President, John Scalici; Secretary, Dick Hipp; Games Chairman, Colin Stead; and efficient holdover, Bill Meyer, Treasurer.

Carpet bowling on a limited facility has been available to a small group that has accepted the less than perfect surface as a challenge. If nothing else it teaches one the importance of concentration in "reading the green"—provides a bit of exercise and fun during the winter months.

— In Memoriam —
Chris Cramer

TRENTON Trenton, NJ

By Al Winn

Even though our membership remains low and participation has been poor for a second consecutive year, our club continues to win some strong tournament recognition. It is likely that Trenton will enter, as well as conduct, more tourneys in 1987. We also hope to cooperate more fully with other clubs in the new year.

President John Lugo has called a club meeting in January to prepare plans for the coming season. Among the events to be discussed will be a proposed public invitation to prospective bowlers to an "open house" and demonstration at the beginning of next season.

Membership growth continues to be the most urgent priority, but we are encouraged by reports that some former members will be returning, along with some new recruits. A concern of the club is also the decline in participation because of ill health, with at least four strong members now "deactivated" for health reasons.

SPALDING INN Whitefield, NH

By H.R. Fisher

This bowling green amid the snow-covered New England White Mountains has finally been put to rest after an interesting season and some superb bowling. For us at the Spalding Inn Lawn Bowling Club spring truly arrives with apple blossoms and lilacs in late May and early June at which time we have the pleasure of starting a new season and can again welcome our many members and friends. Yours truly hopes to continue the bowling clinics two mornings a week that worked so well last season. To quote from a line in the first history of New Hampshire in 1784, "Were I to form a picture of a happy society, it would be a town consisting of a mixture of hills, valleys and streams of water." This we have, so come and bowl with us next season. When you read this your correspondent and his better half will be in England for the winter enjoying the sights and bowling.

Good bowling to you all.

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DUPONT Delaware

By Ivor Mills

The last two competitive events of the season were held in October, the Club Doubles on the 11th and the Founders Day on the 18th.

The winners of the doubles were: 1st, Ralph Seyler (s), Ida Jordan (l); 2nd, Mel Richards (s), Irv Ward (l).

Our Triples games is a club favorite, the Skips are all women and the other team members are selected by draw.

The winners were: 1st, Joan Mills (s), Ed Hein (vice), Jim Michaels (l); 2nd, Marge Hein (s), Ivor Mills (vice), John Goyne (l).

The officers for the new year are: President, Ivor Mills; Vice President, Harry Straw; Treasurer, Dick Scheifelian; Secretary, Joan Mills.

The final and biggest event of the year was our annual banquet held at the country club. This year the games awards were also presented to winners at this meeting.

The 1986 season was a busy and very interesting one for the club. Thanks to Steve Merrill and Marge Hein, the chairpersons of our games and social committee.

We were recently informed that the DuPont Club will be hosting the AWLBA Eastern Division Playdowns in July and the U.S. Championships in October. It looks like 1987 will be bigger and better than ever.

BRIDGEPORT LBC

Bridgeport, CT

By Tom McIntosh

Edith Miller of the Bridgeport Ladies Club won runner-up honors in the U.S. Singles Championships held at Laguna Hills, CA in October. Edith represented the Eastern Division of the American Women's Lawn Bowling Association. She competed against representatives from the Southeast, Central, Northwest, Pacific Intermountain and Southwest Divisions, winning four games out of five. This is the fifth time Edith has competed in the U.S. Championships.

In an Invitational Pairs played at Essex County Bowling Club, Jean Donnachie and Jack Fleming captured the \$500 first prize and trophy. It is the third time they have won this event.

Our Men's Club Singles champion is Bill Miller (Edith's husband). Jim Scott and Tom McIntosh took the Club Doubles, while Steve Mosko won the Men's League. The Ladies Club champions are: singles, Elen Donnachie; doubles, Lea Mazzadra and Linda McDougall; Ladies' League, Laura Phillips, Mary Anne Carroll and Ann Knapik.

Our presidents for 1987 are Marge Alves, Ladies' Club and Jim Ferrucci, Men's.

Thanks go to our ladies for all they have done serving coffee and tea, and their very special luncheons all season.

Remember—when in Bridgeport, stop by and have a game with us.

EDISON INDOOR

By Colin Smith

On November 15, 1986 we began another season of indoor bowling. Although we boast a membership of only 20 members, the friendly atmosphere and competitive spirit always leads toward an enjoyable indoor bowling season.

On December 6, we held our annual Christmas party which always includes

a tournament. We were pleased again this year to have two guests from the Bridgeport Club, Tommy MacKintosh and his daughter Karen. We would be happy to receive any visitors to our indoor bowling club for a fun day of bowling. Just contact C. Smith at (201) 667-6489 or Duncan Farrell at (201) 686-8624.

Our officers for this season are as follows:

President, George Ralston; First VP, Dick Decker; Second VP, Ken Toohey; Secretary, Jean Decker; Treasurer, Colin Smith.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP LBC

Trenton, NJ

By Robert Stewart

At our annual meeting in November the following officers were elected for 1987: President, Marty Davis; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Stewart; Tournament Chairman, Robert Sharples; 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 affair was the Mayor of Hamilton Township, John K. Rafferty, who reported that the Council and himself were in favor of squaring off our half-sized bowling green if they could just come up with the money.

Most improved bowler for 1986 was Jim Kenney.

Have a Very Happy New Year.

ESSEX COUNTY

By George J. Schick

At our club's annual General Meeting held in December, the following slate of officers was elected for the 1987 season:

President, Pete Wisse; First Vice-President, Skippy Arculli; Second Vice-President, Duncan Farrell; Treasurer, Mary Schick; Secretary, Joan Prusinski.

This past November, Skippy Arculli teamed with Frank Sousa in representing the United States in a World Invitational Pairs Tournament held in Hong Kong. We're proud to say our club is Skippy's "home club" and appreciate the recognition Skippy gains for us.

During the winter months, many of our members bowl indoors with the Edison Indoor Club located in Clifton. The indoor game is challenging and an excellent way to pass the winter weekends. If you're in our area, please visit the Edison Club and participate in a game of indoor bowls.

On behalf of our members, I wish all of you a successful 1987 bowling season.

SLATER PARK

Pawtucket, R.I.

By Tania Tierney

As we reflect upon the year just past, we realize once again that the New England lawn bowling season is always too short. We celebrate no official closing day and some hardy members were still bowling on November 30th.

Late 1986 Results: Accolades are due Fred Davies and Harold Reiss, winners of the Club Men's Doubles tournament. And kudos, well deserved, to Ida and Ray Hamilton, Jr., mother and son team winning our first Club Mixed Doubles tournament. This is a new and popular contest sure to be programmed yearly.

From far away places and right around home: Among our eminent visitors this year were Harry MacKenzie from Manchester, England; Peter Irvine from Blackland Mill Bowling Club, Paisley, Scotland (he said our green was "smashing"); and our own terrific trio, Bob Smart, Bob Brandon, and Arthur Scott.

Looking back: George Sayer is already making progress in scheduling events and we expect to have training sessions for the Games Committee so we will have a cadre to rely upon.

Now, watch this space in the Spring issue for the focus of our attention in 1987!!

CATARACT CITY

Niagara Falls, NY

By Alex Dunlop

Our increasingly popular Men's Pairs "fowl" tournament on Oct. 11th attracted so many Canadians that the only two Americans to take home turkeys were Alex Dunlop and his terrific partner, Dave Kennedy. Alex and Dave won two wins high score honors.

At our Nov. 3rd annual Fall Membership Banquet (so well organized by Jim Manz), presided over by President Bill Cracknell, membership elected the following officers for the 1987 season:

President, Ted Payne; 1st Vice President, Ed Ventry; 2nd Vice President, Duncan Gillies; and Secretary-Treasurer, Alex Dunlop. Executive Board members are Don Pay, Dave Kennedy, Charlie Fekete, and Les Horne. Ted plans to hold his first organization meeting early in January.

The Cataract City L.B. Club extends holiday greetings to all lawn bowlers, and invites them to send their entries in lots of time for our July 25th and Aug. 22nd Men's Triples. 10 a.m. start.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

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The Annual Meeting was conducted by President Lloyd Roark ably assisted by Secretary-Treasurer Walter Doyle at the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club-house. Thirty-seven clubs were represented.

Two new clubs, the Joslyn Cove Community Center of Palm Desert, California, and the Sun City Club of Arizona were present for the first time.

The former Saddleback Club is now the Laguna Hills Club whose president Fred Williams announced that their membership as of January 10th totaled 202 members. This makes them the largest club in our Division—congratulations. The addition of this club with the two new clubs plus a couple more clubs in the hopper will assure an increase in membership for 1987.

Unfortunately pictures of the installation of new officers and the district representatives are not available because I did the one thing that will cause a problem in my fool-proof Minolta camera—forgot to insert the film! In any event, the new slate of officers is as follows: President, Paul Rotter; 1st Vice President, Laird MacDonald; 2nd Vice President, John Lingenfelter; Secretary-Treasurer, Walter Doyle; and members of the ALBA Council Keith Lance and B. Gen. Jack Williams. Committee Chairmen: Greens, Ray Danol; Membership & Public Relations, Paul Owen; Rules, Bob Briegel; Instruction, Arthur W. Newlon who was commended for volunteering to take on the demanding job of Tournament Chairman last year; Tournaments, Laird MacDonald; Ferrell Burton, Jr., was elected Staff Correspondent by a narrow margin over Isadore McNasty.

ALHAMBRA

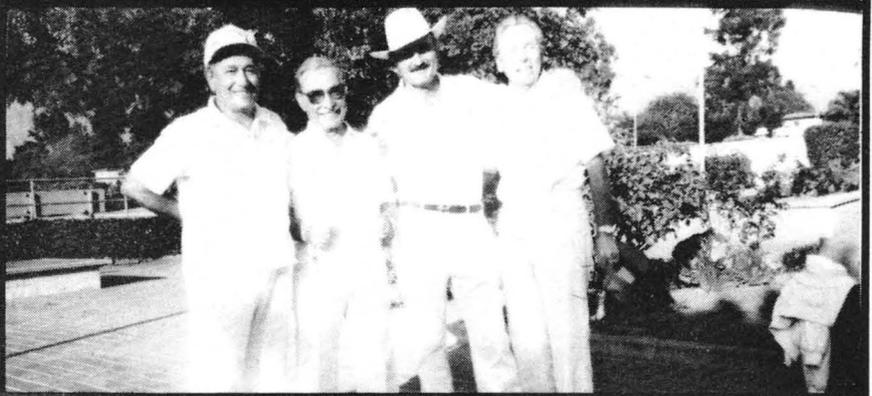
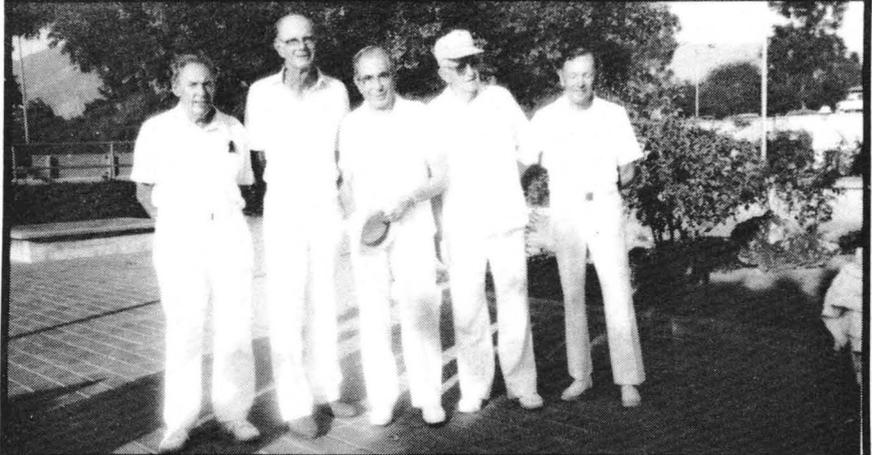
By Alice Lawrence

We celebrated our third annual Christmas Dinner-Dance, and announced our new executive board members as follows: Ruth Stephens, Chuck Adams, John Jaenecke, Clara Gould, Betty Biles.

We welcomed 14 new members into our club this past year and are hopeful to do as well as 1987. Call George 284-0511 or Carl 288-3079 for instructions.

Our club is always pleased to have visitors stop by and bowl with us, the winter schedule is Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday at 1:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to participating again in the Valley League and also spending some friendly days of visitations.



ALL STAR FIVE MAN TEAMS

As a volunteer, I limped up to the microphone to make the announcements that would get the tournament under way. This was a new experience for me, just an average club games player.

Bill Newlon, the Tournament Chairman, was out of town, but he left a complete set of instructions—everything was planned, rules were read, cards ready to hand out and charts made up to fill out and display at the end of the day. As I looked at the assembled group I wondered why some tournament player in the division had not made himself available to handle the event.

It was an ideal day for playing bowls. There were five man teams from 20 clubs entered in the event. They put on a good display of fine bowling. Midway in the rinks games (the last to finish in

the schedule) the winning club remained to be determined by the outcome of the games. Thirteen clubs were in the running at that point of play.

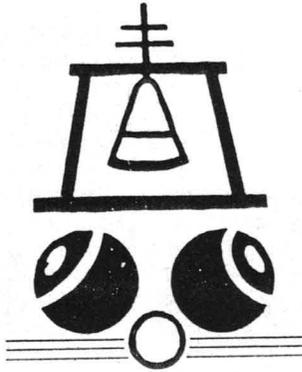
Not until the final end of the last game to finish was it determined that the Saddleback Club, with Dick Talt as the captain, had carried the day. Second place, Casta del Sol Lawn Bowling Club; third place, MacKenzie Park Lawn Bowling Club; fourth place, Santa Ana Lawn Bowling Club.

I enjoyed the experience but was disappointed that some players failed to turn in their score cards promptly on completion of a match. Anyhow, it was a nice day and all players enjoyed playing in the tournament.

Thanks to the Santa Anita club for hosting the event. They provided the usual friendly and warm hospitality for which the club is known.

RIVERSIDE

By Jim MacWhinney



Sixty years under the raincross! In 1986 we celebrated our club's 60th birthday with beaucoup festivities, chief of which must have been our Over 80's Masters' Tournament. Six of the bowlers, representing eight clubs, were over 90, and the ages of 36 bowlers totalled 2449 years! Our club is as old as Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, but five years younger than the Rose Parade.

In January we hosted a busload of bowlers from Vancouver, British Columbia. Two of their sunbird members, Al and Bernadine Horrock, had joined our club and bowled with us against their northern teammates.

At our Christmas Annual Meeting and Dinner, we elected two sturdy sons of Norway, Art Olson and Mel Govig, president and vice-president, respectively. Eg Hammond continues as our irreplaceable and irrepressible secretary-treasurer.

The symbol of the raincross is the logo of our city and of our bowling club. The bell beneath it is for the mission hereabouts, and the cross is an Indian concept.

— In Memoriam —

Bobbie Anstiss
Ken Leamon

Glen Campbell
Bob Willoughby

GLENDALE

By Wm. O. Wagner

Publicity, leadership support and civic pride were the objectives of Glendale Lawn Bowling Club—all to stimulate interest and increased membership. "Making ourselves known" among the city leaders and involving the employees of the Adult Recreation Center resulted in a challenge from the Park employees.

From this challenge there developed the idea of using the tournament idea to raise funds for the support of the Glendale City Rose Parade Float—resulting in the sum of \$225 being sent to the Float Committee.

Among the many would-be bowlers from the employee group there will undoubtedly be some who become regular lawn-bowlers—and they undoubt-

edly are telling others about the game.

The "Rose Parade Float Challenge Tournament" took place on Saturday, November 22nd.

The Annual Club Luncheon took place on November 25th—it being the official Club Annual Meeting—at which reports on the very successful year were given and received—all under the leadership of President Stan Hishon.

The officers for the new year will be the same as those of 1986—with Stan Hishon, President; Otis Wilson, Vice President; and Bill Wagner, Secretary-Treasurer.

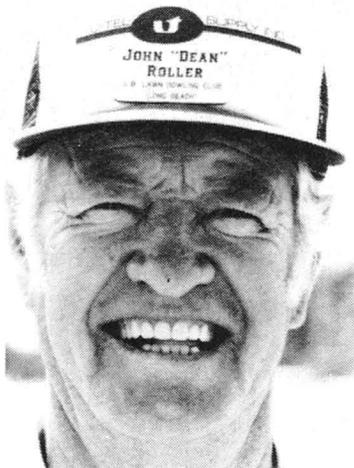
LONG BEACH

By Paul Owen

Our annual Christmas luncheon was held at the Elk's Club, on November 30. New officers for 1987 are: Lucia Moore, President; Ted Kahn, Vice President; Mimi Freeman, Secretary; and Phil Malouf, Treasurer.

New club singles champion is Doreen Collins. Triples winners were Ray Danol, Mimi Freeman and Edna Schmidt.

On January 19 we are looking forward to a visitation from British Columbia.



On a less happy note, we regretfully report the death of John Roller, a past president of the club, at the Coast League Roundup of our club in October. John was an ardent bowler, taking part in most Southwest Division tournaments, where he was always a popular figure.

CAMBRIA

By Lou A. Carter

The new slate of officers for 1987 is: President, Howard VanderLinden; Vice-President, Cy Swanson; Secretary, Lou-Ann Carter; Treasurer, Lou Neff.

It is with regret that we report the death of Rose Floyd in December.

SANTA ANITA

By Winifred Eberle

The old year closed on an active note at Santa Anita. We had a Pot Luck dinner with an abundance and variety of goodies. It was followed by a Bingo game. Also at that time we certified 22 new bowlers. We had our three day trip to Laughlin, Nevada and returned to hold a combined visitation with Alhambra and Glendale. Santa Anita also hosted the Men's All Stars and the LeMasters Tournaments. Our Christmas Party at the Alhambra Elks Club was our major social event and was very well attended. Our new officers were inducted at that time.

President, Nancy Trask; 1st Vice President, Darrell (Bud) Rogers; 2nd Vice President, Bill Gearhart; Secretary, Ruth Bell; Treasurer, Ray Obazawa.

The following tournaments were completed:

80 and Over: winner Irv Wilson, runner-up Peter Campanini. 75 and Over: A Flight Winner Stan Vogt, runner-up Dick Ridley; B Flight Winner Larry Gepson, runner-up Floyd Hughes. Consolation Pairs: A Flight Winners Carl Pearson and Al Foxton, runners-up Cliff Newbold and Dick Cross; B Flight Winners Merv Schulman and Bob Shortell, runners-up Bill Farris and Ruth Cornell.

Santa Anita is anticipating a great 1987!

— In Memoriam —
Mike Eberle

LAGUNA BEACH

By Don Doherty

We thought it might be interesting for other clubs to know our membership statistics for comparison with figures of their own. And, hoping we will encourage similar disclosures by other clubs in future issues we present the following demographics on the year just past, 1986.

Laguna Beach Club had a total of 146 memberships of which 86 were men and 60 were women. Of this total 30 were married couples (60 memberships). Again, of the total 146 there were 59 living in Laguna Beach, 17 in Laguna Hills, 13 from San Clemente, 11 in El Toro, 8 South Laguna, 6 Capistrano Beach, 4 Irvine, and the balance from San Juan Capistrano, Newport Beach, Dana Point, Costa del Sol, Fullerton, Long Beach, Costa Mesa, Santa Ana, Anaheim, Orange, Yucaipa, Rockford, Ill., New York City and Canada.

Of the total 146 we made a ball-park guesstimate of our members' commitment to participate in all bowling activities by categorizing them as "Regular Activity" Bowlers (72), "Very Seldom Activity" Bowlers (55) and "Non-Bowlers" (19). We feel that the "degree of desire and physical condition of each member were prime considerations.

Make of this as you will, readers, but we hope you will share your statistics with us in succeeding issues.

FRIENDLY VALLEY

By Herb Hill

We had our annual business meeting on Nov. 3 for the election of officers for 1987. After a spirited campaign of "cement" slinging and promises that our green and club would be unsurpassed by any in the Southwest Division, the members elected by unanimous ballot Ned Shafer, President; Joe Brady, V.P.; Loretta Clark, Secy.; Ralph Umpleby, Treas.; and Bob Hansen, Games Chairman. We are all looking forward to a year of good bowling.

Bob Innis reported on our many exchange visitations from Santa Maria to Alhambra. It is wonderful to have all our members take part in these visits.

The end of October we had our intracub mixed pairs with Herb. and Lillian Hill, 1st and Ski and Lois Cegavske, 2nd. The 1st of November the all events tournament was won for the ladies by Mary Klein and Yours Truly for the men. The next week the Ladies Pairs were won by Lois Dablow and Ruth Otter with Ruth Nilsen and Lillian Hill, second.

On November 8, F.V. was well represented at the AWLBA mixed pairs in Santa Anita with Ski and Lois Cegavske coming in 2nd on green #1 and Lillian and Herb Hill 1st on green #3.

We had our Christmas Dinner and Party on December 8th with music by a young group of accordion players. It was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all.

We wish you all a Happy New Year of good bowling. We invite you to come and bowl with us and see the cement work our new President has done.

— In Memoriam —
Al Schmaedick
Chas. Reynertson

LEISURE WORLD MESA, ARIZONA

By Marilyn Dick

The new year finds our club very active and growing. It also brings a fresh slate of officers, some of whom many in the Southwest Division may know. Our President for 1987 is Eva Widmann; Vice President, Dave Hardy; Secretary, Roberta Lane; and Dottie Clothier will again serve as our Treasurer.

We just completed an active year with many visitations and plan to do the same this year. One type of visitation that should prove interesting is exchange play by the champions of each club in the area.

At this writing our attendance is swelled by our many repeat winter visitors plus occasional guests from near and far, including one from Auckland, New Zealand.

We are looking forward to a superb 1987 and wish all of you the same.

HOLMBY PARK LOS ANGELES

By FB Jr.

This year has been a banner year for our club. Thanks to a grant from the Joslyn Foundation matched by the City of Los Angeles, our old Joslyn Green has been completely redone. Jim Brewer worked very closely with and has fine cooperation from the City during this construction.



The new slate of officers and the executive board were installed at our annual meeting. You can see by their expressions that they are ready, willing, and eager to serve us during the coming year.

The Christmas Awards banquet was again held at the Sea Food Shanty. The food and beverages (wine was donated by Rita Aldridge) were enjoyed by all. The awards were dominated by our Bowler of the Year Jim Ashforth, pictured above with his wife, and Dorothy Cella (center) receiving the CELLA 666 award.

— In Memoriam —
Frank Hopkins

Don't keep everyone guessing
WEAR YOUR NAME TAG

SANTA MARIA

By Gordon Hogue

The new kid on the block made his presence known in a big way in October. The "New Kid" being the newly formed Gold Coast League, in its first year of existence, walked off with the Waterbury All-League Tournament trophy. Santa Maria, after defeating its rivals in the new league—Cambria, Santa Barbara and MacKenzie Park—sent the teams of Dick Amos/Gwen Amos/Bob Sturgeon and Scottie Robbie/Evelyn Robbie/Bob McGovney to represent the GCL in the annual event at The Groves.

Club tournament results: Mixed Pairs, winners Bob Ryan/Bess Grube; runners-up Jerry Rhilinger/Cora Allison. Ladies Novice Singles, winner Jeanie Ader, runner-up Bernice Signorelli. Men's Novice Singles, winner Jim Pizzi, runner-up Guido Signorelli.

We welcome our two newest members, Bill Barnaky and Blaine Axe. Both of these gentlemen show early signs of becoming championship material.

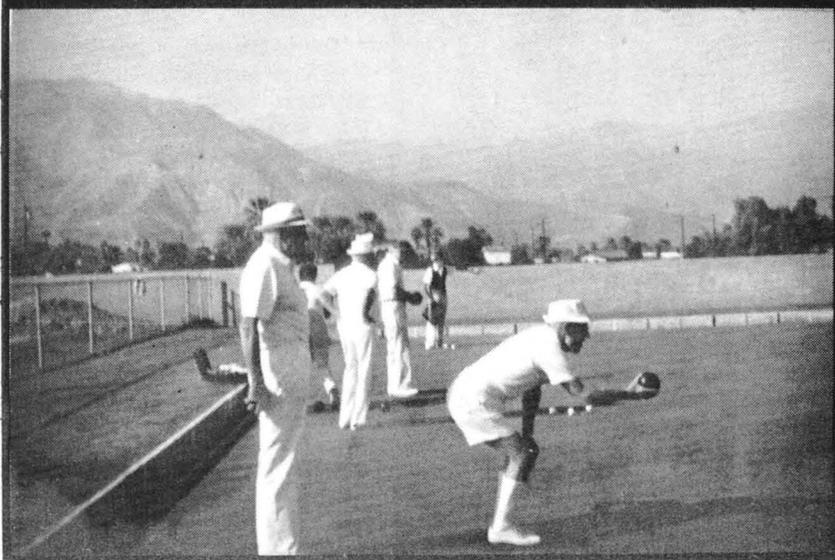
Visitations to Cambria, Santa Barbara and MacKenzie Park brightened our fall bowling schedule. We can always depend on having a great time (as well as some stiff competition) when we get together with these clubs.

Our annual Christmas Party/Awards Banquet this year was well-attended, as usual. The happy moments were filled with terrific food, singing of Christmas carols, distribution of tournament awards and a fun-filled hour exchanging gifts.

MacKENZIE PARK

By Dick Gregory

Good bowling to all in 1987. In spite of some disappointments in 1986, we had a pretty good year. We increased our membership (we were 90 members at our founding in 1965) from 200 to 216; and for the first time since 1965 a woman, Marcia Miller, was the Club novice winner. And in the week of March 9-14, interrupted by heavy, steady rain, we hosted the California State Women's Lawn Bowls Association, which attracted 78 competitors, including some Canadians. Also, we hosted the U.S. Pairs Division Playdown, June 28-29, with 20 pairs competing for the championship of the Southwest Division, and the right to vie to the U.S. National Championship. Our annual Labor Day games, which we co-host with our congenial neighbor, the Santa Barbara LBC, attracted some 200 zealous and hardy men and women bowlers from 25 clubs of the Southwest Division. We joined the Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Cambria, to form a Gold Coast League in a sincere attempt to upgrade our lawn bowling skills, and to enhance our relationship with our good neighbors. Indeed it WAS a good year.



JOSLYN COVE COMMUNITIES SENIOR CENTER

By Harlan Kittle

The Joslyn Cove Communities Senior Center is considered to be one of the most attractive and inviting centers for older adults in California.

Forget your images of a lobby full of dozing elders in rocking chairs. You'll hardly find a sedentary person on the membership roster.

This Center, housed in well-landscaped, architecturally-pleasing structure opened in February 1985, appeals to vital, well-informed, active people, 55 years and up. Catering to the residents of Indian Wells, Rancho Mirage and Palm Desert, the Center offers a diverse selection of things to do, ranging from bridge and other card games to investment and medical seminars, calisthenics, ballroom and round dancing, a golf tournament and painting of various kinds. Other helpful health-related meetings focus on particular disorders such as arthritis, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's or other medical problems.

The Center also has the only public lawn bowling green in the Coachella

Valley, and a Cove Communities Bowling Club has been organized. The club is very proud of its beautiful greens which consists of eight "rinks", providing play for 64 bowlers at one time. The club bowls every weekday morning. The club has joined the American Lawn Bowling Association and is planning competitions with other Southern California and some international bowling clubs, both here and away.

Home at home competitions are also expected with members of the Smoke Tree Lawn Bowling Club representing the private greens at Smoketree Country Club.

The Center's croquet court will be in operation soon, a nostalgic recreational activity once again becoming popular.

A new program, Outreach, is in the process of expansion at the Center, reaching out to seniors in the area who may be lonely, frail or housebound for some reason. Center volunteers then make visits and follow-up phone calls in an effort to make life easier for those people in need. This project is in addition to the beneficial Meals on Wheels and Dial-A-Ride programs also offered by the Center.

LAGUNA HILLS/ SADDLEBACK LBC (S)

By Norm Balch

The big news around here is that the Saddleback LBC has merged into the Laguna Hills LBC! Yes, folks, the Laguna Hills club has changed its by-laws to meet ALBA requirements and has been accepted into the Southwest Division as a full fledged member. There is no longer a need for a second club in this private community so, at last, we are one club and are looking forward to working with the rest of the division to support and strengthen the programs and goals of ALBA.

Presidents George Robinson and Fred W. Williams, of Saddleback and Laguna Hills respectively, did a great job in effecting the change. They had a lot of help and cooperation from many other dedicated bowlers and I wish there was room here to name them all.

Saddleback brings the State Triples champions, the Coast League championship and the Division All-Star Tournament champs into the L.H. fold. So, you'll be hearing from us. We hope to be a real asset to the division and to the American Lawn Bowls Association.

OAKS NORTH

By Gil Rea

Our San Diego North County weather has been most kind, providing daily ideal conditions for bowls right to the end of 1986. This gave good experience to our latest class of new bowlers, some of whom look very promising.

Our annual meeting was held on December 2 with election of the board for 1987 as follows: President, Muriel Savage; Vice-President, Gil Rea; Secretary, Anita Axelson; Treasurer, Paul Hegewald; Members-at-Large, Lee Durko, Roger Lindblom, Jody Schalek; Past President, Paul Rotter. The meeting was followed by a sumptuous Holiday Season Dinner Dance as hosted by Muriel Savage, assisted by Marie Detrich, Gladys Hansen, and Lil Jacobs.

During October and November we enjoyed visitations with Rancho Bernardo, Costa del Sol, San Diego, and Riverside. Overall during 1986 our visitations resulted in 11 wins, five losses, and one tie.

In club events, our Gulbrandsen Triples was won by Paul Rotter, Marie Detrich, and Muriel Savage, with Sunny Forbess, Len Schalek, and Gladys Hansen runners-up. The Turkey Shoot was won by Paul Hegewald, with second spot going to Len Schalek. The Spider was won by yours truly.

Congratulations to Belden Morgan, Paul Hegewald, and Anita Axelson who won their flight in the Mission Viejo Mixed Triples at Costa del Sol.

SANTA ANA

By Tommy Stirrat

Happy New Year from beautiful Santa Ana. We had our annual Christmas dinner, 69 members and guests attended and everyone had a lovely time. Our thanks for a job well done goes to our retiring president Helen Stirrat, who has given us two good years as president. We also had our election of officers and our new president is Dan Jordan (Rev.); vice president, Roscoe Dietrich; treasurer, Howard Davis; secretary, Bette Monk; board members, Marjorie Patterson, Janet Davis, Al Mantovani, Tommy Stirrat. Marion Lile will continue to do the membership roster.

Club events for 1986. Marjorie Patterson gave the Novice trophy, awarding to Kenneth Steltzer. Ina Jackson, tournament chairman, awarded the trophies to Hanford Jackson - Mixed Pairs to Rita Herron and Henry Fitschen, Club Singles, champion, Tommy Stirrat, runner-up Hugh Springer, (B) flight, Gail Hodgson, runner up, Marion Lile, sorry I can't report our triples or doubles as they weren't completed due to illness of some of the players. But we did get the second flight winners. They are Glenna Farrell and Roscoe Dietrich.

Congratulations to all. We do hope for a good year in 1987 and I hope to see a lot of the members come out to the green and enjoy the bowling.

We are looking forward to a visit from our friends from Canada in February. Also to the tournament in Las Vegas.

We are so grateful for Marjorie Paterson, hospitality, and her court for the wonderful display of food. And thanks to all our enthusiastic men who gave so much time and help.

MEADOWS - IRVINE

By Howard L. Handy

Officers for the year 1987 were installed at the annual banquet of the Meadows-Irvine Lawn Bowls Club in December.

Helen Buckley returns for a second term as president with Earle Pore taking over as vice-president. Marie Aikenhead (secretary) and Agnes Ferris (treasurer) return to office in the same captivity. Bus Burroughs will serve as Games Chairman, setting up the daily events, and Howard Handy will become Tournament Chairman and serve as Senior Delegate.

The Meadows hosted the Southwest Division AWLBA Christmas luncheon with some 120 guests enjoying a catered meal in the clubhouse. Bowling in the afternoon found 90 participants vying for prizes from candy canes to perfume. President Buckley was in charge of the event and the table decorations were very colorful and brought many favorable comments.



MEADOWS-IRVINE OFFICERS FOR '87. From left: Marie Aikenhead, secretary; Howard L. Handy, tournament chairman, senior delegate; Helen Buckley, president; Earle Pore, vice-president; Agnes Ferris, treasurer. Absent when picture was taken: Bus Burroughs, games chairman.

CLUB CHAMPIONS. Meadows-Irvine club champions pose with their awards at the club's annual meeting in December. Front row, left to right: Clint Baxter, Marie Aikenhead, Elsie Eggett, Faye Taylor and Georgia Guynn. Back row, from left: Paul Diaz, John Phillips, Frank Santopietro, Geri Geller, and Agnes Ferris.

Winners of tournaments during the past year included the following: Women's Singles, Fay Taylor, first; Elsie Eggett, second. Men's Singles, Paul Diaz, first; John Phillips, second. Mixed Singles, Faye Taylor, first; Frank Santopietro, second. Don Buckley Doubles, Yvonne Dean-Santopietro, first; Geri Geller-Jerry Cullen, second. Ben Dean Yardstick, Marie Aikenhead, Georgia Guynn, Y. Dean; Clair Hansen Mixed Triples, Agnes Ferris, Geller, Santopietro.

In the final event of the year, the Don Buckley Rinks, the team of Santopietro, Phillips, Bob Herrmann and Clint Baxter defeated Cullen, Geller, Guynn and Aikenhead in the final match after each team had won an earlier round.

The Meadows invites guests to join us at any time. We bowl every day except Monday with signup at 12:45 and bowling at 1:00. Whites are required on Saturday, Sunday, Holidays and for tournaments.

SUN CITY, CALIFORNIA

By Mabel Ellis

The following members have been chosen to direct our club as officers for the coming year: Keith Coffey, President; Bev Beckley, Vice-President; Mabel Smith, Secretary; Evelyn Tackels, Treasurer; Jim Ellis, Tournament Chairman; Paul Merrin, Games Chairman; Amos Greenamyre, Greens Chairman; and Roberta Parra, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

The above people are the V.I.P.s; they will be ably assisted by 102 other members who serve on the various committees. Thus approximately one out of every three members will be actively involved in the successful operation of our club.

The club's annual Open Mixed Triples Tournament was held November 1st. Eighteen teams, representing 12 clubs, were entered in the all day games. First place winners were: Ken Bolton, Judah Barber and Anne Barber from the Long Beach Club. In second place were: Elmer Hodgson, Glenna Farrell and Gail Hodgson from the Santa Ana Club. In third place were: Rudy Reyes, Evelyn Stood and Ruby Reyes from the Casta del Sol Club.

Our November instruction class produced 20 new members, making a total of 46 newcomers to the club in 1986. We welcome these members and encourage them to get involved in daily play, visitations and tournaments as much as possible. Thus we have a constantly growing club that will not die out for lack of interest.

— In Memoriam —
Harry Michelmore

CASTA DEL SOL

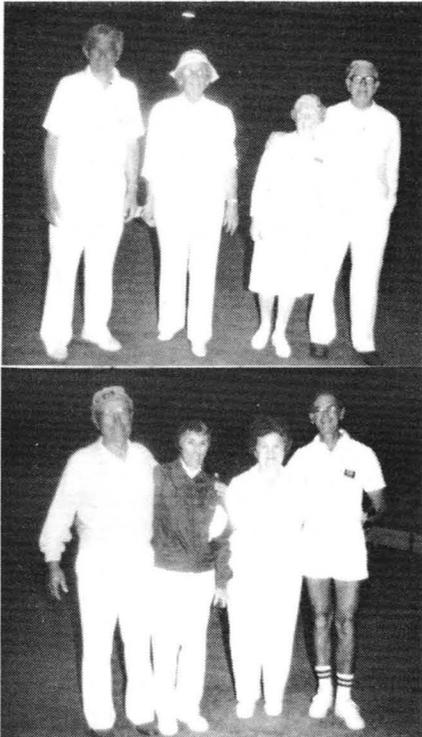
By Hollis Lee

The joyous Holiday Season is past,
And spring is ready and coming fast,
Polish up those bowls,
Brush up on the rules,
And loosen up the wrist.

For you this year, may it be said,
May every end be a beautiful head,
With fortunate wicks,
And NO bowls in the ditch,
And only ends be dead!

With President Ernie Robson and the new Board getting into the swing of a new year, we are prepared for another great year of bowling in Mission Viejo. WE were good hosts at our first visitation, allowing our friends from Newport Beach a 7-7 split.

We will be among the fortunate clubs to host the visiting British Club Presidents Bowling Delegation in their tour of the U.S. in March.



TWO PLUS TWO MIXED RINKS

By Bill Newlon

I had the final tournament of the year Saturday, November 15th—Two Plus Two Mixed Rinks at Riverside. All went smoothly and we had an excellent roll-off between Al Pearson's team and Gary Wagner's. The format called for a three end decider. After two ends, Al was two up and appeared to have the match won, only to have Gary drive the jack out of bounds to scrub the end. A repeat situation occurred with hardly enough room for Gary to reach the jack—but he eagle eyed in perfectly to hit the jack out and again scrub the end. On this occasion, had the jack gone straight to the gutter, Wagner would have had three points and the game.

The deciding end had Al place his last bowl right in front of the jack with several bowls placed close at hand—Gary was again called on to drive. This time he was off his mark and the match was won by the Pearson team.

Pictured TOP is the winning team of Al and Alice Pearson, and Mima and Emy Venmon.

Pictured BOTTOM are the runners-up of A.D. Coates, Sunny Forbess, Ann Dunn, and Gerald Wagner.

RECREATION PARK

By Paul Owen

Club tournaments have been completed, and the winners were:

Singles, Mike Leslie; runner-up, Harold Frerks. Club Pairs, Frank Zober and Mike Leslie; runners-up Ernie Allfie and Kent Bell. Fellowship Pairs, Ernie Allfie and Dave Quintal; runners-up Mike Clerkin and Mike Leslie.

The John Roller Junior Pairs, held in memory of John Roller who passed away in October, were won by Frank Zober and Stu Sistad.

Club officers for 1987 are: President, Joe Harkins; Vice President, Joe Dunlap; Secretary, Bernie Huguet; and Treasurer, Don Jones. Our Christmas Lunch at the Yacht Club was a big success.

— In Memoriam —

John Roller, George Crissman, Art Whitton

SANTA BARBARA LBC

By Nancy Carlson

Have you met Bob Locke, the chap who peers through binoculars to locate the jack? He's been bowling here for 45 years! We lovingly wing-dinged his 99th birthday on the last Tuesday of 1986. Bob's daughter Jean Lehne, a new bowler this year, provided scrumptious cake, Injuring both knees in a bad fall recently, Bob isn't bowling yet. We miss him on the greens.

And the second weekend of the new year marked Charles Hood's 94th birthday. Charles has hardly bowled since suffering a dizzy spell here last year. But he enjoys watching others play away, and he adds his matchless measure and charm.

The rest of the loyal old guard doesn't yet get mention for having reached the decade of the nineties. But they add much flavor, most of it tasty, to our club! I doubt you could find a more dedicated, more amiable bunch of sugarplums in church.

Retired dentist John Davis, a good and regular bowler in his eighties, died rather suddenly as the year turned over. We miss John.

Our bowlers earned WONderful recognition of the Arid-zona State Tournaments held in Sun City, and I got to distribute their handsome trophies—as close as I get to the hardware! See here:

Hal Davidson—Bowler of the Tournament, Triples Winner, Doubles Runner-up.

Louise Godfrey, Pat Delmarsh—Doubles Champions.

Dick Gregory—Doubles Champion.

— In Memoriam —

John Davis

ESCONDIDO

By Jack Williams

The prospect of a good game of bowls is inducement enough to bring out a goodly gaggle of our members, and when added to that is the most benign weather this side of Paradise, the result is a high level of activity that pleases all. Visitors from Canada, the PIM Division, and from throughout the SW have dropped by for a roll-up and thus added greatly to our own enjoyment. Notable in that group was Nell Hunter from Vancouver, B.C., who is a many-time champion and member of Canada's national team. Nell and her husband Les were vacationing in Hemet and came over as guests of another of our Canadian members, Bob Labron. Nice people—but used up a lot of chalk!

The six-man team competitions ("mini-tournaments") have continued with challenges (all repelled) from The Groves, Oaks North, and Santa Anita. We all await the next challengers—any takers? Call Hugh MacDoald at (619) 742-1406. For a report on our Australian Pairs tournament, please see separate article in this issue.

Another new member, Bill Adams, joined in time to enjoy the outstanding Xmas Party arranged by our energetic Entertainment Committee of Fred Breylinger and Bob Byerts. The Holiday season was also marked by a beautiful Open House for all members hosted by Erma and Eric Grundy to "shake-down" their new home.

Can '87 top all this? If we re-elect our President, it might!

POMONA

By Burdette Foster

The Pomona Lawn Bowling Club held its annual Christmas lunch at Kellogg West, Cal Poly University, on Tuesday, December 2nd, 1986. Reports from committee chairmen were received and the officers for the year 1987 were installed.

Four of our members are recovering nicely from various illnesses. Hugh Freeman, from open heart surgery; Frank Sacks, from a stroke; Alama Garris, from a broken leg suffered in an automobile accident; and Ron Fitch, from a broken leg suffered while washing a kitchen floor.

On December 8th, the Annual Toys for Tots Tournament was held with a good turn out of members and many gifts and money being donated to the Salvation Army.

During the year nine new members were initiated to lawn bowling. They are Homer Henrie, Angel Sanchez, Glenn Johnston, Ernie Tobalt, Verne Menzer, Stuart Ryerson, Dean Erhardt, Joyce Blair, Rufus Fairly and Eleanor Craig.

SMOKE TREE RANCH

By Robert G. Adair

With all the year end football bowls concluded, we thought you might be interested in some data and comment on the bowls games conducted here in late 1986.

The October invitational results are as follows:

(1) SAN DIEGO

Robert G. Briegel, Valerie Doyle, Walter Doyle, Cy Monkman

(2) LAGUNA BEACH

Keith Lance, Nancy Lance, William Robertson, Nettie Robertson.

(3) BEVERLY HILLS

Sam Jones, Jim Hollway, Rudy Perpich

(4) PASADENA

Frank Petit, Arthur Hansen, Richard S. Lockridge, Betty Lockridge

My big disappointment was that virtually no one, save the contestants, remained over for the exciting final matches and awards ceremony. I know that long drives home, flight schedules and other commitments all bear upon the problem, but I believe that we might all think about a solution. The "finals" participants deserve an audience, for they inevitably produce a good show.

And finally our committee's thanks to Bob Briegel and Ed Cullen for officiating, to Mesdames Unger, Persina, and Adair, and Colonel Unger for score keeping and raking services at the "finals", to Elizabeth Earle for her indispensable attention to the Scoreboard, and to Ron Taylor for his meticulous care of our green.

The STR Invitational in December chairmanned by Fred Bacon ended up with all husband and wife teams in the semi-finals. Eventually, the Bains of Redlands were the winners over the Baines of Rossmoor with the Folkins of Mission Viejo edging out the Mortensons of Glendale for third and fourth.

You will all be pleased to hear that Rudy Perpich has recovered from heart surgery and is back on the ranch.

REDLANDS

By Peg Bennett

Our club had a very successful bowling tour #3 in October to Arizona where we bowled at the Johnson LBC and the Oakmont LBC. We were royally entertained and the greens were excellent.

In November we held our 64th Annual Meeting and Pat Oesterlein was elected president. Other officers were Hank Ruitter, past-president; Bill Hathaway, vice-president; Joan Worden, secretary-treasurer; Peg Bennett, tournament chairman; Bill Oesterlein, games chairman; Doris March and Louise Moffitt, social co-chairmen; Lee Bain, greens chairman; Ollie Clark, building chairman; and Paul Hart, senior delegate; Pat Oesterlein, membership chairman. Lee Bain and Ken Lawrence were elected to the nominating committee with Nedra Con-

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ley as chairman. The new historian is Phoebe Hill; Peg Bennet, publicity; Jewl Ruitter, Sunshine and Telephone; and instructors are Lee Bain, Zelda Bain, Phoebe Hill, Peg Bennett and Hank Ruitter.

On December 3, 88 members and guests held their 64th annual Christmas lunch at the Officers' Club, Norton Air Force Base. President Pat Oesterlein awarded trophies for club tournaments just completed. Triples winners were Bill Hathaway-Pete Henderson-Myllie Crabb; second place went to Hank Ruitter-Ollie Clark-Nedra Conley. The consolation prize was won by Bill Oesterlein-Jewel Ruitter-Leland Baxter.

Games Chairman Bill Oesterlein will have club singles for the men on January 8 and the ladies will have their tournament on January 15. Finals for both will be January 22. We welcome Martin Conley to our club.

— In Memoriam —
Ingeborg Rampoldt
Kenneth Leamon

SAN DIEGO

By Dorothy O'Carroll

The "weatherman" has been exceptionally kind to us and the days continued warm and sunny until the 2nd week in December, when it rained during our annual meeting and potluck which is traditionally held on the patio. However, approximately 46 members crowded into the clubhouse and an intimate and successful meeting and election of officers were held. Bill Hiscock was recognized for his generous contribution of legal expertise neces-

sary for the formation of the San Diego Lawn Bowling Club Foundation, and thanks was given to Ora Brooks for the beautiful, large American flag which she presented to the club. The generosity of the club members was evidenced by the collection of toys to be distributed by the Salvation Army. Also, our luck held once again! It stopped raining long enough for us to partake of the sumptuous buffet outside on the patio!

At the helm for 1987 will be George Sincerbox, President; Robert Marsh, 1st V.P.; Mary Quick, 2nd V.P.; Ruth Erickson, Secretary; and Gladys Bowman, Treasurer. Ordis Forbess, Past President, Betty Barraclough, and Dan Johnson will form the Executive Committee.

Trophy Events: Winners of The Briden Mixed Triples: Donald Wright, Kenneth Quick, and Robert Craig. Runners-up: Sunny Forbess, Margaret Young, and Phyllis Griffith.

Winners of the Arthur Crowe Mixed Triples: Paul Hegewald, Al Geisner, and Art Sullivan. Runners-up: Ordis Forbess, Margaret Young, and Doris Pecora.

Winners of The Bill Young Mixed Doubles: Muriel Savage and Ferd Pecora. Runners-up: Paul Hegewald and Phyllis Griffith.

We are proud of our ladies who added our club name to the SW Division AWLBA sponsored 5-star Ina Jackson Trophy at Santa Ana. They are: Loretta Geisner, Junia Perry, Mary Quick, Esther Sincerbox, and Ann Travis.

Our annual Christmas party and awards banquet was held at the Admiral Kidd Club where a delicious buffet luncheon was served.

SANTA MONICA

We ended another successful year with our first lady president, Betty Dore at our helm.

The green under the strict supervision of our newly elected president Cris Flores and greenskeeper Larry Padilla continue to improve to the point where we believe that our surface is right up there with the top greens in California.



We ended our year with a flourish at our annual luncheon supervised by Charlotte Boeshaar followed just afterward by spiders on our green with beautiful poinsettias donated by Gertrude Barlow pictured above. As Mae West once said, "Come on up and see us some time, anytime."

BOWL-IN-AT-THE-GROVES

By Bill Meierstein, M.D.

Before we completely eighty-six 1986, let's not forget to thank P.P. Grace Shrigley and her board for their nifty performance. Our new officers will be Don Lowrey, President; Gene Tatro, Vice President; Beth Norris, Secretary; Russ Marshall, Tourney Chairman; and Charles Rathsom our Daily Games Director.

At our annual Dinner/Awards Banquet, lovely plaques were awarded. Here are the 1986 Club Champions: Mixed Singles, Herb Braun; Ladies Singles, Jean Marshall; Men's Singles, Bill Meierstein; Pairs, Don Lowery and Martha Ladonin; Triples, Herbie Braun, Irene Miller, Bernice Bolton; Rinks, Russ Marshall, Paul Tortorice, Scotty Nott and Carmello Spatola.

Surely the biggest highlight of 1987 will be our hosting the Men's United States Championship Finals in September.

Here is an exclusive "Mad Dog" sure fire recipe for attracting NEW MEMBERS. (QUALIFY YOUR PROSPECTS!!) Don't ask just any warm body! Look for the following traits, mannerisms or habits.

1. Anyone still working who takes their lunch to work (especially if in a brown paper sack).

2. Anyone seen wearing white tennis shoes (smooth soled, of course) at a formal dance, dinner, wedding or funeral.

3. Anyone who continually complains about everything (this is good skip material!).

4. Anyone who enjoys discussing a recent illness or surgery (yours or theirs).

5. Anyone who doesn't mind riding six in a car (with or without seat belts).

Just a few appetizers to munch on. If you want my book, send \$29.95!!

— Mad Dog

SUN CITY, ARIZONA

By Arlene Spalding

We have had a very busy autumn here in Arizona. Our club meets and plays together in mini tournaments every week, complete with refreshments and prizes. Our membership continues to grow.

On October 20th and 22nd Niels Kragh, a National rated Umpire, directed a seminar for umpires. Thirteen people attended the four hour sessions and everyone gained a lot about the rules and the judging of our game.

Our November Arizona State Tournament was very well attended and our club was represented as winning either first or second in all but one of both women and men's events. We are very proud of our winners and our record! The competition was keen, and the tournament and the banquet were a success.

We had a well attended Christmas business meeting and luncheon party. It was voted to change the day and time of play from Monday morning to Thursday afternoon for January and February. The party ended with a game and door prizes.

On January 11th our club will be one year old! We are planning a Birthday Bowling Party complete with cake and prizes.

We look forward to the competition in Las Vegas in January where our club will have three teams represented including last year's winners, Niels and Alene Kragh and Bill Weaver who will try to defend their 1986 win.

The new officers for the year are: Neil Bultman, President; Bill Weaver, Vice President; Ralph Spalding, Treasurer; Arlene Spalding, Secretary.

— In Memoriam —

Chuck Overhuser

George Olson

BEVERLY HILLS

By Bill Kohlecter

We're playing again at Beverly Hills. There's still a lot to be done, but one of our three greens is now in action, with number two close behind. Our third green is expected to be in reasonable shape by late summer. Until the second green is playable, we will be open every day except Tuesdays and Thursdays.

On December 13th, we held our 59th annual membership meeting, including the election of 1987 officers, a bountiful luncheon, and "Holiday Bowl" tournament. Because our club was closed for all but the end of 1986, the membership returned its total slate of officers for calendar 1987. President is Irv Chalfin, Immediate Past-President Dr. Richard Simon, Vice-President Helman Todes, Secretary Joe Siegman, Treasurer Adrian Cole, Sec.-Treas. Ruby Woodcock, and Directors Clifford Lord and Ben Zippert. Ruby Woodcock is Tournament Chairperson. The "Holiday Bowl" tournament took place after the meeting-luncheon, with every participant receiving a special shirt as a minimum prize.



Dr. Haley delivers his latest model greens planer to Ted Yano, greenskeeper, and Top Gun, Joe Siegman.

Although we had no greens, and for all intents and purposes were a club on paper in 1986, some of our members enjoyed extraordinary achievements during the year. We believe Beverly Hills is the first club to ever boast both the AWLBA United States singles champion (Ruby Woodcock) and National Open singles champion (Ann Barber) in the same year. Also kudos to BH'ers Dick Simon and Jim Splitt who won the Southwest Division U.S. Doubles title. The above and others also managed to do quite well on the busy Southwest tournament schedule. The club expects to return to a moderate tournament schedule this year, greens allowing.



CENTRAL DIVISION

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This is the "Golden Circle" of Lawn Bowling—made up of tournament bowlers and social bowlers. Here are love, the sharing of ideas, good sportsmanship, the joy of the game. This circle starts in the clubs, encircles the divisions, the national associations and the international organizations—round and round they go together for the betterment of Lawn Bowls.

A few "golden circles" which will be put into motion this spring, summer, and fall are: FLINT is having a tournament over the Memorial Day weekend, May 23, 24 and 25; WESTLAND is holding both the ALBA and the AWLBA Central Division on their one green, July 4th through the 9th (Games Chairmen are Jim Symington and Nancy Davidson from Westland); MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK will be holding the Otto Hess and Sidney Stellar Tournaments over the Labor Day Weekend. The Otto Hess Tournament was established a quarter of a century ago.

WESTLAND

By Bill Davidson

The 1986 season is past history. Now we begin 1987 with even higher expectations.

Our most ambitious undertaking to date will be hosting the 1987 ALBA and AWLBA Central Division Open Tournaments. These tournaments will be held July 4 through July 9. We will be using wins and maximum plus to determine the winners and runners up.

For ALBA Central Division forms and other information please contact:

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New to our schedule in 1987 will be a home and home rinks tournament with the club from Windsor, Canada. This should prove to be very interesting and competitive.

FLINT

By Phyllis Prior

Not much going on in the north country, not much snow either!

The Flint Lawn Bowlers got together for a Christmas party at a local restaurant; it was a lot of fun.

An invitational tournament is being planned for the Memorial Day weekend, May 23, 24, 25, 1987. Entry blanks and more information will be sent to the Central Division Club after the first of the year.

We are looking forward to your participation as this is a "first" for the Flint Lawn Bowling Club.

Be looking for you in the Spring!

LAKESIDE

By Andy Clausen

In a meeting ticketed to be the final "skull session" in a game plan for presentation to the Chicago Park Board, the Lakeside Board Committee of Carl Johnson, Al Eichholz, John LeNoble, and Homer Harlan sat down with special guest and greens architect Don Young, recently in from Santa Barbara, where he is built and finished a beautiful 12 second green for their local constituents.

The meeting was held December 27th at the Museum of Science and Industry and closed with a field trip to the nearby Lakeside greens where an inspection and analysis was made by Mr. Young before his return to Rockton.

By this writing the Lakeside Board will have made a particular date with George Cooley and other members of the Chicago Park Board to sit down with Don Young to present terms all around for the Springtime approach to our greens problem!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

Mixed Singles: 1st Flight

Winner: James Donnelly; Runner-up Joe Ambors

2nd Flight:

Winner: James Schnadig; Runner-up Carl Johnson

Marital Pairs

Winners: Carl and Margaret Johnson
Runners-up: Rhoda and Al Eichholz

Happy New Year to the ALBA and the AWLBA!

MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK

By Ted Palmer

Our annual meeting was held December 1st, at which the following officers were voted in for 1987: President, Jack Lennon; Vice-President, Ted Palmer; Secretary, Champ Salisbury; Treasurer, Floyd Finley.

Our Blind Pairs, usually held over Memorial Day will be postponed to some time in June. This was done so as not to conflict with Flint's Memorial Day Tournament.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

County Singles:

1st, J. Behling; 2nd, J. Wolf; 3rd, T. Palmer; 4th, M. James

Allen Singles: 1st, M. James; 2nd, J. Lennon

Stuart Pairs:

1st, T.M. Palmer, T.P. Palmer

2nd, H. Drost, O. Hess

County Singles: 1st, Champ Salisbury

2nd, J. Wolf

Reed Triples:

1st, T.E. Palmer, L. Skrede, J. Lennon

2nd, R. McClelland, B. Kather, W. Kintz

Mixed Pairs:

1st, C. Graybar, D. Antinucci

2nd, C. Salisbury, P. Salisbury

New Year Greetings to the ALBA and the AWLBA!

MILWAUKEE WEST

By Clemens T. Wisch

We had an enjoyable summer with our club tournaments and our Milwaukee County tournaments with friends at the Milwaukee Lake Park Club. The tournament results:

CLUB MIXED TRIPLES:

1st, Marguerite Prachthausser, Clem Wisch, Ervin Johlke (s)

2nd, Mary Connell, Terry Johlke, Melvin Moudry (s)

CLUB MIXED PAIRS:

1st, Margaret Riffice, John Wolf (s)

2nd, Clem Wisch, Donna Behling (s)

CLUB MEN'S TRIPLES:

1st, Art Schmidt, Herb Ferber, Erv Johlke (s)

2nd, Ray Noffz, Bernard Connell, Cy Stevens (s)

CLUB WOMEN'S TRIPLES:

1st, Mary Connell, Terry Johlke, Virginia Wolf (s)

2nd, Marge Riffice, Rosetta Johnson, Marge Moudry (s)

CLUB MEN'S PAIRS:

1st, Clarence Paulin, John Wolf (s)

2nd, Clem Wisch, Herbert Ferber (s)

CLUB WOMEN'S PAIRS:

1st, Marge Paulin, Donna Behling (s)

2nd, Marguerite Prachthausser, Marge Moudry (s)

CLUB MEN'S SINGLES:

1st, Jack Behling; 2nd, Clem Wisch

CLUB WOMEN'S SINGLES:

1st, Marge Paulin; 2nd, Rosetta Johnson

COUNTY WOMEN'S PAIRS:

1st, Marge Paulin, Virginia Wolf (s)

2nd, Marge Moudry, Dee Antinucci (s)

COUNTY WOMEN'S SINGLES:

1st, Virginia Wolf

COUNTY MEN'S PAIRS:

1st, John Wolf; 2nd, Jack Behling (s)

COUNTY MEN'S SINGLES:

1st, Champ Salisbury; 2nd, John Wolf

COUNTY MEN'S TRIPLES:

1st, Clarence Paulin, John Wolf, Jack Behling (s)

Good Bowling to the ALBA and the AWLBA!

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE GREEN

Arkansas

On September 27 and 28, Tournament Director Jim Jenson gathered the club together for the annual Arkansas Open. The weather was delightful, trophies and ribbons were presented, refreshments were made available by Al Scharpau's committee and local merchants had donated valuable door prizes including a television set.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

Singles, State: 1st, Jack Whiteside; 2nd, Ruth Bell

Men's Singles: 1st, Jack Whiteside; 2nd, Al

Scharpau

Women's Singles: 1st, Ruth Bell; 2nd, Daphne

Jenson

Men's Rinks: 1st, Jim Jensen, Jack Whiteside, Ray

Gussick, Ed Horn; 2nd, Ward Harms, Jack Bur-

tonshaw, George Bell, Howard Brennecke

Women's Rinks: 1st, Beverly Shepherd, Ruth

Bell, Phyllis Burtonshaw, Anita Whiteside; 2nd,

Fay Gussick, Daphne, Ardis Ross, Elinor Krause

"LAST CHANCE TOURNAMENT" RESULTS:

Men's Singles: Winner, Merle Croak; Runner-up

Ward Harms

Women's Singles: Winner, Beverly Shepherd;

Runner-up, Lou Roebels

Mixed Pairs: 1st, Beverly Shepherd, George Bell;

Runners-up, Merle Croak, Edna Anderson

Club President Bud Severson presided over the December 1st Annual Meeting. Val Scharpau's food committee provided an excellent pitch-in luncheon. New board members: Jack Shepherd, Daphne Jensen, Elinor Krause and Jack Burtonshaw. Nadine Brannon, Bud Severson, Betty Atkinson continue as board members.



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JEFFERSON PARK

By Joe Frisino

Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club of Seattle, WA, had national winners in both men's and women's pairs this summer.

Harriette Bauer and Theresa Day, representing the Northwest Section, won the U.S. Championship in the American Women's Lawn Bowling Assn. competition at Laguna Hills, Calif.

And last August at the men's championships bowled on their home green, the experienced team of John Johnson and William Craig beat off some fine competition.

Members of JPLBC have been active on the green and socially this year with celebrations of Sadie Hawkins Day, Columbus Day—complete with a fabulous spaghetti and chicken feed—a Thanksgiving Day roll in and a Christmas Party.

Officers are Hugh Ramsey, president; Arthur Kirk, V.P.; Donald Patton, treasurer; and Jean Lance, secretary.

Women's group officers are Dorothy Hammett, president; Evelyn Hathaway, V.P.; and Mary Wilson, secretary.

KING CITY

By Dee Pennock

Except for a few snowbirds, who may pop in to bowl with kindred spirits down south, we're all in hibernation up here. Not social hibernation, of course! We've still got those monthly dinners and happy hours to hold us together—and even, at our last dinner, a little indoor bowling.

New officers for the coming year are: president, Warren Handley; vice-president, Charlotte Gamble; treasurer, Harold Nielson; secretary, Anita McElvain; and members-at-large, Don Ferris and Bertha Olmstead.

Our green was in its "best ever" condition this past year, and we had a fine group of new bowlers out playing on it. We're looking forward to more of the same in 1987.

QUEEN CITY - SEATTLE

By Harry Itzkow

The club geared itself for an eventful 1987 by electing a creative, vigorous board under the leadership of Bob Walker; John Ober will be both vice-president and Greens Committee chairman; Ruth Bortz, treasurer; Betty Schlichting, secretary. Although the club bade farewell to Gene Weeden and Don McMillan as officers who discharged their duties seriously and conscientiously, they remain with us to lend wise counsel. Bill Burt who did not run for office again was prevailed upon to resume chairmanship of the Publicity/Membership Committee. Judging from his plans, this will be a banner year. Clair Chapman was reappointed Games Committee chairman, and LuVina Duke, Arnold Haring, Nancy Sexsmith (Women's Club president), and Harry Itzkow complete the executive roster. Other chairpeople and committee members, although unlisted, are essential cogs in our operation.

"One of the best! Enjoyable program!" were some of the comments about the Christmas Party put together by the Women's Club. The cast included: about 80 choristers singing and having fun; Bob Walker, M.C.; Hal Jewell, conducting; Harriet Bauer, pouring; Irene Rantucci, at the organ; the Golden Warbler, Elaine Goldenqay; and the Claus family,

played by the Grubers, LaVina Duke, and John Ober.

The first Bowl-Crib tournament held last month with 18 contestants, saw Doug Prosser (beginner bowler but a professional cribbage player) win first, with Elmer Scott, second, Chris Dyck, third, and Fred Cousins, fourth.

TACOMA

By Lorene Townsend

George and Beverly Lown are two of our most dedicated bowlers. Last summer, they drove 280 miles round trip from Port Townsend to Tacoma twice a week to learn how to lawn bowl. Beverly did so well that she won the 1986 Tacoma Novice tournament, and George who has an advantage over his fellow bowlers because he can bowl equally well with either hand, has a workshop where he makes little lawn bowlers out of wood and connects them to windmills. When the wind blows hard, these little guys have great bowling form, but they don't have much time to think between each delivery. We are glad George and Beverly chose Tacoma for their club.

At our club's fall banquet new officers were elected as follows:

President, Warren Townsend; vice president (games chairman), Steve Brightman; treasurer, Peggy Sheppard; secretary, Grace Said.

Our members appreciate the progress the club made during 1986 under the leadership of President George West. Thanks also go to Karl Kaiser and his committee for the work they did in revising our club's by-laws, and to all others who made the year a success.

Our 1987 committees are loaded with enthusiastic members, and some of the hardiest started bowling in December to get an early start on the new year. Good bowling, friends!

ROGUE VALLEY MANOR & VILLAGE

By Winston Nichols

At this cool and foggy time of the year enthusiastic players keep the RVM&V LBC indoor rink busy almost every hour of the every day. A weekly instruction period acquaints a number of amazed, and amazingly capable, players with the great world of lawn bowls.

Experienced players, aware of the availability of a nationally affiliated club, have chosen this retirement facility. Among these, the Kirkpatricks, from Oaks North, San Diego the Baldwins and Red Inman from Oakmont, Ca., Bernie Weber from Carmel Del Mesa, CA, Gena Hawkins from Sunny Glen, CA. Winter tournaments are being planned to lend activity and interest to the remaining winter months.

The outdoor rink will open in late March or early April. Plans are underway for the addition of one, or possibly two, outdoor rinks, as soon as construction time can be arranged.

— In Memoriam —

Charter Member Leslie Brewton
a great guy who so liked the game of bowls

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

By John M. Marchi

Installation of new officers was held on October 17, 1986 and acting-president Lowell Brooks was elected president for 1987. Brooks did an excellent job in filling out the term of former president. Ray Ness who passed away in mid-year. Installed with Brooks were Jack Tam, V.P., Gerry Honn, treasurer, Pearl Kassa, secretary, and board members Wally Eastwood, Marianne Speakman and Gerry Kissin.

Our Winter Hot Stove luncheon meetings were started in November and monthly get-togethers will be held through March. Program for the November meeting was a report from President Brooks about the fall Northwest District meeting. Betty Brooks attended the AWLBA meeting at the same location and discussed the possibility of joining this group with the Spokane club women at the December luncheon.

President Brooks and the writer met with a Ted Spangler of Boise, Idaho, as to cost of building and maintaining a green. We toured Mr. Spangler over our green and showed him our club facilities and answered all his questions. Spangler is trying to promote the raising of the money for the green and have the park department build and maintain it. We recommended that he form a bowling club and take over responsibility of the green and to affiliate with the Northwest District-ALBA.



The Umpire shall decide all questions as to the length of the mat from the ditch, and jack from the mat.



SOUTHEAST DIVISION

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The 1988 ALBA National Open Tournament to be hosted by the Southeast Division on November 5-12 will be held at the Sun City Center Club. Co-Chairmen for the event are J. Nelson Brown and Roy Webb. Watch future issues of *Bowls* for more details.

Schedules for the Southeast Division ALBA U.S. Championships Playdowns have been determined with pairs being played at the Delray Club starting on April 1 while single will start at the Clearwater Club on April 13. Deadline for entries in pairs is March 24 and for singles, entry must be made no later than April 6. Fees are \$10.00 per man per event and should be sent to Bert MacWilliams, 2359 Finlandia Lane, Clearwater, Florida 33575 with a check payable to Southeast Division, ALBA.

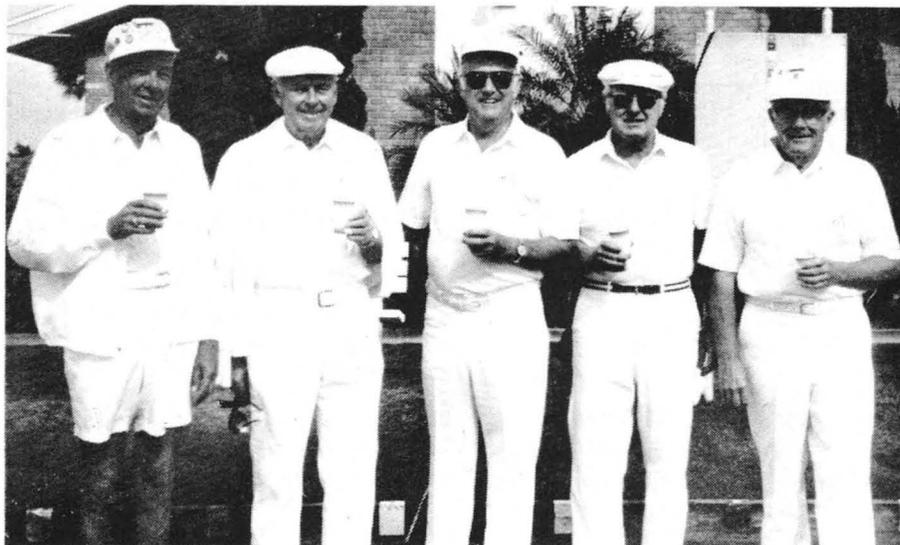
WEST PALM BEACH

By Fran Feese

Off your "Butts" it's time to get rolling. That's our motto here at West Palm Beach, Florida. The northerners are drifting in and already we have another new member. We'll try and do better as the season progresses. Four of our members went to Clearwater for the Southeast Tournament, but it was rained out and no one was able to go for the rain date. Dec. 19th we went to Delray for a mix and match fun game and everyone had a good time. We got our bill for the Bowls Facility, "Oh my aching Treasury." Now comes the scramble to send enough bowls for refinishing to get it back. With Sun City tournaments due in January we have one triple signed up to go at this time.

Last year we were visited by two fine bowlers from England, Ken and Olyn Davis. They returned again this year for two months we're happy to say. Who knows, maybe we can make regular commuters out of them. Ken gave the club several pins from clubs in England to give out as prizes at our inter-club tournaments.

Anyone coming to Florida? Look us up and join the fun.



PEBBLE BEACH Sun City Center, Florida

By John Lowry

Pictured left to right are the new officers for 1987: John Lowry, Publicity; Bob Morgan, President; Mac McClew, Vice President; Virgil Gibbs, Secretary-Treasurer; Ernie Gustafson, Past President.

Absent was Ed Langill, Tournament Chairman.

Ed has scheduled club tournaments of triples in January, pairs in February and singles in March.

Roy Webb, our U.S. Championships singles champion, is our greens committee chairman and has his committee working hard to make our 32 rinks the best.

ST. PETERSBURG

By Bill Robertson

With the coming of perfect weather our bowling season has begun here in St. Pete. Our bowling schedule has been set up; we have had our first tournament; and our membership has reached pretty much its peak.

November had its share of activity. The Ladies' Division celebrated its 60th anniversary with a festive day of bowling and entertainment. The club also entertained a touring group of English bowlers. We had a pleasant day of bowling with a lunch served.

Our annual Christmas party was a great success; we had a catered chicken dinner followed by entertainment. On Christmas day we usually have a mini-tournament followed by refreshments.

This season the St. Pete club will only enter one squad in the West Florida League. Two years ago we entered three squads! Not only has our membership dwindled but apparently our interest as well.

This past summer two of our members distinguished themselves in the Ontario, Canada Provincial Senior Championships. Agnes Bowlby played for the winning ladies triples and George Vogt was a member of the men's winning triples.

This year the St. Pete Men's Club will be 70 years old. However, we are still young at heart so if any bowlers are in the area, please drop in for a game or two. We will make you more than welcome.

SARASOTA

By Joyce Schindler

The Winter season has begun and we are happy to see all our own "Snow Birds" return to their homes in sunny Florida. We are becoming busier and busier. Glad to say we have had quite a few new members join us in the past few months. Always room for a few more. The remainder of our usual Winter bowlers will join us after the holidays.

The greens are in excellent condition and we held our first club tournament of the season December 1st. Mixed triples. A large audience enjoyed the finals. Nice bowling men.

Winners: G. Farnan (s), Art Mayall, D. Diggins. Runners-up: R. Smith (s), O. Barsten, B. Holt.

We're preparing our schedule for the inter-city games with Lakeland, and Sun City Center to begin January 3rd.

Any day now we expect to see our greenskeeper, Dick LaBrie, out mowing our third green—it looks real promising.

On March 1st we will host 24 male members of the EBA Presidents' Touring Group in games of rinks after which we will serve tea and have a friendly get-together.

As usual our "Welcome Mat" is still out to all visiting lawn bowlers. Good bowling — Good fortune in the New Year.

— In Memoriam —
Frances Authammer

LAKELAND

By Hazel B. Lawrence

Lakeland Lawn Bowling Club opened its 1986-87 season with good greens, good weather and a visit on November 14th with 16 of our British friends, we all had a wonderful time.

Christmas Fun Day was held on Dec. 18th. We played one 12 end game in the morning and after a delicious lunch served by Mary Ellen Best and her able committee in the Lake Mirror Center, prizes were awarded to the winners of the Men's Doubles, Ladies Doubles and the Non-Skip Triples. We sang a few Christmas carols led by Mary Adair. We had an attendance of 170, and after lunch we played 12 more ends, prizes were awarded to the winners.

We welcome 14 new members which brings our active membership to 177, and 15 social members.

Our new tournament chairlady, Helen Walley, would like to see more participation in all club tournaments so a blind draw for teams from the members who have signed up is being tried, we have already played three tournaments which greatly increased participation, and look forward to even more in the future.

We are looking forward to the Southeast Division Open Tournament of the ALBA, to be played at Lakeland March 7-14.

— In Memoriam —

Clarence Kersten (President 1974-1976)

Larry Chouinard

Adda Alexander

Arthur Rawson

FORT LAUDERDALE

By Don Cready

We are gradually increasing attendance at our club, as our northern friends begin to arrive. However, there are still a few who will not get here until after Christmas. Notable among them is Al Medlock, our key man in organizing our tournaments. However, Dick Morris arrived in November and a great job in organizing our Christmas tournament which was won by the team of Ben Goldberg, Henry Kulp and Lyle Montgomery. My team was their victim in the first round, and the way they bowled then and later left no doubt in my mind that the best team had won.

Bud Bohlman, one of our comparatively new bowlers, committed the rare feat of hitting the jack three consecutive times in one end. Someone suggested we check to see if the jack was standard size!

Our new green is slowly rounding into shape, and by the time our tournaments begin we are hopeful it will lose some of its heaviness.

Don't forget to come by and bowl with us when you are down this way.

DAYTONA BEACH

By Jack Gilbert

Winners of our Opening Day Tournament were Meg Inglis and Jack Gilbert (s) with second place going to a team of Gwen Beer, Claire Thomson and Maurice Vilder.

We have had two social games to date with Orlando and Deland with several others scheduled during the season. Our social activities have included a New Year's Day party and a card party on Valentine's Day. More are in the planning stage.

Skips for the North Central Florida League are: Ed Cooper, Fred Gauvreau, Jean Henderson, Claire McRae and Alex Thomson.

We welcome new members Gladys Pettey and Maurice Vilder.

— In Memoriam —

Ken Cooper

DELAND

By Irv Grant

During the summer, many jitneys and covered dish dinners were enjoyed by members who remained in our community. Mayme Bateman, our games chairperson, has come up with a very busy schedule for our 1987 season.

Our congratulations to Ebba and Peter Nordin and Sally and Chuck Bonstelle on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Tournament results to date:

Mixed triples: 1. John Travis, Duke Caukin and Agnes Childs. Mixed pairs: 1. John Gosling and Doris Grominger; 2. Duke Caukin and May Symington.

In November, we hosted 16 bowlers from England and held two social games with the Mount Dora Club. On December 18, we were the hosts for a social game with the Daytona Beach Club.

Skips for the North Central Florida League are John Gosling, Chuck Bonstelle, Duncan James, John MacTavish and Ebba Nordin.

Our annual Christmas Party was held on December 11 with a catered dinner followed by a sing-along led by Lud Young and John Gosling.

— In Memoriam —

Hatti Hansen

HOLLYWOOD

By John Flood

Our northern members have been arriving and the Thanksgiving Day Tournament went off well with the honors going to Bill Spencer, Ed Barr, and John Flood. The Christmas luncheon at Bavarian Village was a delight, the entertainment by Belle Herald, Ferg McCall, and the all girl members chorus being exceptional. Nettie Munro was our talented accompanist.

Entries were good for our Christmas Event, won by Julia Gieser, Ron Coulthard, and Ron Robson.

Arrangements have been made for Hollywood to travel to Delray Beach January 19. Officers for 1987 are: Louis Becker, President; Jack Pullen, Vice-President; Robert Ritchie, Sr., 2nd Vice-President; Ted Harding, Secretary; Ivy Jyurech, Treasurer; Joan Jones and Ronald Coulthard, Delegates-at-Large, and, busiest of all, Bruce McGaw as Games Chairman.

Elizabeth and Frank Bedford are down after a harrowing summer for the former. Liz had a major hip operation, but now walks every day to help her strength return.

— In Memoriam —

William Spencer

DELRAY BEACH

By Robert Baxter

Most of our northern members have arrived for the season and some of our seasonal activities, both off and on the green, are already under way.

The first two of our monthly dinners have been held, the November one with a Thanksgiving motif and the December one celebrating Christmas. Both of these were well attended and the ladies as usual did a fine job with Audrey Snowden chairing the November the Vera Fraser the December affair. The quality of the post-dinner entertainment was excellent, boding well for the rest of the season. Thank you!! Entertainment Committee!! The club is particularly looking forward to the February dinner when it will celebrate the 25th (silver) anniversary of its founding. Something special is planned for this one.

Our fundays got off to a good start on Nov. 19. Our members enjoy these and the results of bowling two-handed, opposite-handed, etc. are something to behold. Gerry and Louise McCaul did their usual fine job organizing this. The first of our inter-club events was held on Dec. 19, when we entertained the West Palm Beach Club. By agreement of the two clubs all teams were made up of players from each club, removing the concept of an actual inter-club match. A very pleasant day was enjoyed by all who participated.

The club regrets to report the death of two of its members, Canadian Russ Domm, a fairly new member and former Detroit, Charlie Burke, a long time member and local resident. The club extends its sympathies to both families.

CLEARWATER

By Kurt Dornau

A great deal of work has been done on our rinks this year. The Clearwater Parks Department furnished personnel and material to replace rink edge boards on the south green in addition to spreading ten tons of Hartrue. Special thanks to Art Hartley and our greenskeeper, Jimmy Szapinski, for their efforts in

dressings the mat areas. Club members who also worked on the rinks are: Russ Rogers, Bert MacWilliams, George Armstrong, Bob Hunt, Sam White, Jim Calhoun and Don Deslandes. We can't forget Peter Tait with his paint brush and our over 90 year old Ole Kling who keeps on fabricating all sorts of hardware.

On their tour through the United States, 16 bowlers from England under the direction of Tony Rogers paid us a visit on November 7. Although both sides scored 193 points apiece, our club won nine out of twelve games played.

Tournament results to date:

Men's 4-3-2-1 Singles

1. Norm Smith
Consolation A-1. Bert MacWilliams; 2. Charles Weeks

Consolation B-1. Ray Goodenough; 2. Chet Wintsch
Consolation C-1. Bill Miller; 2. Ed Burke
Consolation D-1. Jack Tisdall; 2. Jim Black

Ladies 4-3-2-1

1. Chris Burke; 2. Chris Fox
Consolation-1. Ruth Durica; 2. Isabelle Goodenough

Snow Bowl

1. Dorothy Lingard and Walter McGilvray
2. Naomi Weckerly and Russ Rogers

3. Helen Barker and Bert Trickey

Dornau Open Pairs

1. Fred Welch and Bert MacWilliams

2. Stan Bond and Norm Smith

Ladies' Singles

1. Chris Fox; 2. Alice Merritt
Consolation-1. Lily Loveman; 2. May Goldie

ORLANDO

By Ira Ridenour

Our members held a covered dish social with decorations for the affair in a Halloween motif. A real surprise was in store when Ira and Babe Ridenour were presented with a plaque for their efforts in establishing the Orlando Lawn Bowling Club. On November 17, the Orlando Recreation Bureau hosted a Thanksgiving social for our club and welcomed new members.

Our first social game of the season was played at Daytona Beach and we have scheduled a total of six other social games with clubs in our area.

We will have four teams in the North Central Florida League with Hugh Collins acting as League Coordinator.

MOUNT DORA

By Bob Hollands

We opened our new season on November 4 with an overflow crowd for Home Coming activities. 162 members came for lunch and all rinks were filled with bowlers following lunch.

We welcomed 22 new bowlers and after 12 lessons they were graduated and joined our daily bowling.

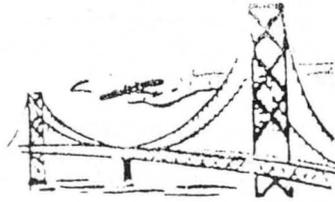
Our first club tournament was a Mr. & Mrs. won by Ellie and Harold Esch with second place going to Maude and Bob Bierworth.

On November 6, we were hosts to the Deland Club for a social match and on November 16, we played host to 16 British bowlers for their first try on rubico.

Winners of our Ladies' Triples event were Viv Nostrand, Virginia Rowley and Mary Fagan while the Men's Triples was won by John Lausch, Phil LaBar and Dick Gerges.

On December 15 the membership gathered for an evening of fellowship and Christmas good will.

— In Memoriam —
George Welch



PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

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For the current year, officers of the PIMD are: John (Wally) Gerhart, president; Art Odell, first vice president; Joe Shepard, second vice president; Eliot Swan, treasurer; and Clarence Erickson, secretary. Orville Artist and Tom Mansfield were re-elected to continue as Councilors to ALBA. Emerson Denton stays on as Head Umpire.

Jerzy Brown, chairman of the National Open Committee, reports satisfactory progress towards organizing that event. Our ad, which appears in this issue, spells out the information needed by those wishing to enter this competition.

Reservations at the Holiday Inn (headquarters) may be made in writing or by phone. In either case, be sure to identify yourself as being associated with the PIMD Lawn Bowling Championships to receive the special reduced room rate. If you phone, use this number (415) 658-9300. Their 800 number will not be honored with the reduced room rate. As usual, a guaranteed reservation will need a deposit, either credit card or check.

All PIMD clubs are being encouraged to hold one or more special events, such as "Tournament Day" with appropriate entry fees to donate to the National Open Fund. Individual donations will be most welcome.

With the Oakland greens being declared unfit for tournament play, the nine other greens will have to be used more extensively. It is expected that both men and women will be playing at the same club but not on the same green in some instances.

Chet Settles bravely volunteered to take on the task of Tournament Chairman for the PIMD. It has been decided to hold the PIMD Open this year to give bowlers a chance to earn points toward a place on the U.S. team. The most likely date will be in early July.

SAN FRANCISCO

By Lucile Hawes

All events scheduled for the greens in beautiful Golden Gate Park for the last quarter of 1986 were accomplished to the delight of our tournament chairpersons, Jim Cloonan and Harriett Roman. Club trophy day was one everyone enjoyed because all the work attached to hospitality was taken over by a catering company. Of course, Harriett did all the behind-the-scenes negotiations and it turned out great. There was morning bowling, lunch, trophies, and then a bit of dip and sip. For a number of members it was a "surprise" party because of the unexpected loot in their trophy envelopes which they earned playing on the year's social days.



The Sam Ban tournament was held on a gorgeous sunshiny day. A beaming 102 year old Sam arrived just after noon and was greeted by his dear friend, Betty Service, pictured above. He delivered a bowl to the delight of a couple of young reporters from S.F. State University Cable 35 news project and then settled in as a bowling spectator and watched Ruby Cunneen, Virginia Hill and Al da Silva emerge as victors. The mixed pairs Glen Taylor event was won by Fred Bahrt and Virginia Hill.

At the last meeting of the year the officers and directors for 1987 were elected as follows: president, James Smutz; vice-president, James Cloonan; secretary, Virginia Hill; assistant secretary, Lucile Hawes; treasurer, Granger Hill, assistant treasurer, Agnes O'Connor; past president, Harry Hawes; directors, Edith Denton, Myrtle Grothe and Irma Needham.

— In Memoriam —
Jose da Luz

PALO ALTO

By Ed Arnold

Our membership roster for the year 1986 had 133 on the rolls at the end. We're working to add more this year. In intra-club play, the Rinks team, Howard Greenfield/Angie Delagnes/Marion Hall/Irv Reichert prevailed in the finals, 15-13, to take the title. And, in the last match-up, the team of Roy Jerome/Alice Carrig, won the Draw Mixed Pairs competition, with 8 victories.

Pauline Liebovitz represented the PIMD in the Women's National Singles Championships and finished 4th after losing two of her 5 matches by close close scores. Al Hill entered the Arizona State Open Tournament, in Sun City and did well, going to the finals in the Singles before losing. In our annual "confrontation" with Sunnyvale LBC, we emerged the winner, with 4 wins out of 7 contests. Second year in a row!

Jo Holiman entered our local "Hall of Fame" in October when she threw 3 biases in a row! She blamed it on the fact that she is to be a grandmother again... for the 11th time! Paul Houseman was awarded the club's "Outstanding Service" award for 1986, for the many good things he has done for our club over the years. We've bought a new mower and already have \$1,088.50 in the fund drive, going on, to pay the bill. Our Jerry Brown is now working as the General Chairman of the upcoming National Open tourney to be held in the area.

Trophies were awarded in December for our 1986 winners: Roy Jerome (3), Al Hill (2), Howard Greenfield, Pauline Liebovitz, Paul Houseman, Alice Carrig, Mildred Stolberg, Keith Knopf, Rose Gray, Angie Delagnes, Irv Reichert, Marion Hall, Jeff Littleboy and Bob Sinclair. New officers for this year are: President, Dick Beckett; Vice-President, Howard Wolcott; Secretary, Amaroy Turner; Treasurer, Don Kauffman; Board, Doris Koenig, Muriel Self, Frank Winnburg, Clara Campbell, Dick Peterson and Rosalee Davies.

— In Memoriam —
Dick Storm

SANTA CRUZ

By Phil Maslin

1987 is upon us and we all anticipate a good year of bowling.

Santa Cruz membership is slowly increasing, and we welcome newcomers Brent Ainsworth, Tom Finn, John Harris, Ellis Severietti and Joe Eagan.

The annual Christmas dinner held, appropriately, in December was well-attended and marked with spirited conviviality. No music group played for us this year, but die-hard terpsichoreans danced happily, nevertheless, to taped music and a good time was had by all.

Members are looking forward to the annual traditional home-and-away series of friendship games initiated by the late John Brown and participated in by the five south bay clubs. Non-competitive in nature, these are social get-togethers where home and visiting players are mixed, providing a very pleasant day of bowling and socializing with our neighboring clubs from over the hill.

The Santa Cruz green has steadily improved over the past year, primarily because of the assiduous attention of our parental greens chairman, Roy Jahnke, who carries our dedication to the point of repairing and treating the green during our regular bowling games! Of him it might be said with apologies to Richard Lovelace:

"He could not love the green so much
Loved he not bowling more!"

LEISURE TOWN L.B.C.

by Ken Leslie

The Leisure Town Lawn Bowling Club's 23rd annual Award Party was the finale of the 19 events programmed for 1986. Fifty-seven members and guests enjoyed a very sociable happy hour and a delicious dinner prepared by Mary Lorenzo. Trophies were awarded to the winners and runners up of the various local tournaments.



The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Crane Memorial Trophy awarded to Marion and Norman McLeod, new members of the club since April of this year. They really took to lawn bowling in a big way after a few lessons and have given much encouragement to new and prospective members. A fun year was enjoyed by all members and they are looking forward to a big 1987 season.

Our party continued on with a gift exchange and dancing to records of the Big Band era.

It has been a fun year for me as Games Chairman and I have a deep feeling of friendship and gratitude for all the members who worked on committees and helped to make every one of our events a success. I thank you all.

RICHMOND

By Edwin V. Laplace

At the annual membership meeting on December 1, the following officers were elected to serve in 1987: president, Ed Laplace; 1st vice-president, Vic Bright; 2nd vice-president, Jack McKay; secretary, Herb Miles; treasurer, Winnie Stewart. Elected to serve on the Board of Directors were Emeric Baxter, Roy Coppla, Gene Corr, Chuck Hahn and Mima Tweesie.

The Baker Trophy Tournament was held in September 21. Winners were Clarence Erickson, Harry Neumann and Ray James. Second place was taken by Thea Melhorn, Lillie Scott and Charles McCarthy. Emeric Baxter and Bill Fewins won the Stewart Trophy on October 26 with second place going to Fred Greenland and Livia Reynolds.

The Turkey Shoot was well attended on November 9. Two teams tied for first place, Herb Miles and Alice Baxter, Emeric Baxter and Doris Fry.

The final tournament in 1986, the Jingle Bells, was played on December 14. Thea Melhorn and Harry Neumann took first place. Ray Cocherell and Chuck Hahn came in second.

Our annual Trophy Awards dinner was held at the local Moose Club on January 5. Eight trophies were given to the winners of the Jingle Bells tournament. Nearly 50 door prizes were given to the lucky ticket holders. Arrangements for the party were made by Jack McKay.

The year 1987 marks the 50th anniversary of our club. The Richmond LBC green was officially opened on July 10, 1937. A history of our club is being written to commemorate our golden anniversary.

SANTA CLARA

By Peg Mackay

Happy New Year!

Everyone had a good time at our Christmas party. Roger Seaman's music put all in a festive mood. Undeterred by his broken leg, George Henderson led the Christmas carole sing-a-long. Hidden talents of club members were discovered and enjoyed; whistling by Sylvia Hocking, the chicken walk by Gerry LeMire, a recitation by Paul Baker, and singing by the Baker, Henderson, Kursor, Mackey quartet. During the evening, officers for 1987 were introduced. Mike Coiner, who did such a good job in 1986, will serve a second term as president; vice president, Craig Lund; secretary, Sylvia Hocking; treasurer, Miriam Michael; board of directors, Leon Hiam and Gene Mackey. Thank you to all the officers and club members who gave time and effort to make 1986 a successful year for the club. We look forward to continued growth, good bowling and good fellowship in 1987. We would like

at this time to extend an invitation to any of you who may be in the area to come bowl with us. We were hoping to have pictures to send along with this article. However, for a second time the pictures did not come out. It has been decided that it was not the fault of the subjects but rather a malfunction of the camera.

Welcome to new members Nani Daniels, Jim Obermeyer and Lore Watts.

— In Memoriam —
Alvin Snyder

ROSSMOOR

By Peg McDonald

1986 was a very fine year for the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club. The dedication of the three greens had to be the highlight of the year, and Rossmoor is proud to be a club with a first class bowling facility to share with all bowlers in 1987.

1987 will be a fine year for Ellis Groff is serving a second year as president. His first term of office in 1980 demonstrated his ability. Four new directors have been elected to two-year terms. They are Marjorie Bartlett, Erle Hill, Lex Fletcher and Calista Starr. They join Emily Carlisle, George DeKlotz, Jean Haigler, Herm Nyland and Groff. Lex Fletcher was selected to be vice-president for 1987. Haigler has agreed to a second term as treasurer, and Mary Ellen Swengel is staying on as secretary. It is this dedication and willingness to serve that makes Rossmoor the club that it is.



During the year, many members of the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club shared special occasions. President Cunningham and his wife shared their wedding anniversary at a party for the whole club, and more recently Gordon Lyon, pictured above, the third president of the club, celebrated his 90th birthday at a Saturday luncheon. The Thursday and Saturday luncheons are the cement that bind the club together. They are times for sharing, reminiscing, and celebrating. These events are as important to Rossmoorians as the bowling.

1987 will be a very fine year during which the members of the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club hope to welcome visitors from all over the world to share the tranquil beauty of the valley and to play on our three fine greens.

OAKLAND

By Tracy Cuttle

Our annual meeting will be held January 13, 1987, at 10:30 a.m., when the following slate will be elected:

President, John Beales; vice-president, Tom Mullahey; 2nd vice-president, Janet Staley; secretary, Bernice Keay; treasurer, Mickey Keenan; past president, Frank Good; members-at-large, Cissy Young, Tracy Cuttle; games, Larry Keenan, Frank Soares, Irma Saunders; greens, Wally Gerhart; PIMD and tournament chairman, Roy Kiaer; PIMWD and tournament chairman, June Beitel-spacher.

One of our longtime bowlers, Russell Richardson, died on December 6th. He remembered our club with a \$500.00 bequest.



Our senior bowler, Carl Addleman, admiring his 91st birthday cake, together with bowlers Irma Saunders and June Beitel-spacher.

After four years of fund raising by the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club, Oakland's famed "Necklace of Lights" will shine again on the waters of the lake. The Oakland Lawn Bowling Club standard in memory of Evelyn Zikmund will be located on Lakeshore Avenue. The celebration turning on the lights is expected to take place in early Spring.

FRESNO

By Ken Caudle

Winding down the 1986 bowling season, we have had our annual dinner and election of officers. Our president is Leon Sullivan; vice president, Sam Telaro; treasurer, Adolph Blahut; secretary, Miriam Stringfield. The dinner was hosted by Dolores Alred.

The key word for this time of year is anticipation. Waiting for the fog to lift, the temperature to rise, and in between, the rain to stop. Everyone has their bowls all cleaned up, new strings in their shoes, and whites all ready to go. Anticipation is surely the word.

Our green is in pretty fair shape; in fact, we had a couple of visitors from Australia, Bill and Mell Jamisson from the Norwood Bowling Club of Adelaide, who were quite complementary. Our president, Leon Sullivan, has personnel standing by to go to work on improving it still more just as soon as weather permits. Leveling, aeration, more leveling, and other work is on the agenda. As was noted at the beginning of the article, ANTICIPATION is the word for this time of year. Happy New Year to all clubs.



DEL MESA CARMEL

This month's column pays tribute to Cindy and Joe Costa, perennial winners of Del Mesa bowling tournaments.

BERKELEY

By Clarence Erickson

For the year 1987, Berkeley LBC fortunes will be guided by Leo Hasse as president; Bob Baylor as vice-president; Myra Baylor as secretary; Elmer Moss as treasurer.

They will be aided and abetted by the board of directors who are: Jim Rawls, Ella Collier, Laurie Lehtin, Lucille Maguire and Stan Colberson. Jim Rawls and John Rinne will act as co-chairmen of the Greens Committee. George Steedman will stay on as executive board representative to the PIMD John Shively will continue as tournament chairman. Elliot Swan has agreed to one (or more) years as PIMD treasurer while Clarence Erickson takes on the duties of secretary to the PIMD and the 1987 National Open.

Our Christmas Party on December 13th, with 164 members and spouses in attendance, was an unqualified success. And for the skeptics, that exchange between Patti Erickson and Mr. Hetzler (entertainer) was for real; Patti does have a cousin by the name of Merritt (Sink'er) Swim who lives in Monticello, Iowa.

Members of the BLBC will henceforth pay a green user fee of 25 cents per draw game to help raise more money for greens maintenance. Annual dues were increased to \$65.00 for Berkeley residents and to \$71.50 for non-residents. More help will be sought from the

City of Berkeley to use up the \$6,400.00 in labor and supplies due us per year under our lease agreement. The 1986 Extraordinary Service Award, voted by the board of directors, went to Willie Hansel for his dedicated efforts and long hours in keeping our greens in good playable condition during this past year.



Jack Nicholson, Bill Long, Lou Arnold & Clarence Erickson in a top secret conference.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Myra Kolitsch and Bob Baylor who were wed in early December, keeping alive our tradition of marrying from within our club membership.

OAKMONT By Chris Waite

Our intra-club tournaments took so long to determine the finalists that at one point it was felt that we might have to postpone the awards banquet. However, by dint of much persuasion, the last match was played in time to get the winners' names engraved on the trophies and the dinner was held as scheduled on November 1st.

The proud winners are:

SINGLES: Men

Championship: Ernie Carlson
Handicap: Harold McCain
Novice: Harry Hunter

PAIRS: Men

Championship: Gordon Lancaster (s), Neil Houston
Handicap: Dick Phillips (s), Harry Hunter
Novice: Jim Whitney (s), Dave Kaiser
Mixed: Babe Davidson (s), Neil Houston

TRIPLES: Men

Championship: Hank Thomas (s), Al Beerbower, Paul Searight
Handicap: Ken Roggensack (s), Gordon Lancaster, Bob Mommson
Mixed: Sal Pizzo (s), Jim Whitney, Doris Kaiser, Edith Vozzo (sub)

Ladies

Handicap: Babs Davidson (s), Mary Drake, Fran Gent

The annual election of officers for 1987 took place December 11th with these results: president, Vanittaa Olinger, vice president, Harry Hunter; treasurer, Harold McCain; secretary, Paul Searight; directors, Paul Drake, Bob Von Barga, Pat Vozzo.

Our thanks to the outgoing president, Wiley Bischoff, for the fine job he and his staff did in building the club in membership and success on the green.

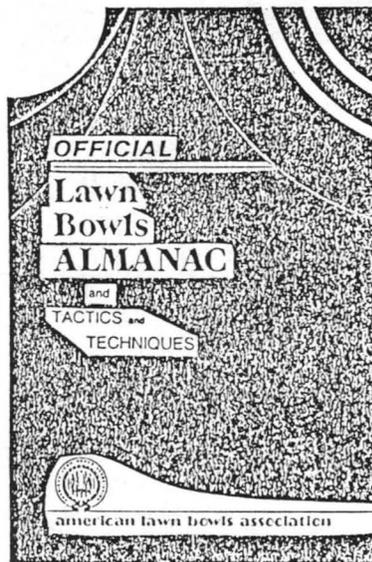
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