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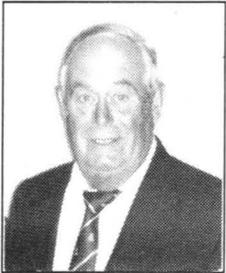
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By R. Gil Stephan, Jr.

Spring has arrived and many are planting their flowers and gardens. Our northern bowlers are coming out of hibernation, and most enjoyed a mild winter compared with the previous year. Baseballs are flying out of ballparks all over the Valley of the Sun. Yes, the Cactus League is in full swing. Walker, Bichette and Griffey Jr., hit six out today between them.

This is also the time of the year when we begin to count our memberships for 1998. A lot of seeds were planted by Membership Chairman Frank Ransome, along with the seven Division Chairmen. Everyone's efforts are starting to pay off. New Clubs like Brit's in Minneapolis, and Sun City Grand in Surprise, AZ, will be operational this summer. It is great to know that former ALBA clubs are returning—Rogue Valley, OR., Ahwatukee, AZ., Ft. Lauderdale, FL., Hot Springs, AK. WELCOME BACK!

Dottie Cardinal, of Henderson, NV., is working with her Parks & Recreation Department to get a green in Henderson. For you Las Vegas lovers, this is only a few miles south of the Vegas strip.

Efforts are being made to bring the Professional Bowlers Association World Singles Championships to the USA in the next millennium—2000. More in next issue.

All have a great summer. I look forward to seeing many of you on the greens around the country and here, in Arizona, at the National Open in October.

Good health & good bowling. And *THANKS* to everyone who is helping to build ALBA.

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ON THE COVER: America's newest outdoor lawn bowling club—the Sun City Grand LBC—will take its opening bow at the Opening Ceremonies of the 1998 National Open Tournament, in Sun Cities, Arizona. All ALBA and AWLBA Open competitors and spectators are invited to take part in the "double" opening event, hosted by the Del Webb Company.



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Letters to the Editor

CITIZEN OR NOT?

I read somewhere that players do not have to be citizens of a country in order to represent that country in international competition. Is that correct?

Bert Wessling
Northridge, CA

ED: The World Bowls Board has changed its rules to allow a player to represent his country of origin or his country of residence.

The information we have received does not indicate whether or not "country of origin" refers to: "citizen" or "passport" or "place of birth". Also, we do not have information regarding the length of time (months/years) that establishes residency.

The proposal to change was made by New Zealand, whose international star, Peter Belliss, has become a resident bowls professional at a Queensland, Australia sports complex. The rule change will now allow Belliss to be selected by either New Zealand or Australia for international competition.

Just six months ago, Belliss captured a pair of gold medals—Singles and Pairs—at the 1997 Asia-Pacific Games. He represented New Zealand at the Asia-Pacific, but currently plays for Queensland in Australian national competition.

The new ruling is moot in the United States, where ALBA rules specify that players representing the U.S.A. must be American citizens.

FAST IS SLOW?

Having thoroughly enjoyed Dr. Haley's *The Greens Doctor* in the Winter 1998 issue, I began to unravel my confusion about "fast" and "slow" greens. As a novice, I have noticed that bowlers refer to greens that are hard, dry and brown, as "fast." Soggy, wet, or thickly growing greens, on the other hand, are "slow," right?

What confuses some of us is that we measure the "pace" of the green by the time a bowl takes to reach a target 27 meters from the mat. A good green, Dr. Haley says, "should have a speed of at least 14 seconds." Wait a minute! Did he say at least 14 seconds? That would mean that a bowl delivered on a really fast green would take even longer than 14 seconds to get to the target. So it seems that on fast greens the bowls run more slowly, and on slow greens the bowls run faster. Is anyone else confused by this terminology?

An explanation, for those that need one, is that because the frictional force that decelerates a bowl on a fast green is relatively small, we must deliver the bowl much more slowly for it to stop at the target. Therefore, the bowl takes longer to reach the target. The result: bowls run slower on fast greens.

For anyone still confused, it might help to read *The Mechanics of Lawn Bowls*, an excellent short article by Rob Judson of the Royal Queensland Bowls Association. You can find it on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.onthenet.com.au/~rjudson/mechanix.htm#pace>

Noel Heal
Hermosa Beach, CA

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Letters should be brief and are subject to condensation. They must include writer's identification, including ALBA/AWLBA club membership. Send to:

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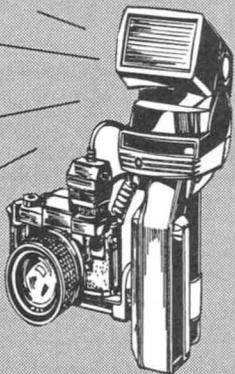
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The 1998 United States Championships has its own internet website. You can check it out at: <http://www.he.net/~sparker.html>

The 1998 Championships are scheduled for August 17-21, at the Jefferson Park Lawn Bowls Club greens on Beacon Hill in Seattle, Washington. (see advertisement page 11)

AUSSIE ASSOCIATIONS TO UNIFY

Lawn bowling's national men and women's organizations of Australia have formally agreed to work towards unification.

The first joint meeting between Bowls Australia (men) and the Australian Women's Bowls Council has resulted in a commitment to form a new national organization to manage the sport of bowls Down-Under.

BA president Jim Evans said the combined management: "would be much more effective under one controlling body."

AWBC president Betty Collins added: "The governing body will be built around the principles of gender equality... participation for all... provide strong professional national leadership for bowls, and it will guide improvements in all facets of the sport."

TABLE FOR TWO!

Folks looking for a new wrinkle to promote the game of bowls, might like the novel idea from Ted Kahn, of Long Beach, CA.

When he and the missus (Gayle) go to a busy restaurant, Ted leaves the name

SUPERSHOTS CLUB RESULTS

Winners of the 1997 Supershots Club awards, administered by Michael Ashton-Phillips of ALBA Marketing, are listed below. Number of entries are at left and cash prizes at right:

SUPERSHOTS CLUB

8	Duante Aasted	\$75
	Doris Sneddon	
6	Beth Bierce	\$50
	Bill MacDonald	
5	Its Nishikawa	\$50
4	Jon Bloomer	\$30
	George Hauserman	
	Nancy Nishikawa	
	James Cronshaw	
3	Pat Cronshaw	\$20
	Bob Forget	
	Gary Gunther	
	Monte Nightingale	
2	Ed Kearns	\$10
	Lois Samuelson	
	Raul Perez	

TOURNAMENT SUPERSHOTS

9	Bob Nunes	\$75
3	Bob Forget	\$40
	Richard Krueger	
	Eileen Malpass	
	John Yen	
2	Duane Aasted	\$20
	Emily Aasted	
	Cletus Beatty	
	James Cronshaw	
	Pat Cronshaw	
	Pamela Fish	
	Jeanne McLaughlin	
	Doreen McDermid	
	June O'Leary	
	Leroy Viegas	

MAYO TO HEAD AWLBA COACHING PROGRAM

AWLBA President Virginia has named Pat Mayo as the National Coach for AWLBA, with instructions for her to develop a program to help good bowlers become better bowlers, and: "to share what we learn with all Divisions so they can adopt a plan that fits their needs."

Developing a formal coaching program for AWLBA has been on the mind of President Marlar for a long time. "And," according to Mayo, "she makes a distinction between 'instructing' and 'coaching'. Because of her concern about the many problems our U.S. teams face when entering international events, she decided that this is the year to do something about it."

One aspect of the project is to assist women who simply want to improve their game for the personal satisfaction it brings.

"Lawn Bowlers" with the receptionist. When their table is ready, the receptionist calls out: "Lawn Bowlers! Lawn Bowlers! Table for two!"

Ted says that heads turn and worthwhile comments are generated from other waiting customers.

Each Division has been asked to name a Coach to coordinate some sort of clinic program for the clubs in their Division.

They are asked to submit information on what they are doing as well as suggestions that might be useful to other Divisions.

Mayo is also hoping to gather information from ALBA on the steps they are taking to encourage a higher level of excellence in bowling.

She is exchanging information with ALBA Coaching Chairman Frank Ransome. Says Mayo: "There is no doubt that we all have the same goals and can assist each other. And AWLBA would like to jump-start the program. A quick glance at the formal programs our neighbors to the North (Canada) have established points out how far we have to go, and how desperately we need to get into high gear."



Pat Mayo

DEADLINE
NEXT
ISSUE-



"What's In It For Me?"

By Joe Siegman, Editor, *BOWLS Magazine*

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Every year, here or there, a distressed lawn bowler poses the question: "What does ALBA (or AWLBA) do for me?" And, every year, new blood discovers the game and asks: "How can I be a part of all this?"

A variety of "takes" on the subject have been received by the Editor in the past few months. Some of this information may be helpful to clubs and bowlers around the country who are faced with the same or similar challenges.

NEWSLETTER #1 (reprinted from March issue of *The Lawn Bowler*, newsletter of the Mount Dora LBC)

"The Mount Dora Club's involvement in the North Central Florida League (NCFL) and the twin national associations, ALBA and AWLBA, is once again being questioned by some club members. Here are some facts:

"The NCFL, almost 70 years old, is the longest continuously operated lawn bowls league in the United States. Mount Dora teams started competing in the NCFL tournaments before World War II. NCFL collects dues of \$5 per year from each of 60 regular bowlers. No club funds are used.

ALBA-AWLBA are close to getting our sport into the Disney Sports Complex and the Olympics.

"Today, ALBA or AWLBA membership is required of NCFL bowlers from the four participating clubs—Mount Dora, Daytona Beach, DeLand and Orlando. Because our club is so much larger than the other clubs, we are allowed two squads of four triples teams each, or a total of 24 bowlers.

"For years, our club has paid ALBA dues for each active male bowler. And, in 1993, when AWLBA joined ALBA in requiring dues from all active women members in each of its affiliated clubs, we started doing the same for women as we had been doing for men. ALBA and AWLBA membership is obtained only through affiliated clubs. *There is no such thing as membership at large.* Affiliated clubs are defined as those clubs with 100 percent of their active bowlers in ALBA or AWLBA.

"If our club abandoned ALBA and AWLBA, our three national officers would have to join an affiliated club somewhere or give up their offices. Our League bowlers would have to do the same. And, so would those who compete in divisional and national tournaments and at other ALBA-AWLBA clubs. Mount Dora would be in the backwaters of lawn bowling.

"Both national associations require annual dues of \$10, and the seven divisions also levy dues for division expenses. Our Southeast Division collects \$3 for each male bowler and \$2 for each woman bowler. In Mount Dora, therefore, annual membership costs \$125 for local, \$10 for national, and \$2 or

\$3 for division.

"For that \$12 or \$13 a year, we get the quarterly *BOWLS Magazine*, rule books, training and accrediting of umpires, establishing and enforcing the standard bias for bowls, liaison to the World Bowls Board with the 42 other lawn bowling nations, and the promotion of lawn bowling in this country. ALBA-AWLBA are close to getting our sport into the Disney Sports Complex and the Olympics. In Florida, we get bowls refinished at cost at a facility SE-ALBA set up in St. Petersburg. We get all this, and more, because as ALBA-AWLBA members, we are in the mainstream of U.S. lawn bowling."

NEWSLETTER #2 (reprinted from the March issue of *ALBA's Membership Newsletter*.)

"Membership in ALBA/AWLBA is not a tax levied by unthinking or selfish longtime bowlers, nor is it a fee that some uncaring persons charge you for the privilege of bowling on your own green.

"Membership in ALBA/AWLBA is a method of protecting your own interests. The money that ALBA collects is used to promote the sport of lawn bowling.

"The sport will die in the United States if more young people don't get involved. Builders and cities will let their bowling greens dissipate if more people don't use them. Builders won't build a green unless there's a demand for one, and who will make the demand if no one knows about the sport or has never played it?

"Your green, your bowls, your good times will all be worthless if there isn't someone coming along through the ranks to bowl with you. Being a member of ALBA/AWLBA is like buying insurance. It's a hedge against boredom. It's a way to have all the good there is to lawn bowling without any of the responsibilities."

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LETTER #1 (from Minneapolis, Minnesota)

There's a new lawn bowling club in town. The town is Minneapolis, MN.

On June 1, Brit's Pub & Eating Establishment will open Brit's English Garden Park, a 16,000 square foot rooftop garden overlooking the downtown Minneapolis skyline. In addition to providing dining on the surrounding plaza, the Park will be home of Brit's four-rink Lawn Bowling Club.

Brit's LBC will roll out its first jack with 32 teams (of four) in the fold. All are corporately sponsored, and each team has plunked down a \$240 membership tab. Individual memberships will be encouraged, and hourly reservation privileges are for members-only, at \$5 per hour.

The new BLBC will launch with league competition,

featuring the 32 inaugural teams. The club will provide bowls for all competitors, unless or until individuals acquire their own equipment. Guinness is providing The Guinness Cup, a perpetual award to league champions. Tuesday night League participants will receive a complimentary pint of their favored ale or a Pimm's Cup.

Brit's CEO, M. Eugene Purdy, Jr., in correspondence to ALBA Membership Chairman Frank Ransome, has requested an ALBA membership application, ALBA's training syllabi and video, and copies of ALBA's "Laws of the Game". According to Purdy, the Twin Cities have a few genuine lawn bowlers in the community. With their assistance and ALBA's training tools, he is confident many solid bowlsmen and women will evolve.

When Ransome asked the CEO how he conducted such a successful membership campaign in a community with so few people familiar with the game, Purdy replied: "I asked!"

...you will find this activity refreshingly unique, competitive, and value oriented. The game is easy to learn, fun to master, and both age and gender neutral.

He said he approached some of his corporate restaurant patrons and explained: "When compared to alternative pastimes for your fellow employees, family members and clients—e.g. softball, touch football or boot hockey—we believe you will find this activity refreshingly unique, competitive, and value oriented. The game is easy to learn, fun to master, and both age and gender neutral."

LETTER #2 (from an adult community club president.)

A member of my club, faced with paying his annual \$15 dues (\$10 ALBA and \$5 Division) confronted me the other day with the challenge: "ALBA! What's in it for me?"

I thought about it for a moment, then rattled off a laundry list, in no particular order.

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👍 **Regulations!** Publishes internationally recognized books on how bowling greens are correctly constructed, and another on how they are properly maintained.

👍 **Bowls Magazine!** The only American magazine devoted entirely to the game and its players. ALBA members get it free.

👍 **Coaching!** Printed materials, videos and live clinics for bowlers at every level.

👍 **Certifies equipment!** Without ALBA and the World Bowls Board (the international federation), there would be no standards for bowls manufacturing and related equipment. A set of lawn bowls in Arizona are the same in London, Singapore and Milwaukee.

👍 **Affiliation!** ALBA and AWLBA are affiliated with the WBB, which means that every ALBA bowler is a welcome guest at bowling clubs throughout the world.

👍 **Umpires!** Sometimes, in the course of bowling (and human) events, a knowledgeable and objective authority is needed.

👍 **Travelers Assistance!** ALBA publishes a booklet denoting locations, contacts, and phone numbers of every affiliated lawn bowling club in the United States—and some in Canada.

👍 **Recruiting assistance!** ALBA clubs and the association's effective membership committee share their numerous time-tested options for attracting new members.

👍 **Regional and National events!** Both ALBA and AWLBA conduct all sorts of competitive and social events throughout the year, particularly within each of the seven regional divisions, that are open to every member's participation.

👍 **Charitable Foundations!** Both ALBA and AWLBA have chartered tax-deductible Foundations, which serve as a means of memorializing and honoring friends and events, and whose funds are primarily directed towards promotional and educational aspects of the sport. When National Teams are selected and a team of American players is sent to compete in international competition, the Foundations underwrite some parts of the cost. Not one cent comes from either ALBA or AWLBA membership dues.

My objective is the display of a framed document containing the above (and more) in the meeting room of every club in the U.S. Maybe someone can write it better, but the content proudly and dramatically answers the annual naysayer and whinner, who dutifully pays his once-a-week golf fees, but expects his three days-a-week of lawn bowls to be a free lunch. I intend to continue to work hard for that end.

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COACHES CORNER

By **Frank Ransome**
*National Coaching &
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The Lawn Bowling Instruction Syllabus was designed for maximum training in a short period of time. It assumes that the club has the benefit of a good Instructor, with plenty of assistants. It was also designed to be used with *classes* of recruits, under the premise that it is easier to enlist a group than it is to tear one person away from something he or she has been enjoying for any length of time. Psychologically speaking, the syllabus encourages the class to get to know each other and a maximum number of club members before they are certified and left to themselves. More and more, we see classmates from past years working and bowling together for the good of the club and for their own enjoyment.

"Lesson One" begins indoors, or in some corner of the green where people can sit and listen. It is the obligation of the Instructor, the Club President, or the Membership Chairman to let the recruits know what to expect.

My experience has been that it is best to start with a class of eighteen students. This is done by scheduling lessons far in advance, by building a waiting list, and having a membership committee that is on the ball. During that first session, we talk about the club dues, the wearing of whites and smooth, flat-soled shoes. We also talk about the cost of bowls, bags, tapes and greens fees if any. When we've measured hands and issued bowls we usually go to the green with sixteen bowlers. Some, couples as a rule, don't think they can manage buying two sets of bowls on top of the dues and fees. This is time for the smart Instructor to have access to some second-hand bowls. The club should hoard popular size bowls for just this reason, and the training locker should have plenty of bowls of all sizes so that classes can be properly

fitted from the start. Training locker (club) bowls should never be sold, but may be traded for more popular sizes. The right mix of bowls is a matter of experience.

It's hard enough teaching new people to bowl without having to overcome using bowls that are either too big or too small.

The Instructor must be a teacher, a psychologist, a friend and, perhaps, a good bowler. His job is to build confidence and self assurance. He shouldn't certify someone who will not be happy bowling with the club. He should be able to teach people who can't step with their left leg, can't roll a bowl with their right arm, and don't seem to be able to avoid the roundhouse. His function is to teach people enough so that they can take the lead's role in a match the day after they graduate from the class. Most of all, he should be able to recruit and train some helpers from the club. We call these helpers "Coaches", for the want of a better term. They fetch and carry, stand and observe, roll bowls and jacks back to the mat, set-up the greens and, most of all, translate and demonstrate what the Instructor is talking about.

The Instructor must be smart enough to know that he can't be good at everything. It is wise to have a coach who can roll the jack, another who bowls left-handed, another who knows the signals, and perhaps a couple who enjoy working with students who have a more difficult time than most. These coaches should be guaranteed that they won't have to work more than one day each week, and there should be enough of them so that classes can go along smoothly. Recruiting and training new people to become life-long bowlers is not an easy task. But it is the most rewarding job I've ever tackled.

Basic teaching syllabi cost \$2.50; training videos are \$15.

They are available from:

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THE GREENS DOCTOR

By Edgar R. Haley, M.D.

Why Sand Greens Are So Superior

In the last issue of "BOWLS", we discussed how tremendously lawn bowling greens improved when constructed in pure washed sand or maintained using sand.

The perfect bowling surface must be smooth and entirely level plinth to plinth (and yet hard), with the growing of a very strong grass.

It should appear obvious that the use of sand for smoothing, levelling and top dressing is vastly easier than trying to get the same results using top soil or mud. And, especially so if you have a greensplaner. As for hardness, I was astonished at the hardness of proper grass grown in sand, compared to earth.

Grass must have available a sufficiency of oxygen, moisture and food at the root level. The roots will go down only as far as they can get oxygen—which is about 1" in the "drowned" earth based greens. For our green, we must have strong grass, with roots 7"–14". To have air 14"–16" below the surface requires the application of two scientific principles. There is no guess work nor theories involved:

1. *Gravity*—For our purposes, gravity is the pull to the world of all substances.

2. *Surface Tension*—For our purposes, is the attraction of water to any water-wettable surface.

Probably the most common example of surface tension is water in a glass. The surface of the water appears perfectly flat, except very close to the wall there is a curve-up of the water. Or a small capillary tube will pull up water (surface tension) until the weight of the water (gravity) is equal to the pull of the surface tension.

Using these principles, we, ourselves, have constructed some 26 greens in the United States and Canada. Every one, when properly maintained, is a champion green, with bowls running smooth, evenly, and for club play, at 12 to 13 seconds.

After 32 years, this is yet to be matched in its entirety, although I have tried my best. We have, and use, the four fundamental pieces of equipment, viz:

- ❖ Scott Bonnar Queen mower (designed properly mow greens).
- ❖ A Greens-planer, which planes (smooths) the surface and brings all the thatch to where it can be removed by a mower (see page 172 in *The Green Book*).
- ❖ A tensiometer, to be sure that the grass really needs an irrigation.
- ❖ A water manometer, to exactly measure the "water level".
- ❖ And, you will need a truly experienced bowling green contractor.

I am 88 and too old to be making bowling greens. Fortunately, for the past 6 years, I have worked closely with a young contractor, Steve Caulkins, and have taught him everything I know. He can make a perfect sand-based bowling green and, last year, finished one for the Oakmont Club in Santa Rosa, CA. The Santa Rosans are extremely enthusiastic. Call them and talk with them.

Steve can be reached at 714-498-7636. If you're into new technologies, I can be reached via my Lawn Bowling website at: <http://www.princegeorge.com/org/lawnbowls/>

CALENDAR

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS - REGIONAL - NATIONAL - INTERNATIONAL

MAY	23-24	ALBA AWLBA	NORTHWEST PAIRS OPEN	Portland, OR
JUNE	20-25	ALBA AWLBA	CENTRAL DIVISION OPEN	Milwaukee, WI
JULY	26-Aug 1	ALBA AWLBA	CAN/AM WEST CLASSIC	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
AUGUST	1-6 27-30	ALBA AWLBA	EASTERN DIVISION OPEN	Pawtucket, RI Buck Hill Falls, PA
	16-21	ALBA AWLBA	U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS	Jefferson Park LBC - Seattle, WA
	29-Sep 3 28-Sep 3	ALBA AWLBA	NORTHWEST DIVISION OPEN	Woodland Park LBC - Seattle, WA Jefferson Park LBC - Seattle, WA
SEPTEMBER	10-15	ALBA AWLBA	PIMD OPEN	San Francisco Bay Area
	17-19	ALBA AWLBA	NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE	Oakmont LBC - Santa Rosa, CA
OCTOBER	31-Nov 6	ALBA AWLBA	NATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENT	Sun Cities, AZ

To list your regional, national, or international tournament, contact Shirley Cam, Calendar Editor, 1625 Skycrest Dr. #25, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

The Membership Trail

By Frank Ransome

Chairman ALBA Membership Committee

The Summer 1995 edition of *Bowls Magazine* described me as "a dangerous man", because I advocated running a lawn bowling club like a business. Editor Joe Siegman paid me this compliment: "Consider this a warning by the United States Surgeon General: Frank Ransome is dangerous and could be helpful to your club. Don't invite him to speak to you until you are ready to welcome, teach and integrate too many new members to your ranks."

Lawn Bowling is a sport that people of all ages can enjoy. It is not a senior citizen perk. We can be proud of the clubs that are starting programs for youth, such as Jefferson Park in Seattle, and the Richmond and Oakland clubs in California.

Look at the new club in Minneapolis. Gene Purdy wrote that he had signed-up 132 bowlers for an evening bowling league—before the snow was even off the green. We can be proud of the effort that is producing a new green in Fremont, CA, and the new clubs that have formed despite having to bowl on croquette courts. Most of all, we can be proud of the clubs who have looked into themselves and made the changes that will help them retain the hard won recruits they've enlisted.

Three years ago, I said: we must enlist classes to teach; select club members to play cheerfully in the draw with new members; punish grouchy skips; and teach ourselves how the sport is supposed to be played so it will be challenging to the newcomers. To make sense to others, we must be able to see ourselves as they see us. Are we businesslike? Do we keep hours that provide the maximum playing time for the most people? Are we fair in the way we set up our games? Do we make newcomers feel welcome, and are we actively promoting the sport?

Being businesslike is not all bad. A good businessman knows how to put his company ahead of his personal feelings. We can't think small just because we are few in number and some of us are getting a little long in the tooth. We are part of the finest sport in the world. We pay less to enjoy lawn bowling than people pay to play any other sport. We have limited-space facilities that can accommodate large numbers of people at one time, and we are proud of what we do and how we do it. Let's speak from strength.

I write to communities and tell them that the sport of Lawn Bowling is growing. I know this for a fact because I

Communities are looking for ways to provide recreation for the greatest number of people, and we fill the bill. One good green will accommodate rinks or triples games three times a day, without lights!

We have the ability to grow rapidly because we have what others want. Now all we have to do is be businesslike and market it. The Rossmoor (CA) Club is showing the new video on TV to interest new members. You can use this eight-minute tape in many ways to prove almost any point. Called "An Introduction to Lawn Bowling," it asks and answers many questions and seems to hold the interest of everyone who sees it. Copies are \$10, delivered.

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WOMEN'S PAGES



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Thanks to all the Divisions for being so prompt with your information to Anita. It was appreciated.

I will be sending out letters to the Chairpersons of the various committees asking for the status of their groups, and the results of these reports will be sent out to you

The Coaching Program is off to a good start and you will be seeing a report on this soon. See related information on other pages in this issue.

One of our IWBB Delegates, Charlotte O'Keefe, made a special trip to England recently and a report will be made.

I am looking forward to our National Open in Arizona the last of October. I understand there are great plans being made for all to enjoy—besides the bowling! Let's all make plans to be there and support all the National activities.

Also, I noticed that the Minutes of the 1997 ALBA Council meeting appeared in Bowls Magazine and thought this was an excellent idea.

Virginia Marlar
President, AWLBA

FROM THE EDITOR

This past winter has been a horrible one for most of us. We are sure everyone is anxious to get out on the green and have some outdoor activity again. Let's hope that with the advent of Spring and the cooperation of Mother Nature, we can look forward to a great season of pleasant lawn bowling with good friends and companions.

Again, may we remind you to obtain a copy of the AWLBA Handbook compiled by the Memorial Foundation. It is FREE of charge and will be forwarded to you on request. It contains much useful and interesting information. Have a pleasant summer.

NEXT DEADLINE JUNE 25th!

Winnie Eberle, 10A Bonita St.
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REVIEW & SELECTION COMMITTEE

We were excited to meet all the roster applicants at our coaching clinic March 28-31. I'm happy to report that we saw some new faces. We had 21 roster applicants and three applicants for manager. Following the clinic, the U.S.A. team and manager were selected for the North America Challenge—U.S. vs Canada—held in Santa Rosa, CA, Sept 17-Sept. 19.

NAC team will be: Regina Banares, Anne Cherney, Kottia Spangler, Dora Stewart and Irene Webster. Jean Haigler is Manager

Cy Stephen

CORRINA FOLKINS

Corinna Folkins passed away at her home in Mission Viejo, CA, January 29, 1998. Her obituary is found on page 43.

AWLBA Historian, Christina Irvine, extends the following tribute:

God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around you
And whispered, "Come to me".
With tearful eyes we watched,
And saw you pass away,
And though we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard-working hands at rest.
It broke our hearts, but proves to us,
God only takes the best.

AWLBA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The Lawn Bowls Handbook is being made available to all AWLBA members at no cost, as a joint project of the Foundation and the AWLBA. All AWLBA clubs should receive a copy of the Handbook and an order form.

Recent contributions in memory of Corinna Folkins were made by: Jo Gilbert, Edith McWilliams, Mrs. Robert E. Prieb and Beverly Phillips

Thank you. A donation to the Memorial Foundation is a great way to honor those friends (both living and deceased) that we have made through lawn bowls. And it is Tax Deductible! Send donations to Tunie Labar, 1303 Burbank Ct, Sun City Center, FL 33573.

Beverly Phillips
Foundation President

INTERNATIONAL WORLD BOWLING BOARD

A meeting was held in Preston, England in January to discuss the future of individual Bowling Boards at the international level.

—Unlike the meeting held a year earlier, this year the WBB encouraged all individual Boards to send their representatives.

The various Boards represented were: World Bowls Board, *International Women's Bowling Board, World Indoor Bowls Council-Ladies Section, Professional Bowls Association, Bowls Manufacturers, and Artificial Green Manufacturers/Suppliers. *Ten women were present from the IWBB. They represented England, South Africa, Australia, Ireland, Wales, Scotland and the U.S.

At a previous meeting in April, 1997, IWBB delegates drew up a list of eleven items they would want considered if they were to amalgamate. All eleven items have been incorporated in the proposal for amalgamation. An independent facilitator has been appointed to work with the seven individual Boards. Timeline for finalization is not before the year 2000.

Charlotte O'Keefe
Delegate

1998 NATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENT
Del Webb's Sun City Grand is the major sponsor for the 1998 National Open, to be held in the Sun Cities, AZ area Oct. 31–Nov. 6.

The opening ceremonies will be held at the new Sun City Grand, at their new green. All participants in the games will be part of the opening ceremonies. If you have entered the tournament, you should be at the green before 3:15 p.m., Friday, October 31.

This issue of Bowls Magazine (and the Winter issue) has an entry form in it.

AWLBA Fours will be played at Sun City West; Pairs and Singles will be using three greens at Sun City West and other greens in the area, as needed. All greens are within fifteen minutes of each other.

Social events are: Hosted cocktail party by Del Webb Sun City Grand, Holy Pumpkin Patch Halloween Ball ((costumes optional), Western Party at "the Barn", and cocktail party with finger foods on awards night. Tickets for Halloween Ball and Western Party at the Barn should be purchased early since there is a limited number of seats.

For more information on any of the above, contact Charlotte O'Keefe, 9044 N. 109th Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85351. E-mail—okcharC@aol.com

Charlotte O'Keefe
Tournament Co-Chair

EASTERN DIVISION

By Dana Lumm

The following schedule of tournaments should be on everyone's date planner:

May 23-24 (Memorial Day Weekend): Buck Hill Pairs Open (mix or match), Buck Hill LBC

June 6: New Jersey Open Pairs, Essex LBC

July 18: Out-of-Towners Pairs (mix or match), New York LBC

August 27-30: Women's Eastern Open, Buck Hill LBC

Sept. 12-13: Marie Manners Pairs (mix or match), Essex LBC

We would love to have you join us. Please feel free to contact Mary Scott, 203-255-8528, or me, 800-453-6932, for further information.

ISSIE GONE HOLLYWOOD! Our beloved Isabel Forbes has moved to the West Coast (lucky them). Isabel's leadership, patience and sportsmanship have been an asset to the Eastern Division and will be sorely missed.

PACIFIC-INTERMOUNTAIN DIVISION

By Adele Patterson

The weather outside is delightful, finally, and the bowling greens are turning green after one of the wettest winters in Northern California's history. We had rain for 24 out of the 28 days in February after an almost equally wet January. As one local newspaper phrased it: "We've had once-in-a-lifetime floods for the past three years!" Needless to say, we are ecstatic to see the sun once again. Division bowling started

the sun once again. Division bowling started March 21 with Opening Day on the San Francisco greens. Over 100 bowlers turned out with the brown bag lunches for this annual event. It is a time to hone one's skills, size-up the competition and renew acquaintances. The men conduct this mixed tournament while the women take charge of its equivalent, Closing Day, in November, at Rossmoor.

The Division Open is scheduled for September 10-15. The women's Singles will be held in Oakland on September 10-11, the Triples at Rossmoor September 12-13, and the Pairs at Berkeley on September 14-15. These dates were chosen to coincide with the beginning of the North America Challenge in Oakmont on September 16-19. Hopefully, some champion bowlers will choose to bowl in both events.

The division hopes to participate in the Can-Am Games in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, again this year, but as yet no teams have been formed.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

By Jean Haigler

Our season ended when we had the Rebecca McArthur Teams of Five Tournament on April 4. It has been a good season, with many events in all of our clubs and, as always, we are loathe to see it end.

We have just completed our Division Playdowns and are happy to announce that the winners of the Pairs are: Evelyn Keener, Skip, and Doris Leibrandt, Lead. Winning for the second year in a row in Singles is Mary Terrill. They are looking forward to the competition in Washington State.

We would like to compliment two of our member coaches who have done outstanding jobs for their clubs. One is Marion Wearly of Sun City. She has a very worthwhile program going that is helpful, both for the novice and those interested in gaining more information about the game. Millie Shaffer, of Sun City West, has been instructing the new classes and taking them on with continued play every Wednesday. Both these women are a valued asset to AWLBA.

We are pleased that our Division has grown this year. We have a new club (Ahwatukee) and other new members, and are gaining since the first of the year. The "Dollar Monday" event has attracted some new members and is fun for everyone participating. As many as SIXTY play at the Lakeview Club every week.

See you here in Arizona at the National. Mark this date: Oct. 31-Nov. 6.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

By Eileen Love

This Division just completed its Annual AWLBA SED Open Tournament, which was held March 7-14, in Sun City Center, FL.

We wish to thank all the men and women of the Sun City Lawn Bowling Club who volunteered their time and effort setting up the greens, acting as markers and preparing the food. A special thanks to the Greenskeeper, Del Bettridge, for his hard work and support. Thanks also to the SCC Lawn Bowling Club and its members for allowing us to use their

greens. WELL DONE.

The Tournament Director was Ann Wood, who did a superb job, assisted by our President Frida Mixson.

Triples Winners

Championship Flight—1. Noreen Welsh, Sandra Whitelaw, Helen DeWar; 2. Beattie Mayhew, Beverly Phillips, Gloria Mather

Pairs Winners

Championship Flight—1. Patti Grabowski, Jo Gilbert; 2. Helen DeWar, Evelyn Sartain

Singles, Winners

Championship Flight—1. Noreen Welsh; 2. Joan Jones

BOWLER OF THE TOURNAMENT

Noreen Welsh.

The SED Playdowns were scheduled to begin on April 13 and the AWLBA SED Mixed Pairs on April 19, both at Sun City Center, FL. Results in the next BOWLS issue.

Our next meeting will be held in Lakeland in November, and new officers will be elected. Have a great summer.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

By Winnie Eberle

The Southwest Division year opened with our Annual Meeting, at which the officers for 1998 were elected: Barbara McCowan, President; Heather Stewart, Vice-President; Nettie Robertson, Secretary; and Grace Blum, Treasurer. At the end of the meeting the delegates gifted Winnie Eberle with a beautiful sweatshirt, in recognition of her years of service as Division Secretary.

Our Ladies Day in January was a special occasion. We visited Smoke Tree Ranch in Palm Springs for the first time. This is a private community and permission to bowl is by invitation only. February found us in Riverside, and March at the Groves in Irvine. Attendance has been very good and it is nice to see many new faces at these gatherings.

The Mumma-Todd Mixed Pairs was played at Riverside, with Evelyn and Scottie Robbie winning on Green 1; Doris and Joe Rahm on Green 2; and Kathy Stone and Carl Henrich on Green 3. The trophy was won by Doris and Joe Rahm.

Cile Burkholder, Tricia Evans and Edna Schmidt won the K.Harland Triples in Sun City (CA), with Kottia Spangler, Dottie Panacek and Katy Stone placing second. Pat Oesterlein, Evelyn Robbie and Charlene Erickson were third.

The California State Women's Lawn Bowls Association was disbanded in May of 1997 and absorbed by the Southwest Division, with the stipulation that (a) the SWD set-up a tournament commemorating the State organization, and (b) a perpetual trophy be purchased with the remaining State funds. California 4's was played at Newport Harbor in March. Twelve teams took part and the winning team consisted of Mary DeLisle, Jean Kaye, Patsy Morgan and Patricia Cronshaw.

We were saddened by the death of Corinna Folkins in January. She had been our Immediate Past-president. Corinna had contributed much to women's lawn bowling and she will be sorely missed.

In Memoriam

Corinna Folkins

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9 SHOTS TRIPLES

Paradise Resort, AZ Gerry Pringle, Bob Hill, Merleen Hill 1-10
Sun City Center, FL Ebbie Eberhardt, Beth Passanesi, Glen Armintrout 2-14
Santa Barbara, CA Duane Aasted, Catherine Kraus, Betty Woodworth 3-17

Tournament Players Super Shots Club

7 SHOTS PAIRS

Joslyn Lake Hodges, CA *Southwest Div., - Vet.-Novice*
Bob Exter & Tom Anderson
Sun City, AZ *South Central Open* Ed Quo & Bob Nunes 2-10
Sun City, AZ *South Central Open* Ed Quo & Bob Nunes 2-9
San Diego, CA Gerhardt Vogel & George Gottlieb 1-24
Lakeland, FL *Adair Open Tournament* Velma Ray & Marvi Falk 1-19
Sun City West, AZ *South Central U.S Pairs Playdowns*
Evelyn Keener & Doris Leibbrandt 3-18

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Sun City West, Fairway, Mr. View, AZ *Townhall Tournament* Elaine Antonovich, Henry Bianco, Jim Clark 1-5
Williamsburg, VA *Pinehurst-Williamsburg Tournament*
Maxine Patridge, John Wistrand, Guy Sandulli 5-18-97
Sun City West, AZ *Johnson Lawn Bowls Triples Tournament*
Millie Shaffer, Phil Wittert, Sandy Olson 2-19
Sun City, CA *Citrus League* Peg McCutcheon, Mary Jane Henrich, Gilbert Gonzalez 2-5
Sun City, CA *K Harland Triples Tournament* Paula Bellone, Dee Kesler, Lois Harmon 2-21
Mount Dora, FL *North Central Florida League* Bill Forbes, Wayne Menne, Beth Forbes 3-3
Mission Viejo, CA *Fun Day Open Tournament* Jim Mooney, Glenna Weber, Don McLaughlin 3-9
Mount Dora, FL *Mount Dora Invitational Tournament* Bill Forbes, Wayne Menne, Beth Forbes 3-5
Sun City Center, FL *Southeast AWLBA Mixed Triples* Ray Turman, Glenn Knackmuhs, Marianne Turman 3-14

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Lakeland, FL *Ken Ellis Invitational Tournament* Ed Pearson, Betty Pearson, Audrey Ney 2-25
Long Beach, CA *SW Division State Triples* Neil Furman, Michael Siddall, Michael Ashton-Philips 3-28
Pomona, CA *Men's Open Rally* Clair Ott, Dick Gray, Raymond Harrow 3-18

9 SHOTS TRIPLES

Williamsburg, VA *Pinehurst-Williamsburg Tournament* Jim McGill, Joe Coleman, Maro Pelliccio 5-18-97
Palm Springs, CA *Smoke Tree Ranch 1998 Schwab Invitational* William Hayden, Melvin J. McKently, George Muller shoem, J.A. Anderson March 2-6

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KINGS POINT

By Judy Scheel

With 21 new members, the Kings Point West Lawn Bowling Club had a very active season, highlighted by Mike Durham of England repeating as Men's Singles and Club Champion. Judy Scheel won the Women's Singles.

In Pairs, Richard Bozza and Judy Scheel were first. New club members Jackie and Jack Heche were runners-up.

We hosted our bowling neighbors from Sun City Center for an "April Fools Fun Frolic." Earlier in the season, we enjoyed a pizza party and game night, and an Awards Banquet and game night.

In Memoriam
Clyde Wells

BRADENTON

By Joyce Schindler

Our club, like many others in the Southeast, celebrated its 70th Anniversary this Spring. We observed it with a luncheon at the Peridia Country Club.

Our longest active members are Del Smith, who joined in 1958, and Ellen and Vin Hoffman, who became members in 1975. Ellen is serving her 21st year as treasurer. At our annual meeting in March, Ellen and her fellow officers all agreed to be reinstated for another year.

In the West Florida League this season, the top team in the Bradenton squad was skipped by Ken Griesbach, with

Ellen Hoffman at vice and Joyce Schindler leading.

Results of club tournaments this season: *Mixed Doubles*: 1-John Koegel and Pam Knight, 2-Kitty Cox and Joe Stokes. *Men's Singles*: 1-John Koegel, 2-Don Slinger. *Ladies Singles*: 1-Helen Wake, 2-Eleanor Stokes. *Home League*: 1-John Koegel, 2-Velma Freeze, 3-Doug Bamford.

Bradenton retained the trophy for another year by doing well on our return trip to St. Petersburg.

When you're in the area, drop by for a game of bowls. Visitors say they enjoy the challenge of our "silica" surface.

WEST FLORIDA LEAGUE

By Gerald Hyde

After a season of four weather postponements, the West Florida League managed to play all ten of its matches and award the trophy for the top team to Bill Farrell, Helen Dickson and Bill Stevenson, of Clearwater.

The leading squad in 1998 competition was the Blue Jays from Clearwater, followed by the Green Hornets from On-Top-Of-the-World (Clearwater). The Clearwater Club has three squads playing in the League, compared to two from On-Top-Of-The-World and one from Bradenton.

ORLANDO

By Pat McCann

Orlando sent these representatives into the two North Central Florida League Champion of Champions tournaments at the end of the 1997-98 season: Women's Pairs: Pat McCann and Muriel Storma; Men's Pairs: Ted Houck and Harry Miller; Women's Singles: Pat McCann; and Men's Singles: Ted Houck.

Congratulations to our Women's Pairs team, which returned from Daytona Beach with the Cof C crown.

We thank Mount Dora for loaning us the great team of Evelyn Sartain, Len Clarke and Rudy Broeker, so that we were able to field a squad of four teams in the NCFL this season.

SARASOTA

By Phyllis Raad

In a husband-versus-wife playoff, the Sarasota Club Championship was won this season by Ladies Singles champ Sandra Whitelaw, who defeated Men's Singles champ George Whitelaw.

We also elected a woman president in Joan Douglas, who will serve with Burt Tranvik, vice president; Sara Sullivan, secretary; Doris O'Brien, treasurer; Ian MacRae, immediate past president; and new Board members Liz Colbert, Harry Cunningham and Madeline Alpers.

Joan and her husband, Ed, are well known in the Southeast because they have managed the past few annual SE-ALBA Opens, the most recent one in March at Sarasota.

Other club tournament results: *Snow Bowl*: won by Lou and Nan Bertolini. *Ladies Singles*: 1-Sandra Whitelaw, 2-Mandy Smith. *Men's Singles*: 1-George Whitelaw, 2-Dick LaBrie. *Pick a Partner*: 1-John and Allison Cunningham. 2-Nancy Tranvik and Ernie Brown.

Ladies Pairs: 1-Doreen Lewis and Pauline Blastorah; 2-Jenny Bowden and Sandy Ferris. *Men's Pairs*: 1-Ted Treble and Bob Payne; 2-Pres Lavier and Alex Drummond. *Mixed Triples*: 1-Dick LaBrie, Doreen Lewis and Sandy Ferris; 2-Ken Griesbach, Shirley Ferris and Nan Bertolini.

Cut Throat: 1-Alex Drummond, 2-Ken Griesbach, 3-Frank Petrie. *Home and Away*: won by Sarasota over Sun N' Fun, with



George Whitelaw being the overall winner. *International Tournament*: won by Canada.

WIFE BEATS HUBBIE!
George Whitelaw lost his Sarasota championship Singles match to his wife, Sandra.
(Photo by Pete Lomeo)

DELRAY BEACH*By Gerry McCaul and Nancy Edwards*

Some tournaments "with a twist" spiced-up our 1998 season. For example: An upside-down triples tournament, in which leads played skip and vice-versa, opened the season. Walter Brengard, Vera Fraser and Gerry McCaul were the victors.

Later, we had a skips versus vice-skips competition that ended up a tie in games won. But the vice-skips prevailed on points scored.

Somewhat more normal, but still adventuresome, was the pairs tournament that pitted men against women—with the men prevailing six games to four.

Results of other club tournaments: *Mixed Triples*: 1-Stan Marks, Dan Bellomo and Dorthy Kish; 2-Tom Gilchrist, Paul Lavitt and Sharon Terdiman. *Men's Singles*: 1-Gerry McCaul, 2-Bob Knox. *Ladies Singles*: 1-Margaret Clarke, 2-Denise Taylor.



Delray Beach Singles champion Gerry McCaul, right, with runner-up Bob Knox.

We are saddened by the recent deaths of Ken Porter at 101, and Frank Teegarden at 91. Ken was our most avid bowler and well known as the model for several Norman Rockwell paintings. Frank was an international curling player as well as a skilled lawn bowler.

In Memoriam
Ken Porter
Frank Teegarden

PINEHURST

(North Carolina)

By Tom Kees

Club president Don Hopkins and the Board have approved an eight-tournament schedule for this season, one featuring a traditional High Tea with scones, clotted cream and strawberry jam. Mary Wittpenn has promised authentic clotted cream to be served on a silver tea set.

Invitations to the North Carolina Open, September 15-18, have gone out and we expect all 32 slots for the triples competition will be filled by April 1.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA LEAGUE*By Gene Goodwin*

Mount Dora's domination of the North Central Florida League, evident since the mid-1980s, continued into the 1998 season. For the 14th straight year, one of the two Mount Dora squads competing finished first.

This year it was the Mount Dora Pirates, with the other Mount Dora squad, the Bengals, finishing second. The other four-team squads, in the order of their finish, were: Daytona Beach, DeLand and Orlando.

The champion Bengals were skipped by Herb Wintsch, who won ten and tied one of 12 games. He edged out the number two team, skipped by Burl Roller of the Pirates, which had two losses. Herb bowls with Bill and Beth Forbes. Burl's team is made up of his wife, Barbara, and Ginny Daniel.

In two tournaments, held mid-way and at the end of the season for the two top teams from each of the five squads, a Bengals team skipped by Mike Maneilly, with Ed Ceiga and Lela McHenry, won the All-Stars; while a Daytona Beach team, made up of Jean Henderson, Sally Bonstelle and Bill Cannon, took the mid-season Esch Trophy.

Also, at the end of the season, winners of the Men's and Women's Singles and Pairs tournaments in the four NCFL clubs bowl-off for "Champion of Champions" titles. This year, the



NCFL Singles Champs: Jo Gilbert, Daytona Beach, and Richard Humbert, DeLand. were won by Jo Gilbert, of Daytona Beach, and Richard Humbert, of DeLand; while the Pairs was taken by Bill Forbes and Wayne Menne, of Mount Dora, and Pat McCann and Muriel Storma, of Orlando.

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SOUTHEAST DIVISION

MOUNT DORA

By Gene Goodwin

About 200 members and guests helped the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club dedicate its new \$250,000 James and Phyllis Daniels Clubhouse and Frank F. and Julia B. Brown Pavilion on March 27.

The buildings are named after the two principal donors, who had been active club members for years. In addition to the \$200,000 from the Daniels and Brown families, individual club members donated almost \$40,000 and the City contributed \$10,000. The complex, which replaced a smaller clubhouse and very small workshed, was built on City park land, but the club and the City have signed a 99-year contract under which the club manages the facility for the City.

Among the guests at the dedication were many lawn bowls officials, including Jack Phillips of Pittsburgh, first vice-president of ALBA. Centerpiece of the ceremony was a bagpipe-led procession of about 100 white-clad club members, who marched from their just-completed games into their new clubhouse as guests watched from the spacious porch of the locker room pavilion.

Speaking at the ceremony were the incoming and outgoing club presidents, Michael G. Maneilly, who supervised the

contruction project for the club, and Rosemarie C. Walsh, who kept the club on course and active despite porta-potties and other inconveniences.

It was the cold and wet weather that disrupted daily draw games and club tournaments, not the July-to-February construction work. One tournament, the Mixed Triples, was entirely rained out, but all the others survived with these winners and runners-up:

Home League: 1-Jim Hadley, Bill Sanders and Carole Fife. 2-Brett Miller-White, Lucy Greenwood and Jack McArthur. Clearwater visitors won 20 games, and tied one, while Mount Dora won 19 games and tied one in their annual triples tournament.

Triples: Men's: 1-Bill Forbes, Bob LaPointe and Dick Wagner; 2-Len Clarke, Bob Romer and Fred Kurty. Women's: 1-Belva Swartzlander, Polly Huber and Babs Kahler; 2-Evelyn Sartain, Marge Romer and Tusie Menne.

Pairs: Women's: 1-Jo Joyce and Ann Boeckh; 2-Tommie Knox and Betty Hamilton. Men's: 1-Bill Forbes and Wayne Menne; 2-Jim Hadley and Bill Bish.

Singles: Men's: 1-Herb Wintsch; 2-Gene Goodwin. Women's: 1-Barb Roller; 2-Tracy McCracken.

Major Marsh: 1-Tracy McCracken, Fred Lindley and Hazel Hogan; 2-Ruby Lindblad, Ann Boeckh and Al Lindblad.

Bill's Game: 1-Fred Lindley; 2-Bill Swartzlander; 3-Polly Huber.

Mount Dora Invitational: 1-Harold Esch, Nora Dorman and Lois Lindley; 2-Burl Roller, Mike Maneilly and Barb Roller; 3-Bill Forbes, Wayne Menne and Beth Forbes.

The club took in 37 new members through three classes for beginners this past season, raising total membership to over 300.



Above left: Mount Dora Home League champions are: (l-r) Jim Hadley, Carol Fife and Bill Sanders. The medals they're sporting are cookies on a ribbon (flavor not-specified)!

Lower left: Ann Boeckh, left, and Jo Joyce won the Mount Dora Women's Pairs.

Above right: Women's Triples champions at Mount Dora are, from left, Babs Kahler, Polly Huber and Belva Swartzlander.

Lower right: Mount Dora's Men's Pairs champs are Wayne Menne, left, and Bill Forbes.

LAKELAND

By Doug Johnson

Recently-elected club officers for the 1998-99 season are: Doug Johnson, president; Wes Hague, first vice-president; June O'Leary, second vice-president; Laurel Martin, secretary; Ken Martin, treasurer; and Janet and Ed Jones, assistant treasurers.

Arlene Marshall was our premiere lady bowler this season, winning the Ladies Singles. Shirley Hague was runner-up. Shirley came into our Singles as winner of the gold medal at the Ontario Provincial Singles Championships last summer.

The Men's Singles was taken this year by Bob Malpass, with fellow past-president Cal Munroe a close second. Then Bob went on to win the Club Singles Championship against Arlene.

We have scheduled our 34th annual Invitational for Saturday, Jananuary 30, 1999.

We are saddened to report the passing of Fern McLean, who was the club's "Sunshine Lady" for many years, well into her 90s.

In Memoriam
Fern McLean

SOUTHEAST OPEN

By Gene Goodwin

Winners and runners-up at the SE-ALBA and SE-AWLBA Opens, held March 7-12—men at Sarasota and women at Sun City Center, FL—are as follows:

MEN

SINGLES

Championship

1. Bill Farrell, *Clearwater*
2. Sam Drevitch, *Cunningham*
3. Jim Ellieff, *Canada*
4. Ian Moy, *Clearwater*



SE Open Singles champion, Clearwater's Bill Ferrell.

A Flight

1. Roger Rackliff, *Pebble Beach*
2. George Whitelaw, *Sarasota*

B Flight

1. Joe Grabowski, *Pebble Beach*
2. Richard Wright, *Canada*

C Flight

1. Bill Stevenson, *Clearwater*
2. Burl Roller, *Mount Dora*

D Flight

1. Bill McKechnie, *Canada*
2. Al Ferguson, *Canada*

PAIRS

Championship

1. Bill Boettger & Len Hollran, *Canada*
2. Bill McKechnie & Bill Riddock, *Canada*
3. Joe Grabowski & Bill Say, *Pebble Beach*
4. Lynn Stokes & Neil Sloane, *Delray Beach*

A Flight

1. Bob Bowes & Frank Petrie
2. John Shanklin & Cliff Bailey

B Flight

1. Martin Noble & Rick Wall
2. Norm Welsh & Pres Lavier

C Flight

1. Bill Eberhardt & Caesar Eyssautier

2. George Whitelaw & Doug Shearer

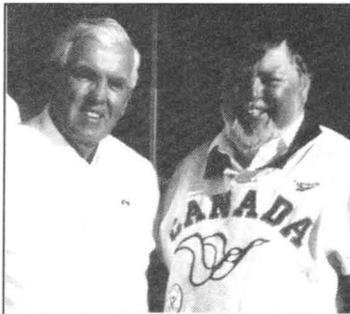
D Flight

1. Richard Whalley & Jim Steel
2. Al Ferguson & Jim Ellieff

TRIPLES

Championship

1. Ron Buck, Sam Drevitch, Ken Roberts
2. Bill Boettger, Bill McKechnie, Bill Riddick
3. Joe Dorsch, Lindsay Blair, Alex Graham
4. Harold Esch, Ed Douglas, Maynard Dacey



Pairs Winners are Sarasota's Len Hollran, left, and Bill Boettger, Canada.

A Flight

1. Pat O'Donohue, Mick McFadden, Bill Adamson

2. Mike Maneilly, Gene Goodwin, Bruce McPeck

B Flight

1. John Koegel, Ron Jones, Russ Tees

2. Martin Noble, Rick Wall, Doug Shearer

C Flight

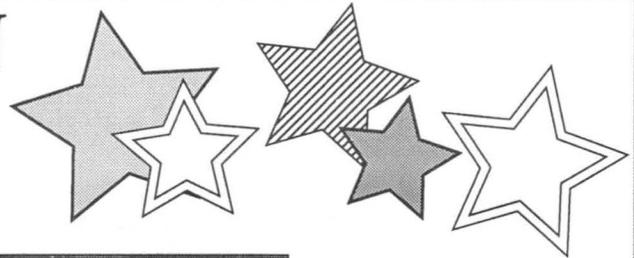
1. Ward Cosburn, Stan Pratt, Joe Lannan

2. Bill Hiscock, Bill Robertson, Will Getwon

D Flight

1. Joe Grabowski, Bill Say, Ray Turman

2. John Meska, George Sayer, Peter Wood



The sun had long set by the time (l-r) Ken Roberts and Sam Drevitch, Clearwater, and Ron Buck, Wilmington, DE, captured the SE Open Triples event.

WOMEN

SINGLES

Championship

1. Noreen Welsh, *Clearwater*
2. Joan Jones, *Suncoasters*
3. Eileen Luba, *Pittsburgh*
4. Sandra Whitelaw, *Sarasota*

1. Mandy Smith, *Sarasota*
2. Marion Wall, *Clearwater*

1. Shirley Hague, *Clearwater*
2. Betty Passenesi, *Suncoasters*

1. Eleanor Calder, *Clearwater*
2. Jo Gilbert, *Daytona Beach*

1. Jackie Nieberg, *Sarasota*
2. Pauline Blastorah, *Sarasota*

PAIRS

Championship

1. Patti Grabowski, *Suncoasters* & Jo Gilbert, *Daytona Beach*

2. Helen Dewar, *Canada* & Evelyn Sartain, *Mount Dora*

3. Hilda Ferris & Gretchen Meixner, *Suncoasters*

4. Sheila MacDonald & Judy Hoare, *Sarasota*

1. Lorna Hollran & Nancy Tranvik

2. Peggy Bettridge & Andie Van Wyck

1. Marge Sanphy & Kathleen Mein

2. Helen Wake & Helen Baumbach

4th Flight

1. Cecilia Noble & Mary McKay
2. Beattie Mayhew & Gloria Mather

5th Flight

1. Rita Moy & Brooke Reid
2. Diann Thrush & Silvia Hegley

6th Flight:

1. Judy Scheel & Pat Durham
2. Frida Mixson & Gina Shanklin

TRIPLES

Championship

1. Noreen Welsh, Sandra Whitelaw and Helen Dewar

2. Beattie Mayhew, Beverly Phillips, Gloria Mather

3. Muriel Rackliff, Mary Patch, Mandy Smith

4. Pauline Blastorah, Helen Cane, Marge Connell

2nd Flight

1. Patti Grabowski, Barbara Roller, Jo Gilbert;

2. Mary Terrill, Roberta Lane, Marianne Turman

3rd Flight

1. Doreen Creaney, Helen Wright, Gerda Glenn

2. Sheila MacDonald, Judy Hoare, Carol Kulis

4th Flight

1. Eileen Malpass, Marion Payne, Shirley Hague

2. Linda McDougall, Kathleen Mein, Ann M. Wood/Betty Drury

5th Flight

1. Eileen Love, Jean Bonhaus, Lorry Reinhardt

2. Marion Wall, Cecilia Noble, Mary McKay

Noreen Welsh was named "Bowler of the Tournament" for the Women's Open. The men did not present that award this year.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

PEBBLE BEACH

By Cliff Bailey

Jack Phillips, first vice-president of ALBA and secretary-treasurer of the Central Division, wintered in Sun City Center this year. The Pittsburgh resident joined with the late Bill Say to win our club Pairs.

In another club tournament, Neal Nightingale, Joe Grabowski and Moe

Salsbury won the Triples.

Bill Say's sudden death in March was a blow. He was president of SE-ALBA at the time he died. Although he won the Playdowns and bowled for the SE (with Joe Grabowski) in the 1996 U.S. Championship Pairs, Bill was always there when

any of us needed help or when something needed to be done—sweeping greens, cleaning ditches, anything. He was a skip everyone enjoyed bowling with or against.

Bill will be missed as will Al Jones, Frank Zaeck and John Schumaker, who also died recently.

DAYTONA BEACH

By Jack Gilbert

Congratulations to the Daytona Beach teams that won these inter-club tournaments: *Deland Invitational*: Jean Henderson, Pete Wisse and Doreen Hargreaves; *Daytona Beach Invitational*: Geoff Headley, Pete Wisse and Jo Gilbert; and *Esch Trophy*: Jean Henderson, Sally Bonstelle and Bill Cannon.

Winners of our intra-club tournaments to date are:

Opening Day: Bill Cannon, Doreen Hargreaves and Chris Praties

Mixed Pairs: Chris Praties and Meg Inglis

Ladies' Pairs: Chris Perris and Barbara Headley

Men's Pairs: Geoff Headley and Frank Hammond.

Sadie Hawkin's Day: Barbara Headley and Bill Cannon

Li'l Abner Day: Alex Thomson and Doreen Hargreaves

Ladies' Singles: Jo Gilbert

Men's Singles: Alex Thomson

Memorial: Jean Henderson, Pete Wisse and Jim Stotts

CLEARWATER

By Bill Durica

Forty triples teams entered this year's Mayor's Favorite Charity tournament, which resulted in a check for \$1,000 being presented to Mayor Rita Garvey for the Greenwood Health Center. Jab Pierce organized the benefit, and Bill Farrell, Eleanor Calder and Bill Stevenson won the event.

Clearwater retained the Reciprocal Visit Trophy by virtue of our ten triples teams traveling to and edging Mount Dora, 20 1/2 wins to 19 1/2. Mount Dora will visit us next February.

For two weeks in January, the eight-woman Scottish National Women's team practiced on our greens in preparation for international competition in Malaysia.

At our general meeting, Lindsay Blair, Walter Robertson and Charles Roach were elected to the Board of Directors.

FORT LAUDERDALE

By Al Rizza

A transfusion of new members from Great Britain has given our club new hope for the future, as we wait on the City to build a new lawn bowls facility in Holiday Park.

In the only open tournament we held this past season, a triples team from Delray Beach—Lynn Stokes, and Neil and Eleanore Sloane—was the winner.

Al Rizza has organized a U.S. versus Canada match for June 21, in Windsor, Ontario, as part of the International Freedom Festival. Six mixed-triples teams from Flint, MI, four from Westland, MI, and two from Ft. Lauderdale, will represent the U.S., while eight clubs in Ontario's District 1 will field ten teams for Canada. The Rizza Festival Trophy will go to the winner of the competition, which it is hoped will become an annual event.



Esch Trophy winners were Daytona's (l-r) Sally Bonstelle, Bill Cannon and Jean Henderson. The Mixed Triples event is sponsored by Harold and Ellie Esch, of Mount Dora.

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SLATER PARK

(Rhode Island)

By Paul Motta

I am writing this on the first day of Spring. Looking out the window, I think, "why snow and cold now?" Doesn't Old Man Winter know we have many things to do? We have a shed to build; we have ditches to repair; and we must work on the green.

Opening day is only six or seven weeks away. Well, it was a mild winter and our winter get-together was terrific. The Kenney clan did their usual great job. We all thank them very much.

Now let's have some good weather so everyone can get working at our club. We have a full schedule, including the Eastern Division Open Tournament during the week of August 1.

BUCK HILL FALLS

(Pennsylvania)

By Bob Gate

I am wintering in Hilton Head Island, SC, but keep in contact with club members as well as Eastern Division Officers via e-mail. Our club treasurer, Marie Fischer, reports that several new members paid dues this year. Most encouraging, because our club needs active members to assist in taking advantage of the two lovely greens the Buck Hill Falls Company provides the community.

When we leave Hilton Head Island we plan on visiting Sun City Center, FL. for talks with Ann Wood (previously a resident of Buck Hill) about holding some major tournaments back home. Red Brown will meet with us. Ann and Red have contributed much to lawn bowling in Buck Hill Falls. With such bowling talent, we could do wonders with the facilities up in the Poconos.

The Eastern Division will hold both ALBA/AWLBA U.S. Pairs and Singles Playdowns at Buck Hill: Pairs June 13-14, and Singles June 27-28. We open the season with the Buck Hill Open Pairs on May 23-24. On June 21, we will repeat the Buck Hill Triathlon of golf, tennis, and lawn bowling.

While in Florida, we plan on stopping off at Mount Dora to see the new club house, and hope to meet friends made at the U.S. Championships last year. Then, on the return trip, we will visit Pinehurst.

Carpet bowling was initiated at Camp Club this winter, but Ernie Voros reports a rather disappointing turn-out of non-bowlers. We had hoped to teach residents the basics of bowling through this program. Cottage occupancy is low during the winter months so we may continue the program during the summer.

Our Division has lost a major player as well as a lady with charm and grace. Isabella Forbes has been transferred to the West coast—their gain and our loss. Issy was always available for assistance and advice to our club; so much so that she was made an honorary club member. She will be greatly missed.

ESSEX COUNTY

(Bloomfield, NJ)

By George Schick

At our Annual Meeting, the following 1998 Board was appointed:

President: Colin Smith

Vice-President: Bob Urguhart

Secretary: George J. Schick

Treasurer: Lorraine Urguhart

Directors: Skippy Arculli, Charles Duffy, Patrick Duffy, Duncan Farrell, Joyce Fitzgerald, Debbie Smith and Nancy Stroud

During the 1998 season, the Essex Club looks forward to hosting ALBA-ED's Classic Mens Pairs, the AWLBA-ED's Marie Manners Memorial Pairs, and the

ED Regional Challenge event that closes the 1998 ED tournament season. The Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs has assured us that our green will be in great condition this season. As we go to press, the Parks' maintenance team has begun its Spring work preparing the Essex green for play.

The Essex Club, under direction of its Membership Committee, will once again be hosting a series of meetings with local civic/service organizations to encourage Lawn Bowling memberships. Several clinics are being planned for local schools to build youth memberships. Also, the Essex Club will continue to host Sunday afternoon free lawn bowling lesson clinics

FERNLEIGH

(West Hartford, CT)

By George W. Pardee

Our new President, Ed Wood, has set the agenda for an exciting 75th Anniversary Season, with the following team of officers:

Rita O'Brien—1st Vice President

George Babic—2nd Vice President

Dan Pettengill—Secretary

Irene Woods—Assistant Secretary

Gene Knorr—Treasurer

Don Woods—Assistant Treasurer

Greens Chairman, David Anderson, completed an aggressive Fall Program, having top dressed, aerated, seeded and leveled the green.

Inter and intra club tournaments are being scheduled by our respective Chairmen, Frank Stolzenberg and Ward Francis. They are promising some interesting events in keeping with the celebration of our 75th Anniversary, including an August 30 Invitational Tournament.

President Ed Wood appointed a special Steering Committee, consisting of Rita O'Brien, George Pardee, Robert Safford and Ward Francis, to work with him on planning the Club's 75th Anniversary celebration

Fernleigh, the largest club in the Eastern Division in terms of membership, had a great recruitment program last year with twenty new members. An equally aggressive program is being planned for 1998, with Rita O'Brien as our Membership and Training Chairperson. A reception for prospective new members will be held May 16 and 19, with refreshments and lunch. Training will commence June 3, with an increased emphasis on the Rules of the Game.

Our Skip Chairpersons, Ed Feurt and Mollie Dunbier, will be conducting a training program for Skips. Anyone interested in this program should contact Ed or Mollie.

George Babic arranged for our Spring luncheon to be held at the Town and County Club on April 29. We hope we saw you all there to welcome in our 75th Anniversary Year.

throughout 1998.

The Essex green is open daily from May 15-Nov. 15. If you will be in the area and would like to roll a few, please call George Schick at 973-966-3312 (days), or 732-381-2027 (evenings), so we can arrange a match for you. The Essex green is located in Bloomfield's Watsessing Park, near Exit 148 of the Garden State Parkway.

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EASTERN DIVISION

CUNNINGHAM

(Milton, MA)

By Sam Drevitch

We all are looking forward to our Opening Day the beginning of May. We again will be joined by the Slater Park Club to renew our rivalry and good fellowship.

Cunningham's 1998 schedule, worked out in conjunction with the Slater Park Club, will be full of Saturday Tournaments and Scrambles.

Our green was greatly improved last year. Now that we have the speed at a decent 10 to 12 seconds, we will be working to get out some of the runs and imperfections. With this accomplished, will be looking to schedule a major Eastern Division tournament in 1999.

This writer was pleased to bowl with friends from the East in the Southeast Division Open in Sarasota. With Ron Buck (skip) and Ken Roberts (lead), both from Dupont, we won the Triples against a great Canadian team (Riddock/ McKechnie/ Boettger). I also finished runner-up in the Singles to Bill Farrell. Ron and I won seventh prize in the Pairs Consolation. It was a well run tournament, despite the grumbling about the greens. I thought the Committee did a great job in getting them in shape after the record setting rains in January and February. The middle green had a draw of at least ten feet, especially in our final match.

HAMILTON

(New Jersey)

By Bob Stewart

Not much to report this issue as we do not start bowling until the first week in May.

If any bowler is interested to play on our green, I can tell you we have a full-size grass green, with ditches and water sprinklers.

All our equipment is supplied by the Hamilton Township Recreation Department, headed by Mayor Jack Rafferty, including: bowls, jacks, markers, mats, scorecards, trophies and, whatever.

Of our thirty members, most are retirees—twenty men and ten ladies. And the dues, believe it or not, are three dollars per person per year.

The green is fully maintained by the Township—cut three times a week, and fertilizer and weed killer applied as required.

We have a league of ten triples teams—very popular—and competitions are played on Saturday. We try hard to abide by A.L.B.A. rules.

Thank you, Mr. Ransome, for a very good and informative *Membership News*.

In Memoriam
George Doerfler
Robert Sharples

NEW YORK

(Central Park)

By Bob Mancuso

Central Park, New York City... This year is shaping up to be another bowl breaker here in the Big Apple.

This is your correspondent Bob Mancuso reporting live from under the blooming Cherry Pine, just north of our clubhouse, in beautiful Central Park. Our greens are in top shape this year and we're ready for inspection by the Olympic Bowls Committee—if they insist. Charles Crawford has our sincerest thanks for the fine job he's been doing.

Our Opening Day ceremonies went off as planned, and we're looking forward to our *Annual Pierce-Preene Rinks Tournament* on June 6—the only rinks tournament in the Eastern Division.

Much thanks to former President Jane B. Jacobs for her hospitality during our annual Spring Fling dinner. The food was simply delicious.

This year's *Out-of-Towners Tournament* will be held on July 18, in honor of Thais Cohrone—a club member, a benefactor, and *grand dame exemplar*.

As always, we welcome out-of-town visitors to come play with us. Several have taken us up on this offer.

Well, it's almost game time. Gotta run. Talk to you next time. And happy bowling you all.

THISTLE

(West Hartford, CT)

By Joan B. Wood

It was a long winter, but, thanks to El Nino, could have included some bowling. One weekend in January, with the greens looking good and temperatures in the mid-60s, it was certainly tempting. Maybe next year...

Opening day in May finally arrived and began with a "bring your own" picnic, followed by an afternoon of bowling on our new improved greens. Hopefully, 1998 will be a summer of uninterrupted bowling. Bowling times are Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and Thursday evenings. Anyone in the area or passing through is welcome to join us. Call me for directions/details at (860) 523-7459.

The season will include our regular tournaments on the third Sunday of the month, as well as a six-week tournament on Thursday nights (a chance to try out our new lights!) starting June 11. We will also host the Dakers Tournament in August.

Ward Francis, Games Chair, reports he is working on scheduling some tournaments with Fernleigh, and on hosting New England Doubles Championships for men and for women.

SKYTOP

(Skytop, PA)

By Ken Willig

With warm weather in the northeast, the avid bowler is anxious to get on the green and demonstrate his/her professional prowess!

This summer the Skytop Lawn Bowling Club will devote time to again promote the sport. Last year, we instituted Saturday morning and afternoon clinics for children, lodge guests and "Cottagers", respectively. It is our intention to improve our efforts, whereby it will create greater interest.

Our club tournament date has been changed from the first week in August to July 27–August 1, inclusive. The date change was necessitated due to conflict with tennis and golf tournaments being held at the same time. Many of our bowlers are multi-sport participants.

August 2 is the designated date of the yearly match with our neighboring Buck Hill Club. This challenge is one everyone looks forward to—competition and just great fun.

Next Deadline—July 1

EASTERN DIVISION

WILLIAMSBURG INN

(Virginia)

By Susan Berg

Early spring weather has been teasing club bowlers, but the wait is over. The green opened on Saturday, April 4, with a club round-robin followed by a social hour the following day.

Williamsburg has a busy spring schedule, with three inter-club tournaments from three divisions (Central, Eastern and Southeast) in the first three months. Add a club mixed doubles tournament, plus weekly round robins, and club members have an activity in which to participate every weekend.

This year, training coordinator Bob Hunt is implementing new activities. The weekly round robins are part of some new competitive events for club members. Bowlers can play in a series of round robins for two periods: May-July and August-October. The winner of each section will compete against the other in the Fall. In addition, the club is instituting a ladder competition for members. Bob has also designed a recruiting brochure, "Come Bowl with Us!", which explains the game and invites prospective members to participate.

Before the season begins, when there are no scores to report and no wins to brag about, it can be difficult to find material of interest to lawn bowlers from other clubs. One feature that distinguishes the Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club from others is the lovely setting of the green. Bowlers have a view of the Williamsburg Inn—one of the finest hotels in Virginia—its magnificent gardens filled with spring blooms, and its championship golf course. Canadian geese and red-tailed hawks fly overhead, adding a touch of wildlife to the picture. It is hard to imagine a more attractive spot to spend the afternoon lawn bowling. To our fellow ALBA and AWLBA members, we extend the invitation: "Come Bowl with Us!"

DUPONT

(Wilmington, DE)

By Shirley Straw

We anticipate getting some bowling practice by the middle of April. The green will be open to visitors and prospective members the last two weekends of April. The official season begins on May 2. On that date, the Essex, N.J. Club will be our guests. Their green is not playable that early.

We will be hosting the Classic Singles Tournament of the Eastern Division on Saturday, May 30.

There will be a first time event on June 6-7 at Dupont. The Pittsburgh, PA Club has accepted our invitation for a tournament. We look forward to some challenging games.

Our Founders Day Tournament, the one that traditionally ends the season, had to be cancelled three weekends in a row. And then it was too cold to play. You can bet it won't be our closing tourney this season!

CATARACT CITY*By Duncan Gillies*

We certainly can't complain about the weather in western New York State this winter. We've had quite a bit of rain, but little snow.

Our annual Director's meeting was held last week at a local restaurant. Like most cities, Niagara Falls is short on money, but, hopefully, they will come through for us and continue to improve our green. Our general meeting will be held next month to elect a new President and Board of Directors.

Very soon, we will get together with our Canadian friends to set the tournament dates for the coming season.

This is the time to wish everyone a good year. And, as I always tell Pat Rauccio: "Don't be short!"

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FLINT*By Jeane Giesy*

The Flint Club opened the season with a get-together breakfast. Members brought guests and, hopefully, many of them will become members. The club has great plans for the year, with tournaments, visitations and good friendly fun.

The sports world of today has such an emphasis on winning! The following is an excerpt from Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club "Greens Report on Winning": "The next time you feel a special glow of triumph because you are a winner, let a little of that shine in your eyes reflect kindly on the person who was not the winner. The height of your exultation

is probably in proportion to the depth of his chagrin. There are no rules by which the winner can be guided.

"Sports manuals are full of council for the loser, but other than the passing comment that it is ungracious for the winner to kick the loser when he is down, there is not much guidance in these manuals for winning gracefully. So, act as humble as a loyal servant of dame fortune should. After all, it is entirely possible that it really was 'just luck'."

The Flint Club is open May thru October, so do come and visit. For more details phone 810-233-5128.

CENTRAL DIVISION

CHICAGO LAKESIDE*By Patricia Brown LeNoble*

Lakeside got a headstart on 1998 dues by writing up a 'membership drive' in our monthly newsletter, "On and Off the Green." Many of our members responded and regular notices will be mailed out this week, with a savings on postage well in hand.

Our first Board meeting was held on March 15 under the leadership of new president, Willye Tillman. Our 1998 schedule was presented, with the 'ladder' events filling in as a running tournament on specified Sundays during the season.

Two open house dates were cleared, and Dolly Rix and Lorrie Michael are "off and running", with extended plans to use their expertise on publicity. Their 1997 efforts resulted in 56 visitors to our club—with nine new members and a nucleus of 47 names and addresses to contact with postcards prompting our opening day (May 17), as well as our open house days on May 31 and June 28.

We are now seeking a sponsor to help us in our run for "Mayor Daley's Senior Games", offered as a joint venture by the Chicago Department on Aging and the Chicago Park District. Lakeside is looking forward to Friday, August 28, as our "day in the sun". This being our first endeavor, excitement is being generated already. Committee members for this event will be Bill Nakagawa and Cal Wright. More details to follow.

We are piqued with enthusiasm and looking forward to GREENER GRASS and GOOD BOWLING!

MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK*By Buzz Althoen*

Our El Nino winter has gone well. In January, several of us went out bowling in the snow. The white jack was difficult to see, however. We almost used an orange jack, but decided it would be sacrilegious. So we had to go home.

February has been extremely mild and the grass is greening up all over the county 'way ahead of time. We hope this portends a great 1998 season.

We look forward to our first OFFICIAL bowling after our luncheon on May 2nd! See you then!

ROCKFORD*By Ann Kelsey*

It has been pretty quiet at the Rockford Lawn Bowling green since we were fortunate enough to retain the Butler Cup last September at our annual contest with Milwaukee.

Nancy Blake took time off from bowling in October to become Mrs. John Nash. It was a beautiful wedding and her father, Dave Blake, did a great job as father of the bride.

Joe Zinna, John Devine and John and Dora Stewart escaped the midwest weather in January by going to Sun City for the Arizona Rinks Tournament. Bill and Joan Cameron joined in the fun. John and Dora Stewart liked Arizona so well that they stayed. Gene and Nora Larson also joined the migration to a sunnier climate. Roger and Donna Binger, Ann Kelsey and Wanda Becker went South instead of West in search of the sun. They were guests of Chuck and Gloria Mather at the Sun City, Florida bowling green.

February 14 marked the 50th wedding anniversary for Bill and Joan Cameron. They were joined by Donna and Roger Binger, Wanda Becker, Ann Kelsey, Gene and Nona Larson, and John and Dora Stewart, as well as friends from Milwaukee and Arizona at a wonderful celebration.

We were hoping that spring would come early to Rockford with all the warm weather in February, but March came in like a lion. We will have a meeting early in April to start our 1998 season and hope that all our members who have moved will still feel welcome in Rockford.

MILWAUKEE WEST*By Leonard F. Shaw*

These are the doldrums of the lawn bowling year. We had a very mild and snowless winter. Milwaukee was an island of paradise when that major snow-storm hit the midwest in early March. Zero snow!

On the sad side, fun guy and good bowler Emil Pohl went to bowler's heaven. He had been ill for some time.

We should be on the greens by the time you read this. Our spring luncheon is scheduled for May 9.

In Memoriam
Emil Pohl

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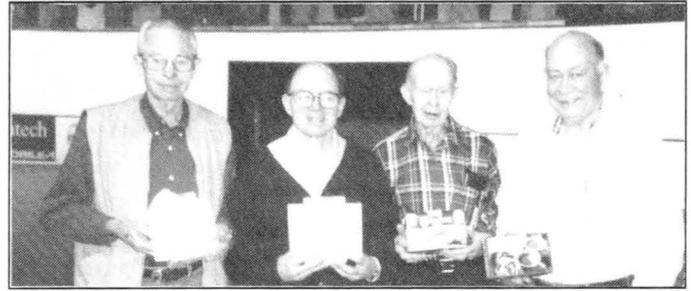
CENTRAL DIVISION

EAST CLEVELAND*By Jean Sinzinger*

Things are really humming at the East Cleveland Lawn Bowling Club. We have indoor bowling going, a booth at the Cleveland Flower Show (Floralscape), Clean-Up Day to get the green in order, Opening Day coming up, and an Open House to plan for. Indoor bowling has been very well-attended, and between dues and the 50-50 raffle, we have also made a little money for the club.

There was also a public demonstration area where there wasn't enough room for regular bowling, but our members showed the action of the bowls (using carpet bowls) and how the game was played. Quite a few people from the crowd tried it and a good time was had by all.

Bob Walton and Ralph Sinzinger were in charge of the booth and had a lot of help from the members of the club. We have a list of names of people who stated an interest in lawn bowling and we



Champs of East Cleveland's January Thaw Tournament were: (l-r) Ralph Sinzinger, Ed McTernan, Chuck Robbins and Bob Harris. They victors are holding their winning prizes: boxes of hot chocolate!

will follow-up as part of our recruitment program.

We look forward to Frick Park LBC coming to Cleveland and our going to Pittsburgh for the Turnpike Trophy Tournament. Shine up that trophy, you-all! We hope to bring it home!

WESTLAND*By Joey Dunn*

Michigan has had an unseasonably mild winter. Our grass is looking very good and our equipment has been tuned, sharpened and is ready for use.

Dutch Coiner and Bill Davidson have been under the weather, but, hopefully, will be fine for the bowling season. I know Jim Symington is itching to be outdoors and on the green. He is recu-

perating nicely. John Wiegold did some traveling in Florida, as did the Dunns. Archie and I have been bowling in Sarasota and have been fortunate to see some bowling friends in the Southeast Tournament. Hope to see them July 4 at Westland's Tournament.

Spring is the time for tailoring and sharpening our green. It will be good to see our club members out in force in bowling green colors—white clothes, black and brown bowls, and a green thumb. Good bowling from Westland, the place to be and visit.

PITTSBURGH FRICK PARK*By James C. Cunningham*

Our 1998 season is off to a great start! The greens have been given the first spring dressing and mowing, and President Lois Saladin and her staff have planned a full and exciting schedule for the coming months.

We started with our "Let's-Go" Dinner Meeting in April. We shall continue with tournaments, leagues, trips to Williamsburg, Cleveland and Wilmington, fund raising projects, Open House and, of course, our great holiday picnics. Bud Fickley and Randy Ober will organize the leagues this year. Beverly Phillips and Ralph Hofer will be in charge of the tournaments. And Ruth Cunningham will handle the social events.

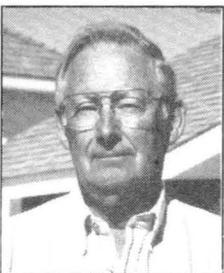
The highlight project of the year will be our Three Rivers

Open Triples Tournament in celebration of the 60th anniversary of our club. It will be held July 25-26, and will include a cocktail party Friday evening and, on Saturday, the Diamond Jubilee Dinner at a fine restaurant overlooking our Golden Triangle. We invite all ALBA and AWLBA members to come help us celebrate our 60th year! Call or write for registration forms and additional information: Eileen Luba, 427 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, phone 412/782-0848.

Lois Saladin, Pat Goetz, and Hank and Eileen Luba travelled to Florida and joined-up with Jack and Beverly Phillips at the Southeast Division's Open Tournament in March. They bowled against some very fine bowlers and we are proud to report that Eileen placed third in the championship flight in singles, and Beverly's triples team came in second.

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The ALBA South Central Division Executive Board, under the direction of President Champ Salisbury, met February 16. Among the issues discussed was the total agreement that "the Division" must continue to contact "adult communities" in our area to seek and create support for lawn bowling, and encourage developers to offer lawn bowling in their community activities.

As is usually the case, the Phoenix area in early year has a full complement of bowlers. Winter visitors and year-rounders have had lots of bowling opportunities, as you will see in the club reports. And though our usually sunny, warm days were effected by El Nino, bowlers still turned out in great numbers and the hardy prevailed. The members of our Division hope to see all of our visiting friends again next year.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

NOVICE OPEN SHOOTOUT

The South Central's first Novice Open Shootout was held March 23 & 30. It was played in two out of three sets of 7 points.

The Pairs winners were Sheila Stout, Sun City, and Art McMaster, Awataukee. Second place went to John McBain and Keith Yett, both of Sun City.

The Singles was won by Weldon Stout, while Chet Towle was runner-up. John McBain was third and Sheila Stout fourth. All are Sun City'ers. The Consolation Flight was won by Sun City's Harry Berry, with Mary Hamilton, Pueblo El Mirage, runner-up.

John Stewart was the man in charge of this tournament. Dot Morrison marshalled the marvelous markers.

SUN CITY WEST

By Howard Goodnough

El Nino managed to rain on some of our bowling events, requiring some fancy foot work by tournament directors. But wet or dry, bowling and socialbility continued to the end.

This year's Senior Olympic Program for lawn bowling was held in Sun City West, and was most capably directed by AWLBA's Shirley Smulyan. A fine turnout for both singles and pairs was achieved. Two familiar lawn bowlers from Sun City West won "Most Senior Flight" in pairs: Kermit Robinson and Joan Purchase.

Play concluded in two leagues with unique purposes. One paired a novice with an experienced tournament bowler; the other, "The Sweethearts League", designed for timid spouses. Both leagues provided good competition in a relaxed atmosphere, with plenty of social time. Each team was given the task of either setting-up the greens for play or charged with providing the refreshment offerings.

Everyone seemed please with the formats and results. We all offer our thanks to Jim Clark for his masterful direction.

THE 1998 NATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENTS ARE COMING TO THE SUN CITIES AREA OCT 30-NOV 6. HOPE TO SEE YOU!

AHWATUKEE

By Jim Obrock

The club elected Ray Kubiak President for 1998 and chose to join ALBA at the annual January meeting. Fees have been collected and sent to the South Central Division. Jim Obrock, formerly with the E. Cleveland and Lorain, Ohio Lawn Bowling Clubs, was appointed ALBA representative and correspondent.

A social party was held the first week of February at the Club. Food, beverages and fun were enjoyed by all attending. This starts our 1998 season of bowls.

Home and away visitations were held with Silver Ridge R.V. Park, Monte Vista R.V. Park, Venture Out R.V. Park, and Leisure World during January and Febru-

ary. Many friendships have been made over the years with these visitations. We hope to add the Sun City area clubs to the visitations next year.

During February and March, the Club held singles, doubles and triples tournaments. The Clubs Singles tournament championship was won by Jim Obrock. The Doubles championship was won by Art McMaster and Tony Rigoglosio. The Triples final had Jim Obrock, Paul Benn and Carl Gray playing Larry Aubert, Bob Padgett and Joe Lewallen for the championship.

Trophies to the winners of the Singles, Doubles and Triples Tournaments were made April 11, at the Clubs Awards Banquet.

1st DESERT DRAW

By Douglas E. McArthur

On the first weekend of March, sixteen individuals ventured into new ground with the first tournament played using the indoor format (sets instead of ends).

The tournament was started with a blind draw for Pairs partners, with the losers of the first Pairs game dropping into Singles.

What was very interesting is some games were over in thirty minutes, while others took a couple of hours. Another unique situation was the winners of the Pairs were positioned in the Singles brackets and would also go on to win the Singles. This situation happens as you will see in the results.

PAIRS (skip-lead)

Winner—Graham Jarvis,

Geo Ralston, Sr.

2. Don Mayne, Tom Stirrat

SINGLES

Winner—Graham Jarvis

2. Tom Stirrat

3. Douglas McArthur

4. Gordon Shieck

CONSOLATION (SINGLES)

Winner—Norm Valik

2. Larry Brohammer

A social afternoon followed the event. Our hosts were John and Dora Stewart. The party was enjoyed by all. There is already consideration of enlarging the event next fall.



Tournament co-host, John Stewart, is flanked by Pairs team champions Graham Jarvis, left, and Tom Stirrat.



Desert Open Singles champ Graham Jarvis, left, with tourney co-host John Stewart, center, and George Ralston, Sr., Singles runner-up.

THOMSON-ZIVEC PAIRS

By Gil Stephan Jr.

Sixty teams from the United States and Canada made-up the field of the 2nd Annual Thomson-Zivec Pairs Tournament, played January 21-23, at Sun City, Arizona. The event followed closely on-the-heels of the Arizona State Rinks Tournament.

At the conclusion of the six qualifying games, only one team came through with a perfect record. That team—Tom Stirrat and Gordon Shieck—proceeded to go undefeated in the finals to claim top prize.

Great fun was had by all. We are looking forward to seeing you all at Super Bowl Week 1999.

Results: (skip-lead)

CHAMPIONSHIP

1. T. Stirrat-G. Shieck
2. A. Ferguson-V. Donohoe
3. H. Culley-M. Ferguson
4. P. Fagan-S. DeLisle

2nd FLIGHT

1. K. Roney-J. Roney
2. D. McArthur-
M. Ashton-Phillips
3. K. Degenhardt-J. Zinna
4. F. Keener-E. Keener



Thomson-Zivec champions Tom Stirrat and Gordon Shieck, center, with runners-up Al Ferguson, left, and Vince Donohoe, right.

3rd FLIGHT

1. G. Jarvis-S. Jarvis
2. M. Pituley-D. Hanoski
3. J. McBain-N. Valek
4. G. Hornby-M. Hornby

4th FLIGHT

1. E. Quo-M. Fettes
2. B. Weaver-K. Braziel/

C. Hardy

3. J. Behling-J. Stewart
4. B. Bayes-L. Bayes

5th FLIGHT

1. B. Ayotte-D. Leibbrandt
2. L. Towns-S. Towns
3. B. Hiscock-B. Nunes
4. L. Lalemand-D. Tiedgen

PARADISE

By Tony Appollo

Another very busy season has been taking place at Paradise Resort LBC. At our November membership meeting, the following were elected for 1998: Marty Schans, President; Don McKiernan, Vice-President; Bill Buckrop, Secretary; Mellie Leng, Treasurer; Tony Appollo and Dorothy Halls, Board of Directors.

As of February 1st, we had twenty men join ALBA, and nine women join AWLBA. Because of some bowlers moving to Sun City and Sun City West, our membership is down slightly from last year.

We have had great turnouts for tournaments both within our club, as well as out of the park. A team skipped by yours truly, finished third in the 3rd Flight in the Arizona Rinks Tourney, with Phil and Betty Dial plus the missus, Marilyn Appollo.

The *Club Mixed Triples* on January 12-14, had these results: 1. Mellie Leng, Tony Appollo, Ross Crawford; 2. Gerry Pringle, Lowell Ergen, Art Timson; 3. Joanne Tiedgen, Lee Purnell, Arlo Sletten.

Club Mixed Pairs, January 26-28: 1. Len Robson/Marty Schans; 2. Bob Hill/

Fran Kopp; 3. June Stanfield/Lee Purnell.

Men's Singles, February 9-11: 1. Don McKiernan; 2. Dick Tiedgen; 3. Harold Berger.

Men's Novice: 1. Dick Kellogg; 2. Leonard Bridgeman.

Jack & Joyce Chadwick Memorial Tournament, February 16-18: 1. Dick Tiedgen/Joanne Tiedgen; 2. Mellie Leng/Ross Crawford; 3. Marty Schans/Annette Schans.

Women's Singles, February 23-25: 1. Joan Tiedgen; 2. Mellie Leng; 3. May Bochard.

Women's Novice, February 23-25: 1. Ramona Kellogg; 2. Jean Schnell.

Along with all of these tournaments we also had many visitations with other clubs in the Sun Cities area, plus several fun days with finger food and prizes.

Our Club banquet was held on March 2, with 150 attending to enjoy a wonderful catered dinner and trophy presentations to all of the tournament winners.

Lastly, we are in the process of replacing all of the backboards and plinths around our green. We will also be plugging, sanding and leveling to have the green in great shape for the upcoming National Open Tournament.

PUEBLO EL MIRAGE

By Ronald Gilmour

Our officers for 1998: President is Marion Schaffer, Vice-president, Jim Hamilton; Secretary, Marilyn Morris; Treasurer, Marilyn Woodward.

The 1998 winter season is winding down now and many of us here in AZ are heading back to summer addresses. Our club has no summer activities due to the big exodus to the north. Thanks to Henry Saunders and Jack Woodward, who do stay, our green is well cared for.

We have completed our Club Tournaments and the winners are:

NOVICE

1. Ralph Long and Ralph Canfield
2. Bill Wood and Marjean Millis
3. John Burian and Pat Canfield

DOUBLES

1. Henry Wesley and Lucille Long
2. Frank Flynn and Rosie Johnson
3. Delmar Davis and Ed Stivers

TRIPLES

1. Geoff Wilkins, Howard Harris, Curt Birkland
2. Delmar Davis, Margaret Smith, Ray Sosnowski
3. Jim Hamilton, Gene Strandberg, J. P. Bartley

EASTERN DIVISION

ARIZONA
MIXED RINKS

By Keith Yett

192 lawn bowlers from across the North America competed in the inaugural Arizona Mixed Rinks Lawn Bowling Tournament, January 17-19, at the Bell and Lakeview Recreation Center's greens in Sun City, Arizona.

First place was captured by a local team skipped by Dave Close, with team members: Chet Towle, Leah Close and Dot Morrison. Runners-up were: Doug McArthur, Bob Nunes, Carolyn Nobbe and Carol Larson.

The tournament was organized by Gil Stephan, of Sun City. Sponsors were Ken Meade Realty, Sunland Memorial Park, Woodbay Enterprises, Dain Rauscher Investments, and Ruby and Dick Reed. We deeply appreciate their interest and support.

Results: (skip-lead)

CHAMPIONSHIP

1. D. Close, C. Towle, D. Morrison, L. Close
2. D. McArthur, B. Nunes, C. Nobbe, C. Larson
3. N. McInnes, B. Weaver, K. Spangler, A. McInnes
4. A. Ferguson, H. Culley, V. Donohoe, M. Ferguson

2nd FLIGHT

1. K. Roney, J. Roney, D. Kuntz, A. Nivala
2. M. Terrill, B. Copley, S. Smulyan, C. Shieck
3. S. Nichols, R. Reed, M. Nichols, D. Reed

4. V. Moore, T. Schassberger, W. Christiansen, N. Laughlin

3rd FLIGHT

1. E. Quo, M. Fettes, T. Dion, O. Dion
2. D. Mayne, B. Mayne, R. Steinman, C. Steinman

4th FLIGHT

1. G. Jarvis, P. Manns, S. Jarvis, L. Manns
2. C. Ralston, B. Urguhart, C. Sales, L. Urquhart

5th FLIGHT

1. J. Stewart, D. Stewart, P. Fish, J. Devine
2. F. Keener, H. Leng, M. Leng, E. Keener

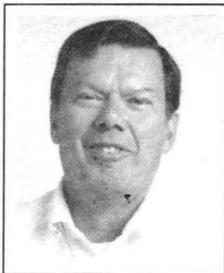


*Mixed Rinks victors:
(l-r) Chet Towle, Dot Morrison, Dave Close, Leah Close.*



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The Northwest Division is looking forward to hosting the U.S. Championships at Jefferson Park, in Seattle, this August. We're all just hoping that the rains will have ended by then so everyone can enjoy the play and the view of Seattle from the greens.

Events scheduled for the Northwest are:

- May 23-25 NW Division Spring Open, at Portland
- June 6-7 NW Women's Pairs Playdowns, at Jefferson Park
- June 13-14 NW Men's Pairs Playdowns, at Jefferson Park
- June 20-21 NW Women's Singles Playdowns, at Jefferson Park
- Aug 16-21 U.S. National Championships, at Jefferson Park
- Aug 28-Sept 5 NW Summer Open at Jefferson & Woodland Parks
- Sept 26 NWALBA/AWLBA Fall Meeting, at Centralia, WA

KING CITY

(Oregon)

By Ed Ott

The King City Lawn Bowling Club began its 1998 season with catered dinners in January and February. We had our annual potluck dinner in March, to which all prospective members were invited to learn about the great sport of lawn bowling. Lessons for new members will be given as weather permits.

Our official Opening Day for the 1998 season was on April 24, with organized bowling sessions at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and a catered dinner in the evening. Decreasing rain and increasing sunshine have already encouraged quite a few of our members to get in some early practice.

Members of the Portland LBC will visit King City on May 16th, and we have scheduled bowling sessions for morning and afternoon with a sack lunch at noon. King City bowlers will make a return visit to Portland's green on May 30.

The Portland club will be hosting the Northwest Open on May 23-25, and we have agreed to make our green available if there are more bowlers than Portland's green can accommodate. Our green is in excellent shape and should be conducive to great bowling this year.

SPOKANE*By John Marchi*

The Spokane Club continued its Hot Stove meetings throughout the winter months. Change of venue and interesting programs have increased attendance appreciably. In addition, 50-year wedding anniversary greetings for Jay and Marianne Speakman and Gerry and Betty Honn enlivened the meetings.

A motion by member Dan Hutchinson to the effect that all members should wear whites from June through September was passed unanimously by those attending.

Membership Chairman Dave Robb reported that the committee was working on the following items to boost membership: (1) Investigate the cost of lighting the green for night bowling, (2) Contacting the Big Brothers and Sisters Organization to introduce bowling to the youths, (3) Continuing the public notification to introduce bowling to the youth, (3) Con-

tinuing the public notification of free lawn bowling lessons in the Spokesman-Review Sports Activity section, and (4) Dedicating a week of free bowling lessons, from Monday through Sunday, for friends and relatives of members and other visitors.

Don Roise and Tom Higgins, of the Spokane Parks Department, presented a talk and video on the Spokane Park System that was excellent. Included in the video were wonderful shots of the green and close-up photos of several members. President Lowell Brooks and Past-President John Marchi thanked the Parks men for all the help we have had since 1976 in getting our club started and our green built and operating.

The club was contacted by Toni Nersisian, who is the local Executive Director for the Senior Assistance Fund of Eastern Washington (SAFE), which is organizing athletic games for seniors. A committee led by President Lowell Brooks

agreed to participate in the regional event, to take place in Spokane during June. The following schedule was proposed:

June 10	1 p.m.	Instructional Period
June 17	1 p.m.	Bowl With Club
June 19-21	1p.m.	Observe Tourney Play
<i>Spokane Activity Schedule for 1998</i>		
May 16		Lilac Weekend
May 24-30		Singles and Pairs Playdown Qualifying
June 6-28		U.S. Playdowns (Jefferson Park)
June 19-21		Club Pairs
July 14		Club House Picnic
July 24-26		Club Triples
August 17-21		U.S. Championships (Jefferson Park)
Sept. 11-13		Club Singles
October 6		Nomination & Election Dinner
December 8		Christmas Lunch Party

WOODLAND PARK

(Seattle)

By Roy Scully

The 1998 season looks like it will be a good one for our club. We have a new contract with the Parks Department pretty much in place, and work on the greens is progressing well. Greens Chairman Ian Fyfe and some dedicated members are putting in lot of time and effort.

With the big event of the year, the U.S. Championships, being held in our city for the first time in many years, we are looking forward to witnessing some exciting matches. Since the event will be held at Jefferson Park, our club is organizing to support them with all of our resources.

So we welcome all bowlers, their families and friends to Seattle this August.

PORTLAND*By Larry Edgar*

Along with most of the rest of the country, Portland has been "enjoying" a wetter than usual winter. But we are hoping for a good bowling season to begin soon.

A couple work parties are scheduled before our club's Opening Day on May 9. The following week, Portland will enjoy our annual visitation to King City.

Portland will be hosting the Northwest Division Spring Open over Memorial Day Weekend, with Men's and Women's Pairs being held on May 23-24, and Mixed Pairs on May 25.

We have a full schedule of club tournaments lined up for the year. When combined with the schedule of Playdowns, the Summer Open, and, of course, the U.S. Championships (being held at Jefferson Park in Seattle), our club members can participate in or watch competitive bowling somewhere in the Northwest Division almost every weekend (or during the week), from the middle of May through the middle of September.

JEFFERSON PARK*By Hugh Ramsay*

It's called a "window"—a blue sky day sandwiched between a cloudy one beforehand, and a rainy one afterwards.

Officially, it's called President's Day, and the picture is worth a bundle of words: a good roll-out, with some gloves and scarves showing along with a scattering of shades for those who asked: "If this is winter, can spring be far behind?"

A good thing, too! For the Northwest Division has plenty of work to do inside and out getting ready for the U.S. Championships. President Mario Pereira and committees have created a good relationship with the City Parks Department in working out the details. Now, if only the Mayor and his City Council would try playing the sport!



It was chilly. But, it was President's Day at Jefferson Park!

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TO: *All PIMD Correspondents*

Just a short note to introduce myself to you as the replacement for Clarence Erickson as Staff Correspondent for the PIMD.

I am a member of the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club. I'm the one Frank Ransome wrote about in the Rossmoor section of the Winter Edition of BOWLS who can't roll a straight jack. This is true, but only about 85% of the time. It should be noted here that Frank taught me everything I know about all aspects of the game of bowls. Ransome's usually right. However, when he was printing the sign-up sheets for the Opening Day ceremonies for PIMD in San Francisco, he listed the wrong date. He only missed it by ten years!

I look forward to working with all of you in the future and hope to meet you personally at upcoming PIMD events. I am open to any suggestions that will help us in accomplishing our work.

RICHMOND

By Bob Scott

On February 12th, Richmond Lawn Bowling Club had its Annual Luncheon at the La Strada Restaurant, in San Pablo. There were thirty-one hungry happy bowlers in attendance in spite of the rain. It was really good to see all of them. We had our longest members, Winnie Steward and Mima Tweedle, plus long-time members Erma and Orville Artist.

Sorry that Charley Carver couldn't be there due to injury.

Well, now that El Nino is over, maybe we can bowl some.

LEISURE TOWN

By Virginia East

This year the club got off to a rolling start! Five of our members attended the March 21 PIMD Opening Day in San Francisco. The event was an open draw so, until the draw was made, no one knew who would be on which team. Our group was lucky! Eva Hoekman, Gordon Dickman and Ann Dickman were drawn for teams who finished in the money. John Hoekman and Charlie Thorpe were not so lucky, but three out of five is pretty good. Even with the afternoon game cancelled because of rain, all of our members reported a fun day.

Five triple teams went to Rossmoor on March 26 for a Home 'n Home Tournament. Our club won three games in the morning and four more plus a tie in the afternoon. Our teams did double duty—bowling both morning and afternoon games against the host club's ten teams. The Rossmoor Leisure Town Trophy came

home with the teams and President Ruddy is presently having the winners' names engraved upon it. This event was originally scheduled for our rink, but renovation of the green necessitated its being held in Rossmoor.

April 1 was Opening Day on our greens. Since all of the April scheduled events fall late in the month, there is no information to report on them at this writing. May events include: Men's Singles, double elimination, on May 5; Women's Singles, double elimination, on May 12; and Memorial Fun Day on May 25. June's events include our Phil Moehr Mixed Triples Draw on June 10, and a Home 'n Home game with Oakrntont on June 18. August 15-16 are set aside for the Doug Coyle Rinks event.

Games begin at 9 a.m. during the summer and participants are requested to be at the rink in time to help set up before the draw.

PALO ALTO

By Ed Arnold

Our club had its 65th birthday on March 27th. Been here quite awhile!

Here's a clipping from our scrapbook. It's from the March 28, 1933 Palo Alto Times: "First steps in the organization of the Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club were taken yesterday afternoon at a Community House meeting, when officers were elected. Mrs. John Arnott was elected President. Thirty-three charter members were signed up. A membership fee of \$5 a year was voted in. It was estimated by A. James, an engineer, that the proposed bowling green, including a fence surrounding it, could be constructed for \$500 (exclusive of labor)." The price was right!

Spring has sprung finally. But we really don't know what that means weatherwise. Will it be more rain or will it be sunshine (and bowling). We've had El Nino all over the place for so long (and no bowling). It hasn't been very much fun.

We all lost a very good friend and competitive bowler, Walter Bava, in February. Eighty-four at the time of his death,

Walter was a school teacher before retiring. He liked everyone and everyone liked him.

We bought a new tractor recently to better handle our green maintenance work. If anyone is interested in getting a used tractor cheap, get in touch.

Congratulations to two of our members who were selected to be on the men's U.S.A. Team: Joel Stearn (for the first time) and Frank Souza (who has been selected many times).

We had a small drop in membership the past year. We don't like that. We're going to make a determined effort to turn the figures around in 1998.

Some more congratulations—this time, on the marriage of Past-President Ralph Qualls and active member Lois Wilkens. We're happy for these two nice people.

A suggestion: When lawn bowling, avoid throwing your weight around, pushing your luck, jumping to conclusions, spinning your wheels, running the other fellow down, carrying a grudge and flying off the handle.

SAN JOSE*By Bob Van Wingerden*

Greetings from a rain deluged San Jose. Thank heavens we have a Dr. Haley designed green! Two-and-a-half feet of sand base provides immediate drainage, allowing us to bowl the minute the rain stops. Speaking of Haley, how about that Oakmont green! One of the best greens in the PIMD.

It's been one wild "El Nino" winter, eh? We are probably luckier than most, given our micro-climate. Our club has just finished the Winter League Tournament which, due to the pace of the green, drew excellent teams from throughout the Bay Area. Thanks to the diligent efforts of Joel Stearn and a whole bunch of other people, the games came off without a hitch. The tournament was won on an incredibly bad, but very lucky, shot. Mind you, it took a lot to get there. But Pee U, that shot stank! The winning lead (leads win 'em, skips save 'em) was Frank "the Tank" Koenig. Second place went to Murray "the Mentor" Brunt and Sandra "the New Kid" Henderson.

We must mention the outstanding SJLBC Christmas Party hosted, as usual, by the Pattison's. Although Pete almost burned the house down (literally), we all managed to have a good time putting the fire out. "Young" Stevie Chaytor would have loved it. Great socializing. Thanks Pete and June. Will you do it again next year? Please? I'll bring the hot dogs!

We have a new bowler in our club from the Suva Bowling Club of Fiji, Marica Vakasilimi. She has a record. (Not criminal. Bowling!) South Pacific Carnevale Ladies Champ. We all look forward to bowling with Marica in the year to come.

Watch out '98. From all the members, we're comin' ta getch ya!



San Jose's Christmas carolers. Okay, Christmas party-ers!

SANTA CRUZ*By Bill Kather*

We tell prospective members that bowling at our club is an all-year activity, and that you can bowl 208 times for \$35. However, El Nino has prevented most of us from bowling more than two or three times in the first two months of the new year.

Our new officers are: Ernie Rideout, President (he's also our current singles champion); Jerry Louis, Vice-President; Stephen Schoenfeld, Treasurer; and Bob Jackson, Secretary.

Our club membership has grown for three consecutive

CANADA vs USA AT OAKMONT!*By Adele Patterson*

September 17-19, the Oakmont Lawn Bowling Club, in Santa Rosa, CA, will host the North America Challenge, a competition between ten top USA players and ten top Canadian players—five men and five women on each team.

Opening Ceremonies take place on Thursday, Sept. 17. Festivities will include a bagpiper ushering in the players and team managers, a color guard to escort them, and greetings by dignitaries from Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, the American Lawn Bowls Association and the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association.

After the Opening Ceremonies, held at the bowling green, the matches will begin. In anticipation of many visitors, bleachers will be erected on the northwest side of the green, and refreshments will be served.

The first three games will feature men playing Triples and Pairs, while the women play Singles and Fours. That will be followed by men playing Singles and Fours, and women playing Triples and Pairs. The tournament will continue for three days. Trophies will be awarded at a banquet to be held at Los Robles Lodge on Saturday, September 19.

This is the third time the NAC Tournament has been held. The inaugural games were played in Sun City, AZ., in March of 1995. The USA Men's Team won that year, but the women lost. The second meeting was in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, in 1996. Both the men's and women's trophies were won that year by Canada. The tournament was not held in 1997.

Oakmont was asked to host this prestigious event after the installation of its new hybrid Bermuda-grass green. The rink is now considered to be one of the finest playing surfaces in Northern California.

All members of ALBA and AWLBA are invited to attend the matches and social activities. There will be a hosted cocktail party on Thursday, September 17, at 6 p.m., and a banquet on Saturday, September 19. Choices of entrees for the banquet are Roast Leg of Lamb or Salmon Poached in Chardonnay wine. There will be both red and white wines on the table. The price per ticket is \$21.

Anyone wishing to attend the NAC games may receive a list of area motels, attractions, and banquet tickets by writing to the Chairman, Adele Patterson, 7750 Oakmont, CA.

years thanks to the dedicated efforts of coaches Gladys and Charles Tait. We finished last year with 54 members, many of whom have already rejoined for 1998. The new Coach Chairman, Stephen Cooper, and Membership Chairman, Bill Kather, have a tough act to follow to achieve growth for a fourth year. But, the coach is busily teaching four neophytes, weather permitting.

Veteran Tournament Director Ralph Brailsford, who used to run all of the tournaments personally, has semi-retired this year and has a number of helpers running one or two tournaments each.

OAKMONT*By Harry H. Hunter*

The big news this year (so far) has been the twenty-two days of rain in January and the twenty-one rainy days in February. We've managed to sneak in a few bowling sessions here and there on the rest of the days, but there's no doubt about who won in the long run. El Nino. Our new green handled the drainage quite well considering the amount presented to it. It only resembled a wading pool on a couple of occasions during those two months.

John Vandermade unlimbered his brushes and painted all number and boundary markers during the bad weather. He burned-off the old layers of paint on them in the fireplace and did a nice-looking new job on the bare metal. He followed that up with new coats of chalkboard paint on the scoreboards, too. Gee, it's great to have a retired house-painter in the club!

Ed Walsh managed to get out of town in February for a couple of weeks in Hawaii. After touring around on Molokai and Maui, he settled in at Waikiki and contacted the lawn bowling club in Honolulu, at Ala Moana Park. They said: "Come on down!" He called a cab and was stunned when a white limo showed up. After assuring him that the fare was the same, he was driven to the green and wound up winning a game of pairs. He said that made his trip.

Our Spring dues have been collected and our rosters forwarded to PIMD and ALBA. For 1998 we have 88 men and 55 women signed up for a total membership of 143. We look forward to a great tournament year on our new green.

BERKELEY*By Howard Mackey*

Increased bowling is taking place now that the February-March El Nino storms have passed. We had a very successful St. Patrick's Day party, under the leadership of Roy Coppla and Lucille McGuire. The event was held, with over forty members in attendance and twenty-four bowling in competition, after a luncheon of corn beef. Decorations and clothing of bowlers

ROSSMOOR*(Walnut Creek, CA)**By Frank Ransome*

Despite the wet winter, the greens at Rossmoor are running fast and true, much to the delight of our Fun Social Chairman Bill Soares who has been forced to make too many changes in the schedule.

The Cherry Pie Tournament turned into a bingo game, with pie for desert and cherry-filled chocolates for prizes. We have the St. Patrick's Day tournament under our belt, and the annual President's Cocktail Party on the 20th and PIMD Opening Day on the 21st. The Cocktail Party honored Past Presidents and signifies the beginning of a new year. Quite often we invite the people waiting to take lessons to come and meet the entire club on that evening. Bill and Silvi MacDonald planned a great party. Details about these events in the next issue.

The competitive schedule began with a Home and Home against Leisure Town at Rossmoor on March 26, and an invitational at Oakmont on April 4. On March 28 we hosted a contingent of Irish in a two game Rinks Tournament. They came from San Francisco after touring the South, with a stop at Las Vegas. These visits from overseas are fun and we meet some pretty good bowlers. Rinks isn't our game, but our visitors can only bring two bowls apiece on the plane.

Rossmoor made some gains in membership during 1997, and we have a great many recruits signed up to take the first training class under the leadership of Instructor Bernie Pomeroy.

In Memoriam

Dorothy Johnson

Frank Lamb

Harry Randall

reflected the "Irishness" of the day.

The birthday parties on the last Friday of the month continue to bring the most members to the club, and the draw games remain an enjoyable event.

Keith Brooks has completed the bowling schedule for 1998 and home and home games will soon be under way. Oakland, Rossmoor, Leisure Town and Oakmont will be played during the year.

Berkeley will host the Heart Associa-

SAN FRANCISCO*By Bob Howald*

For the past several years our club has been fortunate to have had Victoria Giambruno as our BOWLS correspondent. Victoria will continue to bowl with us and perhaps, will contribute an article from time to time. Please.

Rainfall in February was more than 300% of normal. We stopped counting at 40 days and 40 nights. As reported in a previous article, our greens were deep-drilled prior to the deluge and as a result are now in good condition.

The adverse conditions did force the cancellation of the 4,3,2,1 tournament. Nevertheless, without benefit of additional points, Robb Pawlak became Bowler of the Year. Earlier in 1997 Robb won the PIMD Open Singles Championship.

At the quarterly meeting, Robb received his award and we welcomed Marie Guterres as a new member. Anna Kam is an additional new member not mentioned along with the approximately twenty new members who joined us in 1997. The total membership in SFLBC is now 65 men, 33 women and 10 associates.

In 1998, we will continue to make the same efforts to increase membership through exposure to prospective members contacted by the Publicity Committee on tournament days. This committee is co-chaired by Carol Houston and Robb Pawlak. Working with the committee will be Bill Campbell to coach the new members in bowling technique and the Laws of the Game.

Also at this meeting, President Barros requested that all ideas for the betterment of lawn bowling be forwarded directly to him. With everyone's cooperation we look toward another fun year on our greens.

tion Tournament again this April for the PIMD, and is hoping a good turnout of bowlers will participate in this annual event.

John Patrick and other members interested in greens care are working to keep the greens in top condition. Tom Brunowski has been hired to cut and maintain the greens, and with volunteer work parties, the grounds will continue to be neat and attractive.

SANTA CLARA*By Ida Baker*

Our capable Club Tournament Chairpersons, Ann Maron and David Romasko, put together the schedule of games for the coming year. Then we began hearing predictions of floods, winds and all sorts of foul weather coming our way, courtesy of "El Nino".

The kick-off game was set for Feb. 14, our traditional Valentine mixed pairs games. Sixteen players assembled for the two games under threatening skies. In between sunshine, then clouds and a spell of clearing skies, the first game was completed. The second game, however, was rained upon. After a short wait in the clubhouse, it stopped and the game was completed. Skip Ann Maron and David Romasko were the winners. This is the third time they have won this tournament.

The dreary day ended with a gathering of 29 members partaking of a delicious buffet and talk about the strange and violent weather.

On March 14, we had our annual St. Patrick's Day Tournament. The skies were completely clear and it turned out to be a perfect day for lawn bowling. There were eighteen participants for the mixed triples and two games were played. Winners this day were: (S-L) Lou Audino, Phyllis Mills, and Alden Schroeder. The day ended with our Annual St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. A great time was had by all.

We have a bowler, Vera Dutton, Vice-President of the Low Waters Lawn Bowl Club, Hamilton, Scotland, visiting her daughter in Santa Clara. She was delighted to learn of our green and has joined us each day we bowl. It helps her pass the time while her daughter works. We enjoy her company and will miss her when she returns to Scotland the end of the month.

The next event to be held at Santa Clara will be the South Triples in April. Our Club was the winner last year after the playoff with the North Triples Team.

SUNNYVALE*By Wes Ireland*

Things have been a bit quiet at our club as well as many others in El Nino country. The weather has been very unkind. However, we do have our first two club events coming soon. The Mixed Pairs draw and the Spring Fling Triples draw. We are looking forward to "getting underway", and hope the weatherman cooperates.

There is some sad news. Gordon Haworth's wife, Charlotte, passed away earlier this year. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Gordon, along with a get well wish.

On a brighter note, Al Rosingana is back on the green following hip replacement surgery last fall. He fell from a ladder in August while cleaning windows. It is believed that wife Nell will retire him from this duty.

Another long-time member, Hugh

Houston, is holding his own and doing battle with his illness. It is good to see Hugh and (wife) Gwen in attendance at club functions.

Audrey Van Lieshout has lined-up a group to visit our club to learn about our sport. This is welcomed news to Al Rizzo, our coach, greens chairman, erstwhile membership "ramrod", and all around "get it done" guy. He has coached a number of people and nine have completed lessons and joined the club.

Joe Shepard will be holding a Bowls Seminar in the near future. These are always worthwhile, adding polish to our game along with insight into proper behavior on the green.

Hopefully, there will be more activity as the weather improves and perhaps we will see you on the green. You are always welcome at Sunnyvale Lawn Bowls Club.

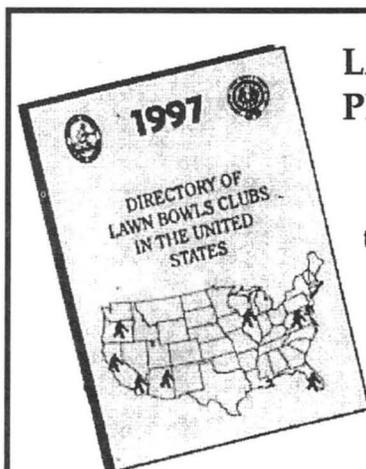
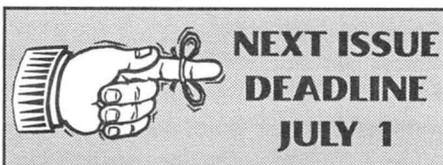
OAKLAND*By Tay Wheeler*

The Oakland greens were underwater over and over again during the heavy El Nino rains of January and February. It was necessary to cancel the OLBC Winter League play. At the beginning of March, we were lawn bowling again and hoping the weather would brighten as we head into Spring.

On March 6, Frank Ransome, PIMD President, chaired a meeting at the Oakland Lawn Bowling Club to lay the groundwork for participation of the Oakland Recreation Department in a new lawn bowling program. Attending the

meeting were OLBC President Jerry Ridley, Membership Committee Chairman Paul Schmidt, Ms. Jody Merriam, head of the Oakland Recreation Department, and fifteen Recreation Department personnel.

Initially, OLBC will establish a training program for City Recreation personnel. They, in turn, will start a program to teach lawn bowling to a limited number of teenagers. This program will be under the supervision of club member volunteers. It is our hope and intention to start a ground swell of interest in these teenagers and their parents that will help popularize our sport.

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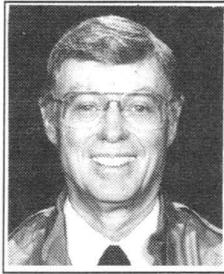
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Despite all the bad weather, this past two months, tournaments scheduled for February and March managed to get completed. You'll see all the results on the following Southwest pages. Congratulations to all the winners. And, welcome to tournament play to all of the novices who competed.

The usual reminder to club correspondents to please get your *club news to me by June 25* for the next issue. And, of course, be sure your copy is typed or a computer print-out—and try to have the photos you send with good contrast as possible.

NEWPORT HARBOR

By Bill Bemus

In January, our President's Cup Pairs tournament was won, appropriately, by our newest past president, skip Max Bartosh. Jerry Grady was a close second. Tag Taggart and Joyce Novak tied as vice winners in the two-game draw.

Valentine's Day Pairs' winning skip was Ray Bazyouros. Jerry Grady and Eddie Bower tied for second in the double-header. Winning vice was Elaine Hughes, ahead of Harriet Bemus.

In March, the California 4's, an AWLBA SW Division event, was held at NHLBC. While the home team failed to capture scoring honors, the ladies did themselves proud as hostesses to the eleven visiting clubs and their forty-four players.

The St. Patrick's Day Pairs brought out some questionable Irish in first and second place: skips Bill O'Bemus and "X" O'Tejada. Winning vices were Mary O'Amies (1st) and Jerry O'Grady (2nd).

Beyond the fun and camaraderie of "social" bowling, our club is proud to be so well represented by top "tournament" bowlers. In February, at the Murray Allison Singles

LONG BEACH

By Ann Kirchberg

Our members are really starting off the year right, with sunny weather and greens that are probably the best they have ever been.

The results for our '97 club tournaments:

CLUB TRIPLES

1. Dick Cole, Pat Gonzales, Sam Shimonishi
2. Mario Galetta, Jim Walker, Terry Loomis

CLUB DOUBLES

1. Sean Homan, Betty Losch
2. Ken Patterson, Wayne Bowbeer

CLUB SINGLES

1. A Flight—Dick Cole
2. A Flight—Ken Patterson
1. B Flight—Terry Loomis



The Southwest's 1998 California 4's champions, with winners displaying their Golden Bear Trophies, are: (l-r) Pat Cronshaw, Jean Kaye, Mary DeLisle and Patsy Morgan. The event was played at Newport Harbor LBC.

in Riverside, Mert Isaacman was the winner and Ed Quo runner-up. Also in February, at the South Central Division Open in Arizona, Ed Quo and Bob Nunes won the Pairs championship. In the Rinks event, Mert Isaacman was second in the Championship flight, and Quo, Nunes and "X" Tejada took second in the Triples 2nd Flight. At Long Beach, Simon Meyerowitz came in second in the State Triples.

To stimulate more involvement by members in tournament bowling, Quo and Nunes are conducting Tuesday morning training in refinements of the game. There is also a "Tuesday Morners" session for beginners and wannabe-better bowlers.

And, on a musical note, Hugh and Elaine Hughes, in response to an appeal in our February newsletter, have enriched our clubhouse with the donation of a beautiful piano. Our social gatherings are now even more harmonious!

Sixty-five members and guests partook of a magnificent Champagne Brunch inspired by Max Bartosh in March. 41 of us made it to the greens afterwards for some spirited bowling.

NOVICE TOURNAMENT

1. A Flight—Terry Loomis
2. A Flight—Sam Shimonishi
1. B Flight—Don McLaughlin

We played our first game of Dick Cole's Southwest Division Interclub Tournament on January 27th. Of the four teams competing, the leaders so far are: Sean Homan's team, with Ken Hay, Pat Flagg and Freddie Hinson. There are three more tournaments to be played and the teams are a different mix each time. So, it's anybody's "bowl" game. Makes for a fun and exiting tournament.

An Ice Cream Social took place in February to honor our age 90-and-over members. Banana splits and Ann's sugar cookies were served. There went my diet!

PASADENA

By Loretta Schertz Keller

Congratulations to Hugo Sahlein, former Pasadena LBC president (more than once), who now is President of the Southwest Division! And talk about great guys! Were all proud of him!

News of our doings on the greens isn't as impressive as usual so far this year either in the Valley League or the new annual division-wide tournament series. But our hearts are in there; and anyways—it's fun. Hopefully, things will pick up. In January and February, we hosted the division-sponsored Veteran/Novice Pairs Tournament. In March, we hosted the Southwest Division Novice Singles Tournament.

A send-off luncheon in February in honor Frank Petit, who's moving to northern California, drew members far and wide. And, no wonder. Frank, was National Open Singles champion in 1974, a three-time National Mixed Pairs titlest (with Lily Godfrey), and Manager of the 1984 United States World Championships team that competed in Scotland.

The luncheon buffet was framed by six-foot columns of heros and topped off by a marvelous cake. Frank presented the club with his Yearbook collection, dating from his first year of membership (1969), plus a set of bowls. He and his wife, Margaret, were wished a very fond, very sad farewell by John Marshall and Hugo Sahlein, and John announced that Petit's game draw number will be retired in his honor. Our club plans to continue the annual "Petit Pairs" tournament that has been held at Pasadena since 1985.

WOUTHWEST DIVISION

RANCHO BERNARDO*By Bob Janssen*

Our club was host to San Diego on Mar. 4. A number of games were won or lost by a single point. When the day's scores were added up, it was almost a draw.

Rancho Bernardo's new club officers for '98 are: President-John Hoaglin, V.President-Bill Goring, Treas.-Ferol Rice, Sec'y-Matt Stevenson, and Directors-Margaret Duncan Al Villarreal, Bob Janssen.

Our visitations this year are: Joslyn, San Diego, Oaks North, Sun City and Hemet.

We are trying to have our backboards replaced this year and, with a little help, it will happen.

COVE COMMUNITIES*By Tom Hodgins*

Our club has had a great winter season! With the influx of the snowbirds from Canada, the folks for the Northwest, and a stray from Wisconsin, our ranks expanded to over forty players, on and off, during our prime season.

A few people said they had a hard time locating us, so let it be known that we are part of the Joslyn Senior Center, 73-750 Catalina Way (near the corner of Catalina and San Pasquel).

After a successful Valentine's Day Tournament last year, we had our second annual this year and added a St. Patrick's Day event, as well. Both events had eight teams of three in a winners/losers bracket format.

On Valentine's Day, the team of Allen Shapter, Marion Zapfe and Gerry Muller nosed out Harold Dieno, Evie Hibberd and Les Grossman. Lloyd Eckroth, Gloria Petitto and Doug Newton came in third.

On St. Pat's Day, Lloyd Eckroth, Anita Martin and Marion Zapfe came back to win the event. Dominic Scoaro, Margaret Rodman and Hom Hodgins were runners-up; and Nita Evans, Norm Storey and Doug Newton were third.

Six of our ladies represented the club at Ladies Day events at Smoketree and Riverside. No report on how they fared.

We were all saddened by the loss of Merritt Joslyn, a long time supporter of lawn bowling and some 36 Joslyn Senior Centers. He bowled with us on occasion, until a year or so ago. But, he always came out to the green to see how things were going when he visited the Center. He will be missed, but his chip is still #1 on our players board.

In Memoriam
Merritt Joslyn

MURRAY-ALLISON SINGLES*By Ed Quo*

The first major Division Tournament of 1998, the Murray-Allison Singles, opened on February 14th at the Riverside LBC, with 32 bowlers convened under threatening skies. All, but one, of the first round of games were completed before the rains came, flooding the green. Competition adjourned until the next week.

When the last scorecard had been posted, Mert Isaacman was the only

player undefeated, having played some top bowls for the two days.

Riverside LBC, as always, is to be commended for its hospitality, and its forbearance with us during the inclement weather.

Results:

MURRAY	ALLISON
1. Mert Isaacman	1. Bob Forget
2. Bill Hiscock	2. Ed Quo
3. Mike Bright	3. Ivan Hyland

SANTA MONICA*By Bob Nock*

Despite El Niño, Santa Monica held its annual Triples Tournament in February

without the necessity for postponements. The winners were: Domingo Fuertes, Maggie Moffat and Betty Roesch, with runners-up Rick Livermore, George Alpern and Nancy Adelson.

On March 15, the club held the first of its three club competition matches, following the format devised by Dick Cole, SW

Division Coordinator of Club Competition Games (i.e., 16 players, four teams, three games—Pairs, Triples/Singles and Rinks). The event was orchestrated by our past-president and master organizer Alan Power and turned out to be, indeed, a great success. The

remaining two matches to complete the program are scheduled for April, with considerable enthusiasm on the part of club participants. We thank Dick for his efforts

and ingenuity in developing this format (which needs a name) and highly recommend that other clubs consider it in their annual activity planning.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our greenkeeper Bill Grant, also past-president and Honorary Life Member,

our green is in better condition today than I can ever remember. We encourage all bowlers who may be visiting our area to drop by and spend an afternoon bowling with us (Wed., Fri., and Sun. at noon).

In Memoriam
Jim Hollway



Santa Monicans vying for positions on the club's Division Tournament team.

Novice Singles*By Bill Patrizzi*

A field of 16 men came to Pasadena to bowl on Saturday, March 7, in the 1998 Novice Singles event. Not many bowlers, but they had a lot of heart. Pasadena LBC provided good greens and good hospitality. The rest was up to the Novices, and they responded with some outstanding matches.

When it was all over, it turned out it wasn't all over! There was a tie between Dennis Bartelmo and Reinhold Kramer, both with 3 wins and 27 plus-points. So a one end sudden death playoff was necessary. When the dust cleared, Bartelmo took championship honors, with Kramer finishing second. Undefeated Sam Benjamin placed third, with 3 wins and 15 plus-points.

SOUTHWEST STATE RINKS

By Bill Patrizzi

Sixteen teams ventured to MacKenzie Park LBC, Santa Barbara, on the weekend of March 21-22, for the annual Southwest Division State Rinks event. The winner of the SW half of the pie qualifies to meet Northern California's #1 PIM Division State Rinks team in Sept. for the State title.

The first competitive day was elimination, paring the group down to eight finalists. Amador Martinez and company were top seed, having won all three games

and 27 plus-points. There were two other three-game winners, Ed Quo's and Moses Rahaminov's quartets.

While Saturday was grey and overcast, Sunday was warm and sunny. There were good games to be seen both days, and many locals came and formed a gallery of active fans.

The Championship contest matched the teams of Amador Martinez and Neil Furman, with Neil taking the gold in a close, hard fought match.

Winning team: (skip-lead) Neil Furman, Michael Siddall, Robbie Furman, Michael Ashton-Phillips.

Second: Amador Martinez, Ted Visser, Armando Escalante, Ray Johnson.

Third: Ed Quo, Bob Nunes, James Cronshaw, Simon Meyerowitz.

Thanks to: Peggy Singer, President of MacKenzie Park LBC, and her volunteers in providing a great lunch and refreshments; and to scoremaster Judy Patrizzi.

SAN DIEGO

By Karen Anderson

We are proud to announce those San Diego Lawn bowlers who were winners of local and division tournaments:

Loretta Geisner Australian Doubles

1. Reg Pye, Jim Morton
2. Phil Ward, Ann Travis

Jack Purdie Triples

1. Gerhardt Vogel, Ross Craven, George Gottlieb
2. Ralph Lopez, Dennis Bartelmo, Gloria Krodlund

Ladies' Veteran/Novice at Lake Hodges

1. Robin Olson and Jeanette Exter

Men's Novice Singles at Pasadena

1. Dennis Bartelmo

Traditionally, SDLBC has held a membership drive on President's Day. This year, El Nino threatened to halt the tradition. But

somehow, a sunny day sneaked in between the storms and we were able to hold our Membership Drive on the green as usual. Members had invited forty of their friends to come and learn about lawn bowling. Even with the threatening weather, 34 guests and about fifty members arrived.

During lunch the guests were invited to sign up for a free lesson, and all but four guests signed up on the spot. After lunch the guests were invited to stay and watch our members play in the afternoon games. We were grateful for a respite between the deluges so we were able to have a very successful Membership Drive.

Pasquale (Pat) DiVincenzo passed away in early January. Although he was seriously ill, he nonetheless organized the teams from SDLBC to play in County tournaments during all of 1997, and he usually partici-

pated himself. Pasquale held this job for many years. He frequently brought loaves of bread to our club to share with other members. To honor his memory San Diego Lawn Bowling Club has changed the name of the Annual Novice Singles to the Pat Di Vincenzo Novice Singles.

Our members have been turning out in great numbers for afternoon bowling. Unless it is actually raining, we always have some bowlers who turn out for a game even though the weather may be blustery or threatening.

Social events are also very popular. On St. Patrick's Day, Donna Boyle invited all our members, after the game, to a potluck dinner at her lovely home. Nearly forty members gathered to listen to Irish tunes, conversation, dancing, pool, and a scrumptious meal.

CAMBRIA-JOSLYN

by Ed Pierce

President Jack Breglio announced committee appointments for 1998. They are: *Tournaments*—Don Swezey, chair, assisted by Hess Berryman, Bev and Vico Bondietti, Bill Courtney and Helen Wilkinson; *Greenskeepers*—Harry Jones, chair, with committeemen Bill Duncan, Bob Goethe and Monte Newsom; and *Membership/Social*—Don Meyers, chair, with a committee of Gigi Ashlock, Lydell McAvoy, Edith Perry and B.J. Martin assisting. Serving as instructors are Dick Cowdery, B.J. Martin, and Ken Vander Linden.

Four new members—all GOOD bowlers—are making their presence felt in matches on our green. Vico and Bev Bondietti have returned to Cambria after an eight-year residence in Eugene, Oregon; Jim

Roberts, emigrating from Auburn, WA; and Bill Timothy, who was formerly a resident of Belmont, in the San Francisco Bay area.

All systems were go and "Let's Party" was the cry for longtime member "Tet" Tetlus's 92nd birthday party, celebrated March 28 in the Joslyn Center. The last Saturday of each month is normally a Brown Bag lunch and meeting day after bowling, but on this day CLBC members (with spouses also invited) did not need to bring their customary brown bags. The lunch was generously provided by the birthday boy.

Storm Report: Mother Nature spread her rain over 28 days, rather than dumping 15" in one night as happened in March, 1995. Consequently, we're happy to report, especially in light of Bowls publicity in previous years, that this fortunate occurrence, coupled with member efforts, kept us from

being underwater and having a local disaster area as happened three years ago.

Our first Fun Tournament of the year, called a Yardstick Tournament, and organized by Bev and Vico Bondietti, was held on March 20. Points are determined by how many bowls from each team are within a yardstick's length of the jack. The winning team was comprised of Don Swezey, Bill Duncan and Mona Davies.

Cambria's lawn bowlers traveled to Fresno on April 25-26 for our first inter-club visitation and tournament of the year. This is always a fun weekend. Cambrians who go always enjoy the occasion and Fresno LBC's topflight hospitality. Santa Maria's lawn bowlers are scheduled for matches with us in Cambria on June 23. Results of both these events in the next issue.



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SW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Hugo Sahlein

Thanks to all for the congratulations and well wishes as your President. It appears the transition into this year is doing well thanks to our several committees, especially our Greens Committee (Tom Dion and James Cronshaw) and our Tournament Committee, headed by new chairman Bill Patrizzi. Clubs are urged to encourage their members to participate in our tournaments.

Work is continuing on the unfinished special projects that your representatives voted useful to our clubs and members. A new *book of maps to our clubs* will be in publication soon. A new *member kit* will follow, as will a generic *recruiting poster* with suggestions to the clubs for display locations. A *traveling clinic* is being planned on strategy and tactics (for vices

and skips), as well as a refresher on delivery mechanics. The Tournament Committee will be publishing a complete revision to the Division Tournament "Blue Book", to include details on tournament design that will be useful to the club tournament chairs.

We've also launched the *first annual Division-wide competition series* to identify a Division Club Champion—another of the projects voted of benefit to our members. Club playdowns compose teams that represent the skill "mix" of their clubs. The series provides an opportunity for the average club bowler to compete against "peer" teams beyond the club tournament level. Competition play engages bowlers in singles, pairs, triples and rinks. The successful club is awarded a perpetual championship trophy to hold for a year, while winning team mem-

bers receive plaques. Dick Cole is the Division Series Coordinator. Competition has gone smoothly to date—even smaller clubs are combining to participate. At this writing, about one third of our clubs have signed up. We encourage those who haven't to give it a try. The clubs that are already involved think it's a great format.

Clubs are reminded that Dick Cole is also our Instruction Committee Chair, and that he offers an excellent instructional program covering the basics. Dick has made a presentation in several districts with great success and kudos. Ask your District Representative to schedule a session in your district.

Don't forget that our Greens Committee is available for inspection and counsel on the maintenance of your greens. Call Tom Dion or James Cronshaw for assistance.

Have fun on the green!



AWLBA SETS SWD COACHING PROGRAM

By Pat Mayo

Strong focus of AWLBA's new national coaching programing (see related story on page 5) will be to recruit and coach outstanding players from the Southwest Division who want to apply for the AWLBA Review and Selection Roster. Since more than 1,000 members of the Association are from the Southwest Division, this is expected to generate keen competition.

The first step taken was to consult with the twelve SWD women who have already made application to the Review and Selection Committee.

In the absence of a certification program for coaches, AWLBA National Coach Pat Mayo will take on the job as coach for the group, with the approval and assistance of AWLBA President Virginia Marlar, SW-AWLBA Division President Barbara McCowen, and SW Division Coach Pat Gonzales. Jan Wessel, who is chairman of the SW Division Selection Committee, was also a key person in developing the new program.

The following outline was developed by the Planning Committee:

1. Clinics will be held on the fourth Sun-

day of each month.

2. Clinics shall last six hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
3. The program should include specified skill drills designed as needed.
4. The playing of games designed to meet certain needs should be included.
5. The "Laws of the Game", #6-12, should be studied and reviewed at each clinic.
6. Whenever possible, a camcorder should be used to photograph each person's delivery, with playback and discussion.
7. Records should be kept to measure progress of the program as well as the individual.
8. Develop an objective system of evaluating players while a game is in progress.
9. Local college Physical Education Departments are to be approached about organizing workshops for coaching and a certification program.

The first Clinic was held in January, and was a big success. The February Clinic, scheduled at Riverside, was rained out. A group of 24 women bowlers met for the third Clinic at Long Beach in late March, and we learned that the format used in January was equally suitable for a larger group.



JOSLYN LAKE HODGES

(San Diego)

By Don Docker

With our new officers duly installed by the end of December, we were all set to start on a new year of bowling. Wrong!

In common with everyone else in the Southwest Division, we were more likely to be starting a season of water polo. On more than one occasion, the water on our greens was level with the top of the bank. The greens were to have been plugged in January, but at press time it has still not been done, as the greens have not dried sufficiently.

Our first visitation of the year, planned for February 25 with friends from Oaks North, had to be postponed until a later date. However, our visit to the Sun City L.B.C., on a sunny and warm day in March, was, as usual, a very pleasant outing.

The St. Patrick's Day event was also very successful. Two twelve-end games were played, with a lunch of traditional corned beef and cabbage between games. During lunch we were entertained with songs and humorous patter by Chuck Maylen, and with Irish songs and poems by Jim McWhinney. Jim, by the way, claims to be a descendant of ancient Irish kings. And yes, Jim has visited Blarney Castle on more than one occasion.

In Memoriam
Jim Hollway

SANTA BARBARA'S

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Vilkin "Australian" Pairs Friday Sept. 4th

THREE 12-END GAMES
ANY COMBINATION OF MEN AND / OR WOMEN

Registration: 8:30 at MacKenzie Park L.B.C.

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Entries close August 26, 1998

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"A" Flight _____ Chicken _____
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Saturday September 5, 1998

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Joe Duran Triples Sunday, September 6, 1998

Three 12-End Games
Any combination of men and or women

Lunch provided by the S.B.L.B.C.
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Registration: 8:30 A.M. at Santa Barbara L.B.C.

ENTRY FEE: \$45.00 per team

(Entries are limited to 32 teams)

Send Entries to:

Peter Hand, Tournament Chairman
500 Los Verdes Dr, Santa Barbara, Ca. 93111
Skip _____ Phone _____
Vice _____ Lead _____

Entries close August 26, 1998

GEORGE WATSON TRIPLES

Monday, September 7, 1998

Registration: 8:30 a.m. at MacKenzie Park L.B.C.

Three 12-End Games
Any combination of men and / or women

Entry Fee: \$45.00 per team

Send Entries to:

Bill Doliante, Tournament Chairman
577 Calle Mastil, Santa Barbara, Ca. 93111

Cash Prizes

Skip _____ Phone _____
Vice _____ Lead _____

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

BEVERLY HILLS

By Ty Tanyk

Although we have yet to play our opening club tournament, the Australian Singles, and have no results of the Club Doubles, which kicked-off as this magazine went to press, we did enjoy a visitation at Santa Monica, a St. Patrick's Day get-together, and the annual Westside Classic, which we hosted.

Holmby Park edged-out the field of Westside clubs, including Hermosa Beach, Santa Monica and Beverly Hills. But, the day was special for all who participated. Competing for BH were: Michael Ashton-Phillips, Sam Benjamin, Stan Chase, Adrian Cole, Allen Grossman, Neville Sacks, Edna

Samson, Howard Sanders and Joe Siegman.

The day would have been just another visitation if not for the hospitality committee, who turned in a marvelous job. Allen Grossman took on the primary responsibility of food and beverage, and he catered a



Making things right for the Westside Classic: (l-r) Pat Cole and Gaby Horvath. Pearl Pastel supervises at rear.

winner. Allen was amply assisted by more helpers than we have seen in a blue moon, among them: Howard Sanders, Edna Samson, Gaby Horvath, Pat Cole, Leonard and June Zvonkin, and Pearl Pastel.

Our loss is New York's gain. Tal Stubis moved to Manhattan on a "temporarily" permanent basis.

Over the Memorial Weekend (Fri.-Mon.), we will host the 27th Annual Walt Disney Singles Tournament. Singles champions, past and present—ALBA-WBB, national, international, division, invitational, club—are welcome to enter. If you're not playing, you are welcome to come and watch, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., each of the three days.

SANTA BARBARA

By Dudley Miller

In spite of Mother Nature's fury, Tournament Chairman Peter Hand did some fancy footwork, and was able to reschedule and conduct the Novice Singles and Novice Doubles events. The former, bowled on January 24-25, was won by Max Steward, with John Hutchings and Dorothy Thielges taking second and third honors. The Doubles competition, on February 28-March 1, was won by Doris Sneddon and Jim Stahl, with Max Steward and Bill Schultz in second place.

A newly planned husband-wife doubles event was to be part of our Valentine's Day celebration, but all activities for that day were washed out and the tourney rescheduled for March—when it was again washed out and

given up as a lost cause for this year. A planned visit by our friends from Oxnard was also drowned out in February.

We were extremely fortunate that a scheduling conflict in March at MacKenzie Park allowed us the pleasure of hosting a group of 28 bowlers from Belfast, Ireland. This very amiable group was on a three-week tour of California and bowled at several clubs from Los Angeles to San Francisco. Vice-President Eleanor Simmons acted as hostess (President John O'Dea was ill), and also led the always superb kitchen crew of Emily Aasted, Carol Smith and Barbara Meek, who served an outstanding luncheon between games. Eleanor performed her calling with exquisite charm and the guests rewarded her with a very nice crystal-mounted clock as a

memento of the visit. The extremely thoughtful Irish visitors also presented us with a commemorative pennant, and recognized the efforts of the kitchen crew with shamrock-embossed white handkerchiefs—Irish linen, of course.

In February, Mary DeLisle and teammate, Selina Jarvis, won the Pairs event at the South Central Open.

Mary and Pat Cronshaw teamed-up with two ladies from down south (Jean Kaye and Patsy Morgan) in March to win the ladies SWD California Fours Tournament at Newport Harbor. Their team won four of the five matches and lost one by a point. This was the first time Mary had skipped a major SWD event.

SANTA ANITA

By Winnie Eberle

Friday, the thirteenth of March, was a lucky day for Santa Anita. The Irish came to visit us and a gala day it was. The Mayor of Arcadia declared it Northern Irish Lawn Bowling Day, and presented the leader of the group with a proclamation. A potluck luncheon and a game of bowls were the order of the day.

Our club members are very enthusiastic about the Division Club Competition introduced by Dick Cole. The format is based on the Fun Day League. Response was such that Russ Compton had to make-up two groups of teams, which will require a playoff to determine the team to represent Santa Anita at the finals of this special event with the other clubs entered.

Our ladies enjoyed their monthly luncheon meetings and a number traveled to other clubs for the SWD Ladies Days.

Mildred Shaw still provides great entertainment for us at our birthday parties, which are preceded by our very popular circle bowling. We also hope to repeat our success in the Valley League this year.

Despite El Nino, we played our six week long Blue Feather without much delay, and were happy to find some of our newer members on the winning and runner-up teams. Arne Mortenson, Gene Plunket and Paul Ransom were the winners, with Ray Obazawa, John Angus and Phil Nuzzo the runners-up.

Other tournaments played were:

MEN'S PAIRS

A Flight

1. Fred Robinson & Mac Adams
2. Chuck Browning & Russ Compton

B Flight

1. Bob Oakley & Bob Clauson
2. Bob Padget & Gene Plunkett

LADIES PAIRS

A Flight

1. Marion Compton & Vivian Browning
2. Nancy Trask & Vivian Adams
(Terry Higgins-sub)

B Flight

1. Eileen Donohue & Doug Ferris
 2. John Pavlic & Eileen Donohue
- (Men worked in the kitchen for this tournament and we had to recruit two of them to fill in for last minute no-shows.)

AUSTRALIAN FAIRS

A Flight

1. Chuck Browning & Bob Padget
2. Earl Coates & Vivian Browning

B Flight

1. Arne Mortenson & Bob Clauson
2. Jim Donohue & Bob Hill

In Memoriam
Bob Weitkamp

OAKS NORTH

By Cathy Fullerton

Our first fun event of the year, Valentine's Day, got started, but soon the rain came to spoil the fun. There was nothing else to do but stop, eat an early lunch, with special Valentine's Day cookies made by Jeanne Selufsky, then go home. Staying home out of the rain was something we did a lot in February.

The Board has been planning a busy schedule. St. Patrick's Day, with six rinks of bowlers, was held on a beautiful day, with Gil Rea coordinating the Event. We have also started visitations with the three other clubs in our area, as well as the South League competitions. At the end of April, we will gather at a local Chinese restaurant for a social dinner. In early May, we'll have a May Day bowling event. (We haven't yet figured out how to erect a maypole on the green.) In early June, we'll have an always-popular potluck dinner at our own Community Center.

Members are submitting names of friends who may be interested in trying out bowling for our Spring Open House. As we did last year, we will invite them for a day on the green—a little instruction, a little play, with a big lunch in-between. New Board member Milt Hirsch is already planning the details.

Tournament Chairman, Len Rapoport, felt he had to resign because of health reasons. He assures us, however, that he will soon be out on the green again. We are grateful for all his good work on the Board. Fortunately, very active bowler Bill Lewis has agreed to be the new Tournament Chairman.

CITY OF HOPE TRIPLES CANCELED

The Santa Anita Bowling Greens Club regretfully announces cancellation of the 1998 City of Hope Triples Tournament. The annual charity event is one of the most popular regional bowls events in the U.S.

The three greens renovated by Los Angeles County are not yet playable and the County greenskeeper cannot provide a confirmed date as to when they will be ready for competition. We expect they will be ready for the 1999 City of Hope Triples.

Bob Hill

1998 City of Hope Chairman

Holmby Park Captures Westside Classic

By Tess Tostrone

Beverly Hills hosted the fourth Westside Classic, the annual get-together of Los Angeles' Westside lawn bowling clubs, Sunday, March 29. Participants were two teams, each, from Hermosa Beach, Holmby Park, Santa Monica, and host Beverly Hills.

Like all events scheduled for the first quarter of this year, ominous storms were predicted. But instead, it was a perfect day—more perfect, weatherwise, than

Southern California haters hate us for. It was particularly perfect for the contingent from Holmby Park, who wrapped up their second consecutive victory over their neighbors. The Holmbys nosed out

Santa Monica, who edged Beverly Hills, who finished ahead of Hermosa Beach. Clubs were allowed to substitute players from match to match, so more than the starting 24 bowlers actually competed in the event. The substitution concept also

provided a lively method of producing spectators.

Kudos for contributing to the pleasure of the day go to Allen Grossman, who honcho'd all the catering and refresh-

ment chores, along with his devoted helpers: Edna Samson, Gaby Horvath, Howard Sanders, Leonard and June Zvonkin, and Pat Cole. Joe Siegman was event coordinator and coffee maker.



Holmby Park's victorious Westside Classic warriors.

ALHAMBRA

By Alice Lawrence

Three Alhambra bowlers won \$\$\$ in Dick Cole's FUN LEAGUE: Irene, Nancy and Carl!

Our Fifth Annual Sallenbach Tournament, sponsored by Claire's children, featured a delicious luncheon and beautiful crystal trophies. The crystal was won by: Loretta, Art, Betty, Carl, Fred, and E. Peck.

Our membership is down this year to 39. Very sad. We try to do many "social" events to try to keep our club going and get those members out on the green.

Notices were mailed to local newspapers announcing an Open House to try to attract new lawn bowlers. Most of our members brought one dozen cookies for refreshments on March 9.

Ladies Days have been enthusiastic. So far, we have enjoyed lots of sun during the rainy season, and we have had bowlers from 8-10 clubs come out to support this wonderful sport.

Our members and bowling friends from Riverside and The Groves enjoyed Bill Reidy's computer list of "Winners at the Races". It was great to enjoy the camaraderie and watch our "picks" cross the finish line (somewhere!).

Visitations have been arranged by Bill MacFarland with Santa Anita, Pasadena/Glendale, and Friendly Valley. These folks are always fun to bowl with yearly.

POMONA

By Hugh Freeman

Pomona has entertained outside lawn bowlers during the first quarter of 1998. The Citrus League has used Pomona's greens. We have had Men's Rally and we have introduced lawn bowling to special groups.

One of the first events was the Pomona Triples. The overall winner was a team of Ian Ho, Barry Pickup and Eva Ho. Other loss-free finishers were: Dick Cole, Jim Hempe and Gar Farnsworth. A Pomona team of Gil Priore, Loran Johnson and Robbie Robinson, and Russ Erickson, Charlene Erickson and Ralph Nichols' threesome made the prize cut.

This is written on the eve of the Casa Colina Hospital Benefit Triples. This is the 19th year this event has been held. Events such as this, and the City of Hope Triples at Santa Anita, should have a waiting list. It should be a joyous occasion, with lawn bowlers eager to bowl and contribute a few dollars to a worthy cause. The Casa Colina has not had a full complement of 32 teams for the last 3 or 4 years. Last year 28 teams entered the event. In 1998, there are 26 teams entered. Pomona members spend considerable time soliciting prizes and sponsors. Will the downward trend continue? Is it part of the downward trend in membership? Perhaps, next year will be better.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SUN CITY

(California)

By Kathie Atwell

The unexpected resignation of Don Miller, as our new President, catapulted Vice President Tom Atwell into the office while still in his first year of lawn bowling. But, with the steady guidance of Betty Munden, who graciously accepted appointment to fill the Vice-Presidential vacancy, and a strong experienced Board behind him, Tom has quickly taken the reins and set a steady course for the future.

Congratulations to our first big winners for the year. Doris & Joe Rahm won the Mumma-Todd Ladies Skip Tournament, bringing home the perpetual trophy. In addition to the Rahms, Jean and Gene Hendershott placed second in their flight.

While heavy rains forced cancellation of our Presidents Day festivities and the Men's Rally, thanks to Joe Rahm and Gene Hendershott's expertise on the greens, we were able to host the K. Harland Triples Tournament in February. This event brought out fifteen clubs from all over Southern California.

Several teams entered the Veteran/Novice Tournament preliminaries held at Lake Hodges. Conrad Melton and Tom Atwell advanced to the finals, but had to be satisfied with finishing among the top eight.

Our recent novice tournament brought out sixteen novice entrants, with Pam Munson, Jon Bloomer, Tom Atwell and Joe Wilding making the final four. Joe defeated Tom in the finals to take home the Novice crown. Our ladies are looking forward to hosting Ladies Day in April. They have enjoyed recent trips to Smoke Tree, Riverside and The Groves.



The Mumma-Todd tourney proved a big day for the Rahms and Hendershotts. Joe and Doris Rahm, left, won the event, while Gene and Jean Hendershott finished second in their flight.

We recently graduated our first 1998 class, adding ten new leads to our club roster. Betty Munden, Evelyn Tiel, Dick Gray and support staff donated a lot of hours to the club to provide the necessary training to those interested in learning the game. This brings our club roster to over 160 active members and 25 associate members.

On the local scene, our club is now reaching out to the local community, with a food drive on St. Patrick's Day to help

the local Grange feed the less fortunate. The Club is also joining the Adopt-A-Road program here in Sun City to help clean up some of the neglected median strips around town.

Very special April birthday greetings to John Colborne, who celebrated his 95th year on April 12, and Oscar Christopherson, who turned 93 a week later. Both are almost daily bowlers.



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SW VET-NOVICE

By Bill Patrizzi

SW-ALBA Tournament Chairman

Veteran Pat Fagan and novice Ray Stone are the Southwest Division's 1998 Veteran-Novice champions. They bested the largest field ever, 72 teams, to enter the combined Southwest Division ALBA/AWLBA Veteran-Novice Pairs Tournament.

Outgoing SW-ALBA Tournament Chairman Stu Sistad attributed the large field of competitors to the concept of hosting preliminary rounds at various venues throughout the Southwest territory: Pasadena, MacKenzie Park (Santa Barbara), Laguna Beach, and Lake Hodges (San Diego). The "travel friendly" plan greatly reduced distances between home clubs and playing sites.

Vet-Novice finals, held at Pasadena on February 1, produced the following results:

Pat Fagan-Ray Stone, *Champions*
Mert Hill-Tom Cutkomp, *2nd*
Amador Martinez-Audrey Baruden, *3rd*
Clair Ott-Dean Perry, *4th*

Top finishers in the regional qualifying round (Jan. 24):

PASADENA

1. Stu Sistad - Gordon Howard
2. Jim Whittaker - Colin Marshall
3. Joe Siegman - Allen Grossman
4. Allen Power - Vlatco Petrovic

MACKENZIE PARK

1. Olga Dion - Dona Christensen
2. Sam DeLisle - Jim Stahl
3. Pat Fagan - Ray Stone
4. Amador Martinez - Audrey Baruden

LAGUNA BEACH

1. Pat Chan - Fred Baker
2. Simon Meyerowitz - Reinie Kramer
3. Mert Hill - Tom Cutkomp
4. Terry Lomis - Carie Fossati *

LAKE HODGES

1. Robin Olson - Jeanette Exter
 2. Conrad Melton - Tom Atwell
 3. Paul Rotter - Guido Chandler
 4. Clair Ott - Dean Perry
- ("veterans" (skips) listed first, except *)

FRIENDLY VALLEY

By Bob Innis

Everyone knows that 1998 has gotten off to a very wet start and, more than that, a disastrous one for many living near the ocean or on hillsides. We, here in Friendly Valley, have not had any big problems, just that of waiting for a dry day so we can get out on the green and roll a few.

The Bowlettes have had problems on Tuesdays, trying to get in a get-together without having to bowl in the rain. That hasn't stopped them from saying that they are going to whip the "Guys" on March 28, in an other challenge between the "Guys & Dolls". By the time you read this you'll know how we "Guys" handled the challenge.

Also by the time this is in print, Friendly Valley will have held its first real tournament on its own green. Ted Visser is promoting the event and it looks as if it will go over well. It will be named the Corken-Rose Tournament, in memory of two of our long-time members. A fitting tribute to them.

Valley League finally got off to a delayed start, and F.V. is trying a new strategy this year. Instead of starting off at the top and dropping back as the season goes on, we are starting off at the bottom and trying to work our way to the top. The theory sounds good. Only time will tell.

We hear from Bill Todd, who practically single-handedly started our club. He is now living up in the Northwest. We miss you any time we are on the green.

Visitations have started and we hope to carry out more of them in 1998 than we did last year. Sometimes it is hard to get across to new bowlers how important it is to return visits to the clubs that are gracious enough to visit us. Lets keep working on it.

MACKENZIE PARK

(Santa Barbara)

By Anne A. Vilkin

Plans for the new clubhouse are moving forward, but the start of construction is not anticipated until fall.

We hosted the qualifier for the AWLBA/ALBA Veteran-Novice Tournament. The finals were held in Pasadena, and MacKenzie's Pat Fagan, with novice Ray Stone, won First Place.

Local bowlers were also part of the winning team in SW-AWLBA's California Fours competition in March at Newport Harbor. Mary DeLisle skipped a team consisting of Jean Kay (Laguna Beach), Patsy Morgan (Long Beach), and our own Patricia Cronshaw.

Ed Quo and Bob Nunes offered-up a clinic on Bowling Strategies and Tactics, held on our greens on March 20. Participants from our club, as well as the Santa Barbara Club, attended. We expect dramatic changes in our members' performances as a result.

On the 13th of March, we held the two-day Davis Triples Tournament. First place went to the team of Ben Bromley, Karl Pichulik and Val Bromley. In Second Place were: Joe Quinn, Hal Wayne and Ray Stone; and Third place went to Stephen Wayne, Doris Sneddon and Joanne Wayne.

March 20-21, the Southwest Division State Rinks were played here. Results appear elsewhere in this issue.

This writer is sponsoring the Vilkin-Australian Parrs Touarment at MacKenzie Park on September 4th, as part of the great Santa Barbara Labor Day Weekend. See the full-page ad in this issue for full details about the fabulous four-day weekend.

Laguna Hills Mixed Triples

By Virginia Marlar

Leisure World LBC hosted its annual Laguna Hills Mixed Triples Tournament on April 4. The event began under clear skies, but as the day progressed, intermittent raindrops were not enough to deter twenty teams from completing their four 10-end matches. The competitors were split into A and B sections, competing on adjoining greens.

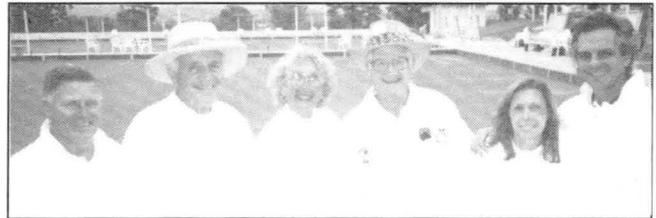
Club President Dudley Van Rensburg, Wayne Bowbeer and the always legendary hospitality ladies did a great job taking care of the bowlers.

All top finishers listed below returned home with cash prizes:

A GREEN (skip-lead)

B GREEN

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| 1. (tie) D. Cole, M. & S. Ashton-Phillips | 1. A. Fletcher, R.R. Laney, B.J. Meyers |
| 1. G. Jordan, D. Panacek, A. Mastro | 2. D. Van Rensburg, L. Hardgrove, R. Hall |
| 3. M. Isaacman, I. & M. Hyland | 3. M. Hill, V. Marlar, W. Knutsen |
| 4. E. Quo, B. Nunes, A. Cherney | 4. N. Sacks, J. Siegman, B. Simon |



"A" Green produced a Laguna Hills tie between: (l-r) George Jordan, Art Mastro, Dottie Panacek and Dick Cole, Sandy and Michael Ashton-Phillips.



The only undefeated team of the day won the "B" Green competition: (l-r) Archie Fletcher, Ree Ree Laney, and B.J. Meyers.

LAGUNA BEACH

By Ed Perry

Our "Home Base", the City of Laguna Beach, received much publicity during the heavy winter rains. However, our LBLBC survived and we have enjoyed good bowling when the weather favored us.

Laguna's Nora Winkel does a fine job as Chairman of our monthly Birthday Bowl. The event, taking place on the last Wednesday of each month, is a great success. At the February event, we had a visit from our old champion bowler and instructor, Joe Costamonga. At age 95, he is in fine shape, and sang us his usual opera selections in his priceless tenor.

Our Mert Hill and Tom Cutkomp came in second place in the Vet-Novice finals at Pasadena. Laguna's Club Pairs tournament was won by Mert Hill and Sig Baermann. The Club Triples tournament is in progress.

We are looking forward to Coast League participation. LBLBC is the defending championship team in Coast League.

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CASTA del SOL

By Rally Bates

Rains forced cancellation of our Valentine Party and the first Coast League meet of the season in March.

The first Fun Day of the season was hosted by Casta del Sol on March 9, with 48 bowlers attending. This time the weather cooperated. Herb Eastland was on the first place team in the afternoon. Tom Trainer was on the second place team in both morning and afternoon, with Warren Ziegenbein also on the second place afternoon team. Susan Marshall was on the third place afternoon team.

The St. Patrick's Day party was held on schedule with a good turn out! Winners were: 1. Don Lloyd and Myron Rapp, 2. Margaret Ford, Marilyn Olsen, and Warren Ziegenbein, 3. Joe Kattenbach, Nora Winkel and Lucile Flo. The usual good food and good company followed the bowling.

Coast League finally got started in late March, with Casta as the host club. The team of Rose DeLiema, Ernie Robson and Les Ackman won their match in the morning. Don Lloyd, Bobbie Coon and Bill Olsen won in the afternoon. A good start for the season.

The Marshall's continue on their winning streak. Colin took second place for the 1997 season in Dick Cole's Fun League. Susan and Colin were second in the Dorothy Mumma-Todd Mixed Pairs. Colin and Jim Whittaker (Lake Hodges) finished second in the Veteran-Novice Pasadena Finals. And, Susan was #1 at Ladies Day in Riverside.

Corrina Folkins who was an icon in women's bowling in America and involved in many bowling-related activities outside of Casta passed away in February.

In Memoriam
Corrina Folkins

HOLMBY PARK

By Marcella Krisel

What with the unseasonable and unreasonable amount of rain we've had recently in sunny California, we have had little bowling activity. Our February and March birthday celebrations were combined and took place on Saturday, March 21st. We had eight spiders that day, with the following winners: John Finger, Al Silver, Buck Houghton, Lionel Krisel, Mary Kaptur, LaVerne Hunt, Lois Rich, and Wanda Houghton.

One of our more recent members, Mary Kaptur, was the subject of a very extensive article in the Los Angeles Times financial section. It told in great detail how cleverly she has invested her money throughout the years—as if we didn't already know. There are no flies on lawn bowlers.

Bob Altshuler and Alan Goodnoff defeated mighty Jim Hasty and Wanda Houghton in the finals of the Naylor Doubles.



Mary Kaptur

Our annual tournament between the U.S. and the U.K. has been postponed until July 4th, because so many of our U.K. team will be vacationing in the old sod next month. We have so many members who are originally from England, Scotland, Ireland and South Africa that we have made this tournament a yearly event.

In Memoriam.
Ella Gatherer

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LEISURE WORLD

(Laguna Hills, CA)

By Dick Clark

Our artificial turf green, down at Clubhouse One, kept us in business during El Nino's reign this winter. Shifting the first three tournaments of the year down there meant some members made its acquaintance for the first time. President Dudley Van Rensburg reckoned the greenskeepers were pampering the regular greens and, rain permitting, he got us back onto them full scale before the end of March.

Tournament Director Bud Hurwitz installed an experimental handicap system, which worked well in the late winter competitions. Grace Blum returned to teaching, with an encouraging turnout for her early classes.

Snowbird B.J. Myers copped the Round Robin title with his win over Veteran Bob Indvik. But Kay Leutwiler, the widow of a retired university professor, cheered the ladies by beating the two of them in early rounds. B.J. also reached the finals of the Green Carpet Singles by defeating John Habenicht. Chad Julian was the ultimate winner after downing Bill Behrendt and B.J., in turn.

In our first-ever handicap tournament, Don Greening and Pat Mayo won the Green Carpet Pairs event with a one-point victory over Mike Majer and Madam Leutwiler. A pair of Canadian snowbirds, Lorna and Bill Bayes, playing with Dick Talt, gave away four handicap points, but still defeated the previously mentioned Mr. Myers and Mr. Habenicht on the green.

The handicap system certainly evened-out the talents and improved the competitive element. But it hasn't yet achieved one prime objective: to increase involvement of the less-skilled and the ladies. It will be used in upcoming club tournaments and reassessed.

In Memoriam

Paul Combs

Eileen Dow

HEMET-JOSLYN

By Peg McCutcheon

Mark your calendars for the weekend of May 9-10, for our *2nd Hemet Invitational Mixed Rinks Tournament*. We hope it will be even better than last year's.

The SWD AWLBA added a new tournament this year—the California 4's. The unique trophies (pictured on page 34) are the result of many hours of hard work by our Mary Jane Henrich. We think she did a fantastic job.

Spring is here. We are basking in the warm sunshine and hope the heavy rains are now past. We look forward to a year of good competitions, visitations, socials and companionship.

We have been fortunate in completing several Club tournaments:

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| <i>VET-NOVICE (January)</i> | <i>OPEN PAIRS (March)</i> |
| 1. Paula Bellone & Jan Krevoy | 1. Clair Ott & Bob Rucinski |
| 2. Carl Henrich & Ed Kearns | 2. Mary Jane Henrich & Jessie Dean |
| <i>NOVICE SINGLES (February)</i> | <i>SADIE HAWKINS DAY (March)</i> |
| 1. Bob Rucinski | 1. Lois Harmon & Raymond Harrow |
| 2. Tricia Evans | 2. Dee Kessler & Clayton Ball |
| 3. Greg Lill | |

We will soon be bidding "au revoir" to our winter members. We do enjoy having them and they add a great deal to the Club. We hope you have a great summer and and look forward eagerly to your return each year.

SW STATE TRIPLES

By Dick Cole

In beautiful weather, on fast greens, not a single team (of 20 starters) escaped without a loss in this two-day event at Long Beach's Recreation Park.

On Sunday, March 1, when the last bowl was rolled, the team of Kenny Bolton, Stu Sistad and Patrick Chan—the 7th seed—bested the number eight seed of Tom Dion, Simon Meyerowitz and Mert Hill for the Southwest Division half of the California State Triples Championship. In a lopsided victory, the three winning teammates clearly demonstrated that drawing the bowl to the jack is still the major component in Lawn Bowling.

Bill Hiscock, Gerry Wagner and Mike Bright (seed #4) bested Amador Martinez, Ted Visser and Armando Escalante (seed #3) for Third Place.

The Long Beach Club members outdid themselves in preparing the greens and food for the competitors. As the bowlers left, most all commented on the wonderful hospitality they receive when bowling in Long Beach.

The Southwest Division's State Triples and Rinks titlests will meet PIM Division's State events winners this Fall to claim the California Championship.



Southwest's '98 State Triples champs: (l-r) Stu Sistad, Pat Chan, and Ken Bolton.

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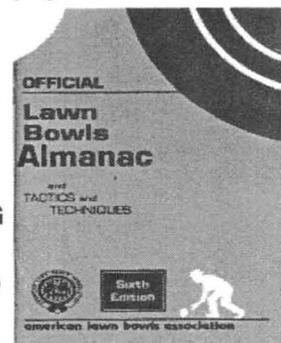
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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

REDLANDS

By Peg Bennett

In the Citrus League, our two teams (the Bulldogs and Terriers) are still playing hard and hope to climb the ladder a couple of notches soon. At present, the Bulldogs are in 6th place and the Terriers in 8th place. A couple of the team members have been under the weather. Ollie Clark is recovering from a knee replacement, but hopes to be back bowling by April. Lee Bain, our stalwart bowler, has been hampered by a

cerebral hemorrhage. At last report, Lee feels good and is back on the greens. Wife Zelda is still not A-1, but manages to bowl weekly in the league.

Our Pat Oesterlein teamed up with Evelyn Robbie and Charlene Erickson to finish second in the triples tournament held at Sun City.

Nedra Conley is slowly recovering from her surgery and hopes to be back on the greens on a regular basis. The other casualties are Phoebe Hill and Peg Bennett. Phoebe

is nearing her 90th birthday and, altho she doesn't bowl any more, still enjoys visiting the club and watching the games. Peg had minor surgery last month, and got some bumps and bruises in a fall. Back on the job again, I'm feeling fine and hope to be back on the greens very soon.

We lost a valuable and much-loved member. Andrew "Andy" MacCormick passed away in January. We will miss his dry humor very much.

In Memoriam
Andrew "Andy" MacCormick

OXNARD-JOSLYN

By Ed Otroupalik

In between rain storms, we managed to get in our first fun tournament, with Anita Delfs doing all the leg work. It was held on March 16, with a St. Patrick's Day theme. It was a Rinks affair, which produced the following results: 1. (tie) Bill Scott/Bill Taschek/Pauline Escalante/ Irene Davy, and Ed Otroupalik/Bob Wilson/Ken Barrabee/Rita Harrison. Third place went to Rosalie Hutton/Beth Ross/Armando Escalante/Bill Barnden.

Amador Martinez, our head greenskeeper, managed to elicit—or should I say bribe—twelve members to spend an entire day refurbishing the greens. They did a commendable job and worked very hard. In return, Amador provided the gang with lunch—hamburgers, drinks, etc. The hard workers were: Jim Coakley, Charles Ciummo, Mando Escalante, Jim McVey, Raul Perez, Bill Bustamante, Dick Coleman, Angel Ochoa, Bill Taschek, Tom Rogers and Hoby Robertson.

Our winter guests from England, Doug and Anne Wallace, have departed for the U.K. They're welcome back anytime!

In Memoriam
Frank Sneddon



Armando's Army of Oxnardian Greensmen.

HERMOSA BEACH

By Jeanne Carr

Some of our members enjoyed participating in the Southwest Veteran/Novice games in Pasadena. Although they did not walk away with any large trophies, everyone was pleasant and helpful and they will go again.

We marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade in beautiful downtown Hermosa Beach. It's truly a hometown parade, with representation from local clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, homemade floats, bagpipes and high school bands.

We were dressed in our whites, carrying our green and white ALBA "Learn To Bowl" banner, as well as our old-but-beautiful club banner. Spectators cheered us on and we received good publicity for the club. We ate lunch in our clubhouse and had an afternoon of bowling.

Clubmember Jerry Dawson passed away in January. When we were beginning to reorganize our club, Jerry came along and became a good friend and enthusiastic bowler. We will miss his humor.

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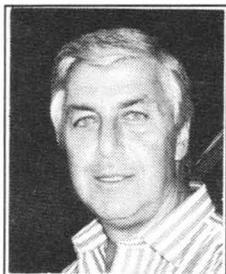
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THE LAST SHOT

By Joe Siegman

Editor of BOWLS Magazine

I just had the unpleasant task of writing Corinna Folkins obituary (see below). In a world of passing eras, the death of the last member of lawn bowling's legendary Folkins Family is surely the end of an era.

But, tell the truth. How many readers are familiar with the Folkins name? How many, especially ladies, knew who Corinna was, let alone her achievements? How few of you are familiar with her husband Dick Folkins, the most accomplished competitor in U.S. lawn bowls history? And, is there more than a handful even aware that brother-in-law Hugh Folkins existed?

Lawn bowling has to be a remarkable activity. It is a sport with little recorded past, but it has existed for centuries. And, you know what they say about things with no past: "If you don't know where you've been, how will you know where you're going!"

Which, of course, explains the state of lawn bowling in the United States.

Perhaps, if today's crop of bowlers knew who and what preceded them; what these predecessors accomplished, attempted, planned and dreamed about, moving forward could be based on a foundation of information, fact and reality. Perhaps, if American lawn bowlers could relate to legends, icons, watermarks, accomplishments of the past, more would respect their game in a

way golfers respect theirs. Perhaps, if some bowlers respected the sport they would be less reluctant to complain about \$10-\$15 annual dues; and more bowlers would contribute to the support of this wonderful recreation and sport.

Are there many club golfers who aren't familiar with Bobby Jones' name? Or those of Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Babe Didrickson and Patty Berg? Are tennis dilettantes unfamiliar with the legends of Bill Tilden, Helen Wills Moody, Jack Kramer, etc.? Any bowlers out there familiar with the lawn bowling accomplishments and contributions of Art Hartley, Stuart Tulloch, Charles Rettie, Bill Hay, Bill Tewksbury, Larry Henning, or Randall Spalding?

Mount Dora bowler and ALBA Historian Harold Esch may provide at least part of the answer. This Fall, ALBA will elect its first candidates to the ALBA Hall of Fame, a new national project. There is an expectation that this honor roll will eventually expand to include AWLBA candidates. Esch is chairman of the Hall of Fame committee, and has provided *BOWLS Magazine* with an impressive portfolio of biographies of major players—on and off the green—responsible for whatever success lawn bowling has enjoyed in the United States during the past 100 years.

It was these biographies and a few phone calls that allowed us to fill in some of the blanks regarding Corinna Folkins' personage vis a vis the Folkins family. While the obituary below is less than it should be for someone with such rich involvement in American lawn bowls, it is at least contains some factual information that can provide readers a measure of her and her family's importance to the game we all enjoy.

Joe Siegman

Corinna Folkins

Corinna Folkins passed away at her home in Mission Viejo, California, January 29. She was the prominent female member of what was, for more than three decades, American lawn bowling's "first family".

Wife of the late Richard "Dick" Folkins—arguably the greatest bowler ever produced in the U.S.—and sister-in-law of champion Hugh Folkins, Corinna began playing the game in 1930 at L.A.'s Arroyo Seco Club, with her aunt and mother, Nina MacDonald.

Corinna won numerous championships in Division, National and International competitions. She was a member of U.S.A. teams that competed at World Bowls



in 1977 (Canada), 1981 (England), and 1985 (Australia). Corinna's 1981 Triples team (she skipped) won a Bronze Medal.

In 1977, Corinna was elected President of AWLBA, having served the previous two years as first and second Vice-President. She aided AWLBA in many capacities, and was President of the Southwest Division-AWLBA in 1977, 1996 and 1997.

Corinna was an excellent coach, held seminars, taught, and shared the finer points and skills of the game with many.

Corinna was a member of the WASP

Group during World War II.

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