

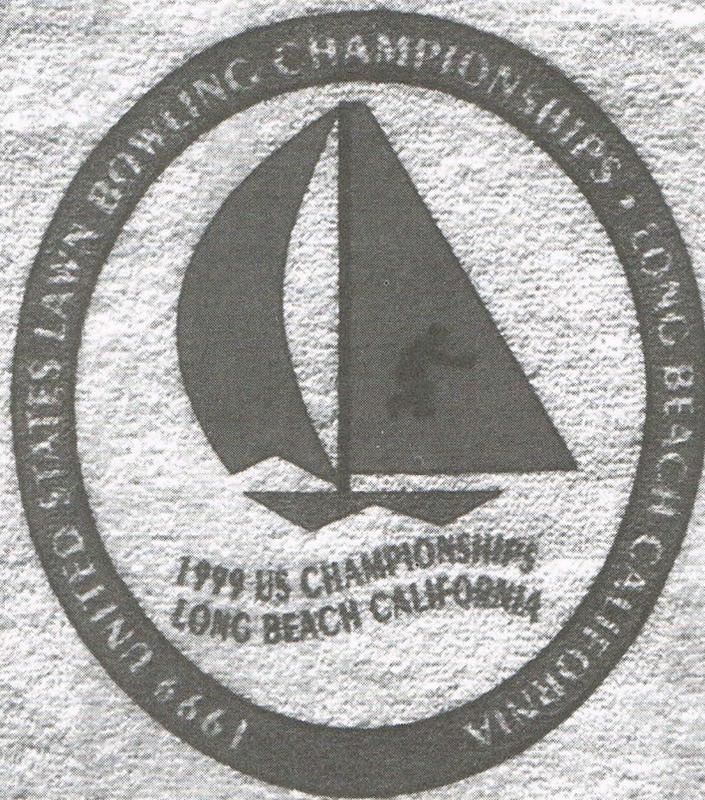


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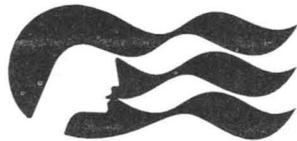


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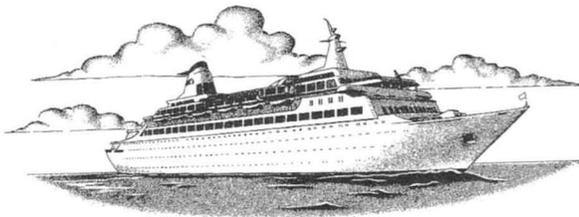
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Jack Phillips

As you read this our men's and women's teams are making final preparations for the North American Challenge and the Asia-Pacific Championships. These teams represent us and deserve our support. It's not too late to make a *tax deductible contribution* through the ALBA Memorial Foundation to help underwrite their expenses. The North American Challenge will be held in Victoria, British Columbia. I encourage you to visit Victoria to cheer on our team and enjoy the beauty of Victoria.

Our membership and coaching committees have been working hard to uncover potentially new clubs and to provide recruiting and instructional materials. Their activities are severely limited by budget constraints. We have held the line on dues for several years and our budget is virtually consumed by the cost of providing you with this magazine. We could fund some of their effort through the Memorial Foundation if donations would support it. I think we all give to charities so they can continue to exist and serve. Gifts to the Memorial Foundations (either ALBA or AWLBA) are tax deductible and are an excellent way to honor the friends we have made through lawn bowls and to perpetuate the game so future generations can experience the same joy from bowls that we have.

I am happy to report that the feedback from surveys by both the men and the women show that the membership of both ALBA and AWLBA are overwhelmingly in favor of merging the two organizations. I am optimistic that we will be able to make it happen by the end of 2000. We have started working out the necessary details.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the National Open. The Southwest Division is working hard to make this a memorable event. Remember, lawn bowls should be fun. —☉

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ON THE COVER: American Lawn Bowling's elite showcase, the United States Championships, will be held this year in Long Beach, California, October 16-21. Most of the seven U.S. Divisions have already determined their men and women representatives through a series of "playdowns" (*results in this issue*), while the other regions will engage in playdowns this summer. The final year of the millennium marks the 42nd year of Championships for ALBA, and 23rd for AWLBA.

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Colored bowls are legal for play in all ALBA events.

John M. Stewart
Chairman of the Rules Committee

ABOUT THE "CALENDAR" . . .

We have been limiting listings on the Calendar published here in BOWLS Magazine to: Division Opens and U.S. Playdowns, and national and international ALBA-AWLBA events.

We are aware that each Division features regionally important Division-sponsored and invitational tournaments on its calendar that it wishes to have included on the BOWLS Calendar. Some Divisions have one or two such events, while others a half-dozen special tournaments. The Southwest Division lays claim to at least two dozen important

Division-sponsored and club invitational.

Inasmuch as we have limited space in this magazine, and do not have the inclination to be arbiters of which tournaments are more important than others, we will continue to publish only the events described above.

We advise some promotional creativity in the copy you submit in your regular club reports—i.e. Mount Dora, FL (Southeast) and its annual Holiday Bowl—or the old-fashioned way of promoting: placing an inexpensive ad!

'99 MACCABIAH TEAM NAMED

Nine ALBA bowlers have been named to the 1999 U.S. Maccabiah Team, according to Maccabi USA/Sports For Israel. Those selected are: Sam Bloom, Neil Furman, Robin Goldman, Merton Isaacman, Simon Meyerowitz, Michael Ashton-Phillips, Eric Sherman, Joe Siegman and Richard Simon.

No AWLBA-Maccabiah team was selected for the current year.

The next World Maccabiah Games take place in July, 2001, in Israel. Those wishing consideration as a candidate for the 2001 team should send their resume of bowls achievements to: M. Isaacman, 17775 Main St., Suite B, Irvine, CA 92714.

OLD ANGUS' SECRET

Old Angus McDonald had won everything lawn bowling had to offer in Scotland—club champion, province and national winner, etc. However, he had this one little idiosyncrasy that the other players pondered, but no one ever had the nerve to ask old Angus about: Whenever Angus was in a tight game or needed a clutch shot to win a point or a match, he would take a little matchbox out of his pocket, slide it open and read what was inside. He'd then return it to his pocket and almost every time deliver a winning shot.

It was driving the club members crazy wondering what words of bowls insight and wisdom were written inside the matchbox. So, after Old Angus' passed on, they formed a committee of three mem-



bers to call on the widow McDonald to ask if she would be good enough to let them look inside the little matchbox.

After she let the committee into her home and they explained why they were there, Widow McDonald replied: "Why, of course. I'll just fetch it off of the mantle where I keep Angus' trophies."

Widow McDonald handed the tiny matchbox to the leader of the committee, who took the matchbox in his trembling hands and slowly slid it open. The three committeemen crowded around, peered inside, and read:

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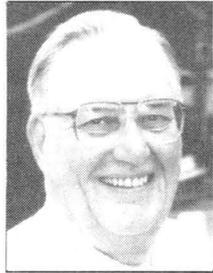
The 5th, 6th and 7th lessons are designed to make your class feel good about themselves when they finally graduate from the class.

In the 5th lesson we roll jacks for awhile and then break into teams for either triples or pairs games. The coaches can bowl with the class or act as Skips in the head. This is the time to be sure that your class knows all the little things that can make their first day with the club a happy occasion. We watch to see that the bowls are gently placed on the green. Only the most blasé bowler dumps his bowls. Then, after the coin toss, the mat is properly placed.

We should talk up the fact that the Lead bowler is very important to the team. It is wrong to give the impression that being a lead is like being in kindergarten. Does the jack reach the Skip? Is it properly and quickly centered? Are the bowlers ready to bowl and watching the others as they wait their turn. Does the bowler look to the Skip for instructions and does he do as he's asked. Have you emphasized that they step off the mat to the right and stay on the mat until their bowl has stopped rolling.

Now would be a good time to warn everyone that it's against the rules for the Skip to signal the bowler after his bowl has stopped rolling. You may have to help with the measuring, but it doesn't hurt to let the new bowlers get the feel of a tape. I hope you use the little tab on the end of the tape instead of letting it drop down while you butt the flat end against the bowl. Do they signal and write the score down properly? And who rakes while the others kick the bowls over?

Instructors and Coaches should think about how the club will react to the new bowlers. Are the members going to be able to find fault with your class? Will some Skip buttonhole you after the first



COACHES CORNER

By Frank Ransome

National Coaching & Instruction Chairman

day and berate you for not doing a better job? After all the effort you have expended on behalf of the club it would be a shame if each and every one of your graduates doesn't fit right in the first time they get in the draw.

One way to be sure that you have done a good job would be to have your class play a full game with club members under your watchful eye. We usually do this as

the last lesson so that the students will get to know some of the other members and feel more comfortable when they have to go it alone.

As a precaution, we should ask the participating club members to discuss any problems they have with the new class with you after the play is over. We must certainly emphasize that being asked to bowl with the novice bowlers is not the same thing as being asked to be a final coach or instructor.

One of the biggest complaints we hear from our graduates is that every time they bowl someone tells them to do something different. There are many correct ways to hold a bowl, take a stance, place our feet, and make the delivery. Even the most highly paid coaches from overseas allow their students some freedom when it comes to the basics. But they all insist that the bowl be rolled, not thrown, and that the bowler fully understands the principles of the game.

While the classes are bowling the last few lessons, the instructor should be free to help anyone who is not confident; correct anyone who is developing bad habits; and most of all, encouraging each novice by a little silent applause and perhaps a couple of high fives.

We still have the Henselite tapes at \$6 each, along with syllabi, \$3, and the coaching video, \$15. Send your request to Frank Ransome, 1317 Ptarmigan Dr. #5, Walnut Creek, CA. 94595.

CALENDAR

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| | 31-Aug 5 | ALBA AWLBA | EASTERN OPEN | Buck Hills Falls, PA |
| AUGUST | 7-12 | ALBA AWLBA | CENTRAL OPEN | Pittsburgh, PA |
| | 14-20 | ALBA AWLBA | NORTHWEST OPEN | Seattle, WA |
| SEPTEMBER | 3-5 | ALBA AWLBA | NO. AMERICAN CHALLENGE <i>(Canada vs USA)</i> | Victoria, B.C., Canada |
| | 11-17 | ALBA AWLBA | PACIFIC INTER-MTN OPEN | S.F. Bay Area, CA |
| | 21-30 | ALBA AWLBA | ASIA-PACIFIC GAMES | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia |
| OCTOBER | 16-21 | ALBA AWLBA | U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS | Long Beach, CA |
| | 23-28 | ALBA AWLBA | NATIONAL OPEN | Orange County, CA |
| MARCH | 4-10, 2000 | ALBA AWLBA | SOUTHEAST OPEN | Sun City Center, FL Clearwater, FL |
| | 8-29 | AWLBA | WORLD BOWLS (ladies) | Moama, Australia |
| | 31-April 15 | ALBA | WORLD BOWLS (men) | Johannesburg, S.A. |

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NEED PAIRS: ONE TRIPLES: ONE TWO RINKS: ONE TWO THREE



WOMEN'S PAGES



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Soon the National Open and the U.S. Championships will be upon us and I wish all of you the best of luck in the Playdowns. I'm sure the National Open will be the huge success that is now expected. I wish to thank the Southwest Division for hosting both of these prestigious events. I also want to thank Isabella Forbes for running both of them.

Our National Team has recently returned from South Africa where they had a most enjoyable time while representing the U.S. with pride and dignity. No matter what the outcome, give them a pat on the back for their efforts. There are many good bowlers in this country. I wish more would try out for the roster. If not for the roster, why not for the manager's position, which I feel is equally important. The Review and Selection Committee is always looking for new talent and leadership. I will be in Canada in September to cheer our U.S. Team on to victory. Good luck Dora Stewart, Heather Stewart, Linda McDougall, Lois Saladin and Jeanne McLaughlin.

The merger committee is still working out the details of this great undertaking and hopefully all will be satisfied in the end.

I'm still looking for new and bright ideas to better this wonderful organization. So feel free to write or call or e-mail or fax your suggestions.

Have a wonderful and happy summer. Enjoy this great sport and all the new friends made while bowling.

Rita

FROM THE EDITOR

Summer is here. The "snow birds" have flown to their northern homes and lawn bowling is in full swing. Now our correspondents won't have to work so hard drumming up some news for our pages. Thanks to all who contributed. We like to have all divisions represented.

Please support the Memorial Fund. One day you may need some help from that source. Also, if you are a tournament bowler and enjoy competition, why not try out for the roster.

Have a summer of good games and good fellowship.

NEXT DEADLINE—September 25.

Winnie Eberle

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AWLBA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The Foundation needs your help! If we are to continue as a public foundation qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS tax code, we need more donations from *more* people. If only

1,000 of our 2,500 members contributed an average of \$10 each, this would total \$10,000.

The Foundation would also like to solicit requests for funding from the Foundation for activities that promote lawn bowling. Projects must be educational or "outreach" in purpose. For further information, contact either the Foundation President, Linda McDougall, or Treasurer Beverly Phillips.

Our thanks to recent contributors: Peggy Salisbury, in memory of Nancy Shepard, Mimi and Mike Majer, in memory of Rose Julian, and Bud and Helen Fickley, in memory of Jack Lingfelt.

REVIEW & SELECTION COMMITTEE

We would like to welcome Barbara McCowan (Southwest Division) to the R&S Committee. She is replacing Isabella Forbes. We know she will do a great job for the S.W. Division.

The U.S.A. team of Linda McDougall, Jeanne McLaughlin, Lois Saladin, Dora Stewart, Heather Stewart and manager Jean Haigler are working hard to compete in the North American Challenge, in B.C. Canada in September. The U.S. team going to Malaysia is managed by Jean Haigler. Team members are Regina Banares, Anne Cherney, Kottia Spangler, Dora Stewart and Irene Webster. The teams have been working very diligently on concentration, consistency and strategy of the game. We are sure they will come back victorious as a reward for their hard work. Good bowling, ladies!

The next coaching clinic will be in the S.W. Division following the 1999 National Open Tournament. Dates are October 30-31 and November 1. All clubs should have applications posted for applicants and managers. Applications are due by August 31st. Applications are for World Bowls Australia in March 2000, and the North American Challenge in 2000.

Cy Stephan

CENTRAL DIVISION

By Beverly Phillips

Summer is finally here and our clubs are back in action. No tournaments to report on at this time. However, a few of our women were able to participate in tournaments elsewhere. A "well done" goes to Lois Saladin, from the Frick Park Club, who traveled to Florida in March for the Southeast Open. With fellow teammates she came in second in the Triples, followed by a win in the third flight in Singles. Then in April, Lois validated her selection to the U.S. Team by winning the Single's championship at the Southwest Open. Pat Goetz, also from Frick Park, was a runner-up in third flight of Pairs at the Southwest Open.

NORTHWEST DIVISION

Special People

Pat Boehm is one of the outstanding women in the history of the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association. She resides in the State of Washington and still enjoys the sport she loves in the summer. In the winter, Pat takes up curling, which is as challenging as lawn bowling, but is played on ice. Here in her own words is the story of her introduction to our sport and what she has accomplished:

"I was introduced to Bowls in 1966 by a friend dedicated to the game. He felt everyone should experience the sport and introduced Bob and I in 1966.

"I immediately fell in love with the game and began bowling consistently at the Jefferson Park LBC in Seattle. Competition also interested me and as a result I was in California for the Mid-Winter Tournament in February of 1971. The founding of the AWLBA took place at this time. That began many years of involvement with the AWLBA, including the third presidency. I was fortunate to be chosen to represent the U.S. in Wellington, New Zealand for the first Women's World Bowls. Thereafter, I represented the U.S. in South Africa, England, Canada and Australia in World Bowls. After that, I managed the American Women team in Fiji, Scotland and Florida.

"Through the years, I was fortunate to win the U.S. Singles in 1977, 1978 and 1984; and the U.S. Pairs in 1979 and 1981. I also had 17 wins in the U.S. Open.

"I have always loved the sport and enjoyed all the wonderful people I have met over the years."

EASTERN DIVISION

By Dana Lum

Our season started under the clear blue skies and sun of Pennsylvania for the annual Buck Hill Open, during the Memorial Day weekend. Once again, the field was well represented by all clubs from the East and two teams from Pittsburgh.

The winners were Linda McDougall and Tom McLaughlin. 2nd place went to Jack Lucey/Dana Lum ("Hog Lines") team; 3rd, Kelly and Connie Keith. FYI: It has come to my attention that anyone who bowls with Tommy in the BHO is on the winning team.

We are making preparations for our Eastern Open. This will be the first year that the men

and women will be at the same location. We already have entries from as far as Arizona.

If your plans include coming East in September, we are holding our Marie Manners Mix and Match Pairs at the Thistle Lawn Bowling Club, in CT, on September 18-19. Please feel free to contact me at 718-478-8195. See you on the green.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

By Adele Patterson

On May 22, ten teams of five women each gathered in San Francisco for our first women's tournament of the year, the Women's Fives. We had sunny skies and a light breeze to make playing bowls a real pleasure. The home team of Betty Blue, Laura Lewis, Hope Donald, Gertrude Whittingslow and Hattie Bahrt won the honors, with the Santa Clara team of Tecla Shepard, Cathy Rollison, Marge Bodah, Marguerite Miller and Victoria Page placing second. Two Rossmoor teams tied for third and fourth.

A week later, the Memorial Day Pairs, a two-day tournament, was also held at the San Francisco LBC. Mother Nature was not so cooperative this week as twelve teams shivered through the two days. Virginia Farr and Silvi MacDonald, of Rossmoor, won the event, followed by another Rossmoor team: Roe Hazelwood and Jeanne Lauritzen. In third place were Maritha Vakasilimi (late from Fijino San Jose) and Mary Frederico.

Our U.S. Championships Playdowns were held the first three weekends in June at Rossmoor, using a round-robin format. Last year's winners, who went on to win the U.S. Championships, were also this year's winners. We congratulate Reggie Banares and Irene Webster, and hope that they are successful in Long Beach this year. Congratulations also to the runner-up team, Virginia Farr and Silvi MacDonald. They have been bowling together for about three years and seem to get stronger and stronger.

President Marie Klos is home recovering from surgery after a bout with diverticulitis. We missed her at the quarterly meeting and the division tournaments. We hope to have her back with us soon!

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

By Peggy Salisbury

Prior to the spring exodus, the Division scheduled an all-day event. A business meeting and brown bag lunch were sandwiched between games of Australian Pairs. This format was well-received with record attendance and may set a precedent for future meetings.

President Phyllis Sullivan announced that the AWLBA's youngest division will be celebrating its 10th anniversary in November. A special program is being planned.

We are proud of Dora Stewart and Jean Haigler from our Division who will be going to Malaysia in September for the Asia-Pacific Games. Jean will be the manager. We wish

them and the entire U.S. team good luck and good bowling.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

By Eileen Love

The Southeast Division completed the U.S. Playdowns tournament in April. It was played at the Sarasota Club in Sarasota, Florida. The Club and members closed one green for a week to get the green in the best possible playing condition for the tournament. We are grateful to the Sarasota Club members who put up with the inconvenience of closing the green.

The green was in excellent condition for the tournament. The ladies of the Club served us coffee, tea, homemade cakes and sandwiches. They were delicious and all players appreciated their efforts. We also would like to thank the Sarasota members who marked for Singles. Thanks also to the greenskeeper for his excellent work. Thanks also to Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club for the use of their greens.

Results (skip-lead):

Pairs

1. Patti Grabowski (Suncoasters), Jo Gilbert (Daytona Beach)
2. Jeanne McLaughlin (Suncoasters), Muriel Rackliff (Suncoasters)

Singles

1. Barbara Roller (Mt. Dora)
2. Beth Forbes (Mt. Dora)

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

By Winnie Eberle

We are pleased to announce that Isabella Forbes has emigrated to the West Coast and joined our ranks. She is a decided asset to our division. We didn't let her rest on her laurels, but put her to work as our Division Tournament Chair. A big welcome to Isabella, and we hope she likes it here.

We had our Southwest Open in April and those conducting it worked very hard to make it a success.

Our Ladies Days were fun affairs due again to the efforts of Alice Lawrence. Santa Anita and Friendly Valley hosted games for the first time and a very nice time was had by all.

The U.S. Championships will be held at Long Beach October 16th thru 21st. A fundraiser for them was held on July 3rd. *(see story in SW news)*

Heather Stewart is a member of the North American Challenge team. The event takes place in Victoria, Canada. We wish her very good luck.

Australian Pairs took place and then Rinks. The Rinks was won by the team of Kathy Vea, Jean Kay, Pat Cronshaw and Krista Reine.

At our U.S. Championship Playdowns, the Pairs was won by Kathy Vea and Kottia Spangler, with Isabella Forbes and Katy Stone the runners-up. Anne Barber won the Singles, and Jean Kay was the runner up.

To all the players in games to come this summer, we wish the best of luck and good bowling.

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The Membership Chairman sat by the side of the green with his head burrowed in his hands to conceal the tear-drops that ran silently down his wind-burned cheeks. He had

just overheard the club instructor tell a young couple that lawn bowling lessons were only given on Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

From behind the instructor, someone said: "Young people would ruin our chances to keep the club for seniors." The Chairman couldn't believe what was going on. But seeing the young couple walking dejectedly out gate he knew he had heard correctly. This was the Chairman's first visit to the Appaloosa LBC and he was there to meet with its Board to discuss the possibility of opening a Day Camp for children aged 12 to 14.

It hadn't been a good year for membership despite the fact that there were more people bowling than ever before, and new or

The Membership Trail

By Frank Ransome

ALBA Membership Chairman

ment and pleaded for better care of the green. "We can't teach people to bowl on an 8-second green, and older people give-up bowling when they have difficulty being up."

His plea had fallen on deaf ears until he'd persuaded some of the brass to try a few bowls. Then, and with the promise that he'd plan some activities with the Recreation Department, they had agreed to spend some time and money on the green. Now he wasn't certain how the club Board would react to his plan to teach lawn bowling to young people.

This was the same club that had been having trouble with a few of the more crusty old timers. They had a record of losing

two out of every three new members during the second year because no one likes to be yelled at or looked down upon. Even today, when there were only a couple of games being played, he could hear one of the Skips telling his lead, in no uncertain terms, to "be up"! And he could see several people bowling practice games because they had chosen not to be in the draw.

Some of the new bowlers from the Appaloosa Club had attended the advanced training course his Division had sponsored last Spring, but he didn't see any of them on the green. "Where's Joe and Tilly Jones," he asked the man sitting on the next bench. The reply left him feeling just a little sick. "They quit the club," the man answered. "Went for golf instead of lawn bowling, I guess." "We lose a lot of good bowlers because of golf."

The Chairman knew that wasn't so because Joe had told him that he couldn't play golf anymore, and Tilly had never played golf. He resolved to find out why they had stopped bowling. "Perhaps I can talk them into joining some other club," he mused.

The couple had complained to him that it wasn't fun bowling anymore because too many people told them what to do and the Skips either yelled at them or ignored them during the draw games. "How can we learn the game if the Skips don't act like Directors and don't even care where we roll the bowl? Then they yell at us because we did the wrong thing," Joe complained.

Tilly's problem was even more typical and more pathetic. "The minute I get on the mat someone tries to correct my stance and the way I roll the bowl," she told the Division Instructor. He told her not to pay any attention to what other people said and to keep on with what she was doing.

"I guess she couldn't take any more well-meaning advice," the Chairman thought as he prepared to meet with the Board. "I will have my hands full getting some changes made today," he thought to himself as he joined the Directors—who seemed to wish that he'd just go away and leave them to enjoy what was left of a once proud lawn bowling club.

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Phoenix, AZ Nancy Obrock & Dave Collier 1-12
Seattle, WA George Gilmour & Nancy Nishikawa 4-2
Seattle, WA Nancy Nishikawa & Frank Forrest 4-1
Seattle, WA Waldo McDonald & Barbara Mandich 4-27
Mount Dora, FL Carole Fife & Bill Bish 4-22
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Seattle, WA Ernie Morman & Cecile Morman 6-3
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7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Oxnard, CA Bill Taschek, DixieTennow, Dian Edging 3-17
Santa Clarita, CA Gussie Blanc, Bonnie Chishom, Evelyn Turner 5-4
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Silver Springs, MD Ray Rosfeld, Katherine Denikos, Bernice Tuller 4-28
Palm Desert, CA Ralph Kitchel, Evelyn Hibberd, Tom Hodgins 4-30
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West Los Angeles, CA George Alpern, Albert Alcouloumre, Maureen Waldorf 5/18

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Oxnard, CA George Love, Don Blanstrom, Lee Combs 4-7
Santa Barbara, CA Don Varner, Winston Wilson, Jo Millett 4-1
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Santa Rosa, CA Don O'Donnell, Adele Patterson, Ben Laplante 1-2

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Hemet, CA Paula Bellone, Tricia Evans, David Evans, Ed Kearns 3-23
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9 SHOTS TRIPLES

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Sun City Center, FL *SE AWLBA Mixed Pairs* Ollie McLaughlin & Andie Van Wyck 4-11
Sarasota, FL *AWLBA SE Division Pairs Playdowns* Eileen Love & Lorraine Reinhardt 4-16
San Francisco, CA *PIMD Spring Pairs Tournament* Frank Ransome & Bernie Pomeroy 4-30
Sun City, AZ *Dollar Monday Tournament* Keith Yett & Barbara Turk 4-5
Portland (King City) OR *Northwest Spring Open* Bert Haws & Ernie Horman 5-29
Portland (King City) OR *Northwest Spring Open* Nancy Nishikawa & Marcie Haws 5-29
San Francisco, CA *Women's Open Fives Tournament* Lucy Guterres & Marie Guterres 5-22

8 SHOTS PAIRS

Sarasota, FL *AWLBA SE Division Pairs Playdowns* Jeanne McLaughlin & Muriel Rackliff 4-14
Corona del Mar, CA *President's Cup Open Pairs* Eddie Bower & Elaine Hughes 5-12
Sun City, AZ *2-4-2 Open Tournament* Ernie Horman & Miles Gehm 3-16

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Palm Springs, CA *Smoke Tree Ranch, Schwab Triples* Ralph Shaw, Doug Newton, Rodney MacDonald, Marion Zapfe 3-10
Sun City, CA *Division Rally Tournament* Don Miller, Gene Hendershott, Michael Hillig
Lakeland, FL *Ken Ellis Trophy Tournament* Jim Steele, Cal Munroe, Betty Munroe 2-20

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CHICAGO LAKESIDE

By Patricia Brown LeNoble

We are trying a new concept (to us) in having a volunteer taking charge of a tournament. And our President, Don Sneddon, was first on the list.

He chose the 'fun games', and his first assignment came on Memorial Day. So, after a very tasty pot luck luncheon, arranged by Dolly Rix, the teams were assembled. Don passed out the yardsticks, gave verbal instructions and the games began! We haven't played this game a lot, and it was brand new to some of our members. Not all teams scored alike, but everyone certainly had a lot of fun trying to sort it all out!

We are offering the 'ladder' tournament again as an on-going challenge, and John Clark is our volunteer for this event. He will keep the scores and list the 'highs and lows' as the season gets underway.

Open House was held on a rainy Sunday, June 13th. But we did have a few guests, and Carol Wright gave them an opportunity to bowl on the green, while the members got in a few ends before the rain took over once again! Everyone scurried into the clubhouse for our usual 'tea at three', so the day was not entirely lost (good food, plus a homemade cake with strawberries to celebrate Dr. Elsa Johnson's birthday!).

The bright orange flyers our Publicity Team put together were certainly eye-catching. And our thanks goes to Dolly Rix, Lorrie Michaels and Charlean Smith for their hard work in getting them out to the neighborhood, as well as to members, suggesting they mail them out to potential bowlers. We were given a page in the Jackson Park Advisory Council newsletter and Cal Wright was able to furnish them with two good articles on the art of 'bowling on the green'.

MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK

By Buzz Althoen

Events are under way at Milwaukee Lake Park. Thanks go to Bud and Kip Davis for hosting our annual Memorial Day bowling event. Winners of this event were Glorianne Mather, George Mueller and Carol Jassov. Their names will go on the Jim Butler Trophy.

Winners of the Club Triples (by one point on the fourteenth end) were Pat Mueller, Lois Degenhardt and Barb Hamm. Whew! Such close events. But that's what makes it fun!

We had lots of people out for Blind Pairs, June 12-13. Because of the deluge on Sunday, we had to cancel the second half. This was the first time we had an actual cancellation due to weather in as long as anyone can remember. Some folks were actually planning on building an ark, so this was the reason for the cancellation! Winners of the abbreviated events are:

Section A

1. Pat Mueller & Donna Binger
2. (tie) Leif Andresen & Jennifer Reynolds, Dave Blake & Barb Althoen
3. Sal Marino & Carol Erasmus

Section B

1. Pat Wimmer & Evelyn Clark
2. Joe Zinna & Jack Molloy
3. Cy Stephan & Ben Reith.

The women have had Wagstaff bowling on Thursday mornings. So the men, not to be outdone, have set up Thursday morning bowling, too. We are looking forward to Friday Frolic, Pairs Playdowns, and all of the other summer events!

ROCKFORD

(Illinois)

By Ann Kelsey

We are enjoying the Spring weather now that the green is open. Ken and Marj LaBelle have returned from Arizona, and Chuck and Gloria Mather from Florida to add to the fun.

We had our first club breakfast May 30th and are planning to "cook" the last Sunday of each month. Donna and Roger Binger, Roger (Bones) Kelsey, John Devine, Sal Marino, David Blake, Joe Zinna and Frank Roddy went to Milwaukee for the Blind Pairs Tournament in June. The tournament was shortened by rain, but this didn't hinder Donna who won with Pat Mueller.

Joe, Sal, Frank and John are all returning to Milwaukee for the Playdowns. Donna and Roger Binger and Joe Zinna are traveling to Westland MI to bowl over the 4th of July. Good luck to all our roving representatives.

FLINT

By Jeane Giesy

It's always great to start bowling in the Spring and renew friendships. Many members worked under the direction of Frank Flynn and now we have new back boards around the green.

Norm Myers planned the Competitive League. There are six teams who bowl Tuesday evening. Our Vice-President, Jack McGaugh, introduced the Challenge League. While this is designed for a series of tough competition, he suggests they maintain the gentlemanly courtesies of the game.

The club hosted the annual visit of the Sarnia, Ontario Club. We made many new friends and kept the old.

We are looking forward to the Olympian Games, the first part of the CANUSA Games. The club is hosting the Freedom Games—competition between Canadian and U.S.A. teams.

We can cheer, for we have three new members: Ron and Kay Ware, and Sharon Thompson. They have already become good bowlers and just great club members. We are pleased to have them.

We invite all to come and visit and try our greens.

In Memoriam

Cliff James
Fred Sill

MILWAUKEE WEST

By Leonard F. Shaw

The bowling season is—all systems go! Play ball! (That's Shirley Phillips' comment when things are at a stand-still.)

We did our spring lunch at a nice local restaurant, with only two no-shows. The club and Milwaukee County events begin this weekend, June 26th.

Mr. Nice Guy and excellent bowler, Cy Stevens, went to lawn bowler's heaven. We miss him.

Our nice and friendly neighbors at Lake Park hosted a Blind Pairs Party with super food, drinks and good bowlers. Unfortunately, after a beautiful and fun-filled Saturday, the skies opened on Sunday with a torrential rain and the remainder of the event was canceled. All participants thank Norma and Wild Bill Harrington for a job well done.

All kinds of event results will be in the next issue.

In Memoriam

Cy Stevens

CENTRAL DIVISION

PITTSBURGH FRICK PARK

By James C. Cunningham

Pittsburgh Frick Park is preparing for a great Central Division Tournament here August 7-12. Our greens will be in fine shape by then. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and new and having a wonderful time at the event. We welcome all ALBA and AWLBA bowlers. Make plans now to attend!

Our season is well under way with the first half of our 14 week league schedule now complete. Randy Ober has done a great job on our league arrangements this year. Ralph Hofer has organized our season-long tournaments, which are starting to come down to some tough competition now.

Our single day and week-end tournaments have started, with the 4-3-2-1 now complete and the Two-Bowl and Mixed Doubles next on the schedule.

Besides bowling, we have lots of social activities going: cookie

nights after Wednesday bowling, tea breaks after Tuesday bowling, picnic dinners, etc. Our thanks go to Greta Troy and Ruth Cunningham for their work on our socials.

We had a great tournament with the DuPont Club June 5-6. We were up against some excellent DuPont bowlers, but thought we would come out ahead after the Saturday games. However, Pittsburgh fell apart on Sunday and DuPont was the winner. President Lois Saladin hosted a fine garden dinner party after the games on Saturday. Congratulations to our DuPont friends on their fine games.

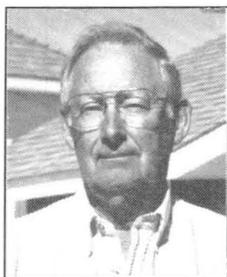
New members Mary Caruso, Jay Cole and Richard Bjork are developing into excellent bowlers. We welcome them to the wonderful world of lawn bowling!

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Today our high temperature was 110, our low 87 degrees. Must be why many of our lawn bowlers have left the area; why some lawn bowling clubs are closed.

BUT, upon your return: CHECK THOSE CLUB BULLETIN BOARDS for all the activities and good-stuff planned at your club and throughout the Division(s).

PUEBLO EL MIRAGE

(El Mirage, AZ)

By Ronald Gilmour

Our Lawn Bowling Club activities are at an end for the summer, as most if not all our members are the seasonal migratory species. We all look forward to their Fall return. Many of us try to hone our skills by also being members of summer clubs in the USA and Canada.

PHOENIX

(Ahwatukee)

By Art McMaster

The Weather is warming up so we start bowling at 7:30 a.m. now!

We had our Club tournaments and the results are:

Triples

1. Larry Aubert, Paul Benn, Russ Lauten
2. Don Simmons, Grace Koval, Lucile Daumke

Pairs

1. Larry Aubert and Grace Koval
2. Paul Cherep and Nancy Obrock

Singles

1. Art McMaster
2. Ray Kubiak

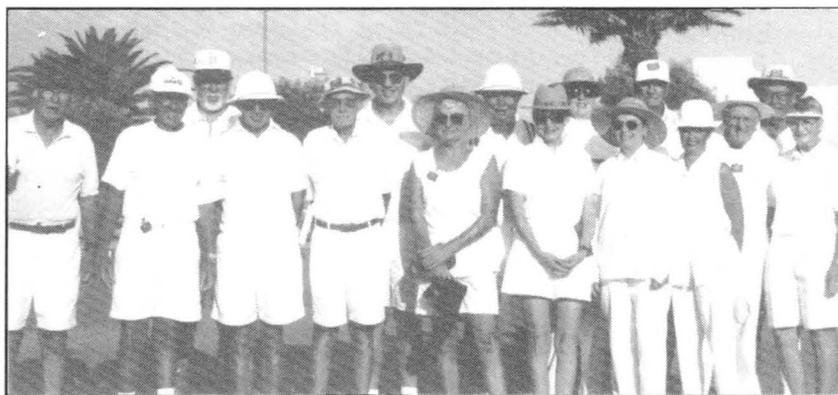
Our green was closed for one week for sanding, de-thatching, leveling, etc. Don Simmons is our liaison and the club thanks him and his crew for all their efforts.

We miss Nancy and Jim Obrock, already! Their enthusiasm and good humor became contagious. Good bowling to both of them at Sun City West.

By the way, Ahwatukee is an Indian name meaning "Home of my dreams". Please join us when your are in Arizona.

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You know its hot when: you pick up your bowls with gloves on!



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SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

S.C. U.S. PLAYDOWNS

SINGLES

1. Tom Stirrat
2. Bill Lingeman
3. Marty Schans
4. Gordon Shieck



Tom Stirrat will once again represent the South Central in the U.S. Championships Singles.

PAIRS

1. Jack Behling & John Stewart
2. Doug McArthur & George Ralston
3. Tom Stirrat & Gordon Shieck
4. Bill Lingeman & Chet Towle



Jack Behling, left, and John Stewart will carry the So. Central banner at the U.S. Championships Pairs event October 16-21, in Long Beach, CA.

SUN CITY GRAND

By Bob Nelson

Our organizational meeting was held in December, and on February 12, 1999 our Club and its 36 members received its charter. Since that time eight additional members have joined the CLUB.

This Fall our Club is planning two or three days of instruction and lawn bowling certification, preparing our members for exposure and competition in South Central Division events.

At this time next year we will be in a new sports-utility building shared by tennis and lawn bowling. New Greens, new buildings, new bowlers. Watch us grow!

SUN CITY WEST

By Howard Goodnough

It's very quiet on "the Western Front", but a few heat-resistant lawn bowlers continue to come to the greens for a draw game and take part in a few scheduled activities.

So come by the Clubhouse sometime and check us out.

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GREENWICH

(Connecticut)

By Frances Novak

Gorgeous early weather brought out enthusiastic bowlers to our well kept green in Bruce Park, central Greenwich. Besides good attendance at daily bowling, a large group has enjoyed two Fun Days. These full days are held on Saturdays every three weeks from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Soft drinks and wine accompanies our box lunches and, of course, ambitious cooks provide cake and cookies.

The June Fun Day winners:

1. Kelly Keith and Stanley Wort
 2. Lee Thurber and Connie Keith
 3. Loring Webber and Muriel Lorenz
- And the Spider was rolled best by Mary Doran

The May Fun Day winners:

1. Lee Thurber and Connie Keith
 2. Fran Novak and Mary Doran
 3. Jules Wagner and Stanley Wort
- And the Spider winner was Lee Thurber. Charlie Morgan was here, but not a winner.

Our park location is shared by a croquet club. John Schinto, our chairman of activities, explained our compatibility with the croquet players. The presidents of both organizations plan their tournament dates before the season starts. The croquet players have four major events while we plan for eight Fun Days.

In October, we hope to have the Bridgeport bowlers join us for an invitational tournament.

Because we bowl within a large well-used public park we sometimes find interlopers, such as frisbee players, picnic parties and Canada geese on our green. We are seeking a solution toward privacy from the town parks department.

HAMILTON

(New Jersey)

By Bob Stewart

Bowling at Kuser Park got off to a good start with the green in good condition. With six wins and no losses in the Triples League, Cosmos, Elwood Burton, skip, are the likely winners of the first half.

The June 19th James Stewart Handicap Singles was our first competition. Results in next issue. Looking forward to our friendly game with DuPont L.B.C. on July 24th.

Sorry to report that our Secretary/Games Chairman Charles Anderson underwent a triple by-pass surgery. He is home now and doing very well. We all miss him and wish him a speedy recovery.

We presented Life Membership awards to Charles Anderson and Elwood Gaskill for past and present services to the club. Bernadetta McTighe received an Appreciation Award.

Our next two competitions will be Club Pairs, August 25th, and Open Singles, September 11th.

Our current officers were re-elected for 1999, with thanks for a job well done.

EASTERN DIVISION

FERNLEIGH

(West Hartford, CT)

By Ed Wood

The first Fernleigh Tag Sale was held on May 29. The sale started promptly at 9 a.m. There were 50-60 people waiting for the sale to start. For the first 2 hours, there was a steady flow of customers. Over 80% of the items were sold. We raised over \$950 from the sale.

Jane and Ron Bacon were the organizers, ably assisted by Bob and Rita O'Brien. Ruth and Tom Dorsey and Flo Webers also assisted. The lunch for the workers was provided by Mary and Wil Bjorkman.

The annual Memorial Day Tournament was Triples. After several close ends, the team of Frank Stolzenberg, Bob Lunden, and Ken Richardson were the winners.

Thirteen potential members attended the Open House. Eleven signed up for lessons. Frank Stolzenberg, with the assistance of George Babic and his membership committee will execute this. They are enrolled in our four lesson training. When completed, they will decide if they want to join the club.

The President's Tournament was held in the Scrambles Style on June 12th. A roll-off was held between George Babic and Bob O'Brien for first place for Skips. Bob O'Brien was the winner. Anita Ellsworth was the first place winner for the Leads with a perfect score.

The Monday night Round Robin Doubles Tournament got off to a good start with all rinks full. Play will continue through August 2.

Sign up sheets are posted for the Individual and Pairs championships.

NEW YORK

(Central Park)

By Bob Mancuso

Lights! Camera! Action! The Rising Rose Production Company is filming on our greens. Director W.L. Jackson and Producer Diana Stone were with us during our tournament to film their production "10,000 Years of Wisdom". It is a documentary of the lives of 125 men and women whose life experiences amount to over ten millennium of wisdom. Appearing in the series pilot are two of our most venerable club members: Bernie Kurtz and Ed Spingarn. I have to tell you that hearing about the lives of these men is an honor and a must see when the film is released.

The La Fine Della Primavera Pairs Tournament (which loosely translated means "the end of spring") is a ten-team four-match playoff to a two-match playoff. This was a grueling ordeal for me and my partner, Joe Gioco. On a beautiful spring day, we fought off one heavyweight after another all afternoon. Nearly every opponent was a prior multi-tournament winner. There was tournament-winner Dana Lum, with her partner David Fainkich, who we beat in playoff competition. Margie Barclay and Brian Flynn also played superbly that day.

Finally, there were tournament winners Dong Kingman and Gene Cadore, who we beat once in regular competition and then again in a squeaker in the final playoff by a single point!

Joe Gioco, Bernie Kurtz, Dong Kingman and Laralu Smith won our 8th Annual Memorial Day Rinks Tournament. Second were Marion Morey, Tal Stubis, Tony Reynal and Jean Lithgow. The winner was decided on the very last bowl delivered on an extra end by Joe Gioco. 'Twas a last ditch effort rendered by a driving shot that crashed into the crowded head. Joe's bowl then wicked its way past several blocks, taking out Morey's point-bowl, which spurted into the outer margin. With its energy spent, Joe's bowl came to rest squarely on the jack!

BUCK HILL FALLS

(Pennsylvania)

By Ken Norris

Before the first tournament of the season—the Buck Hill Open Pairs—early May saw work on the greens by club members Ron Christman, Jeff Freeland, Bob Gates and Ernie Voros, with help by Norm Owens of the Mt. Dora Club. The effort was in keeping with plans to be in top shape for the 2001 National Open Tournament.

The Buck Hill Open Tournament, on May 29-30, drew a large group of bowlers from around the region. The winners were Linda McDougall (Bridgeport) and Tom McLaughlin (Slater Park). In second place were Jack Lucey (Slater Park) and Dana Lum (New York); and third place finishers were Kelly and Connie Keith (Greenwich).

On June 19, the Buck Hill Falls Club held its own mixed pairs tournament, with guest bowlers Pete and Peggy Corrado (Sun City, AZ) joining in the action. The winners of the tournament were Eugene and Cora Kordowski (Buck Hill Falls).

While the Club will be hosting several ALBA/AWLBA tournaments through July and August, guest bowlers will also be welcome for two special memorial tournaments later in the summer: the Betty Nelson Memorial Pairs on August 21, and the Millwater/Wilson Memorial men's/women's singles tournaments on September 11.

Persons interested in more information about the tournaments or social bowling at Buck Hill Falls can contact Ken Norris at: 610-746-9051.



Buck Hill Falls LBC members Bob Gates, Ernie Voros (center, working in ditch) and Jeff Freeland (providing guidance), with other workers, upgrading the greens this spring. Photo by Norm Owens.

SKYTOP

(Pennsylvania)

By Doug Neal

I'm pinch-hitting for Ken Willig with this report while he and Miggs Ward are recuperating from surgeries, so here goes:

Club matches are scheduled the week of July 26, with the winning lady playing the winning man for the Sawyer Cup on August 1.

Our green is looking better than ever, thanks to Tommy Williams' painstaking greenskeeping and our resort manager's continued cooperation.

The weekend bowling instruction sessions for hotel guests and cottagers are a source of interest and amusement and, we hope, will yield new bowlers.

Meanwhile, we're looking forward to the annual match with our neighboring club at Buck Hill on August 8—knowing they are "itching" to pry away our twice-won "etching", the trophy.

EASTERN DIVISION

CUNNINGHAM

(Milton, MA)

By Sam Drevitch

Our 1999 Opening Day Scramble was a great success, with fifteen members of Slater Park joining us. The winners were: 1. Les McCabe, 2. George Zvanelich, 3. Yvonne Balthazard, 4. Ed Kenney, 5. Sam Drevitch, 6. Susan Ford.

At our Annual Quincy Cup Tournament, with 25 Slater Park members competing, the winners were (s-v-l):

1. Sam Drevitch, Patricia Jones, Bob "Red" Melchin
2. Pete Stojek, Dave Norris, Susan Ford
3. Bob Sayer, Frank Yaffee, Marion Norris
4. Ed Kenney, Sonne Bucklin, Donna Stojek

We are looking forward to our club hosting, for the first time, the Eastern Division's Alex and Dave Dakers Open Triples on August 28. This prestigious tournament was created to honor the memory of these two great bowlers who contributed so much to the bowling community, both locally and nationally.

Our croquet members are enjoying the great condition of the green.



Quincy Cup winners: (l-r) Sam Drevitch, Pat Jones and Red Melchin.

WILLIAMSBURG INN*By Susan Berg*

After three months of play, the season is now beginning to heat up. Unfortunately, the season got off to a slow start when Frick Park was unable to make their annual visit in April.

In May, Williamsburg sent a team to DuPont for a inter-club meet, where they had a good time, if not a victorious tournament. Ron and Betty Lou Buck's lovely home was the site of a potluck dinner hosted by DuPont.

This year the club introduced a new Doubles Ladder that has been very popular. Each team played all the other teams. First place went to Fran Healy and Dave Lee, two veteran bowlers.

The club is continuing its Singles Ladder competition and monthly round robins. In May, Bob and Sylvia Hunt opened their home, overlooking the James River, for a

potluck dinner following the round robin.

Joann Proper and Robin Goldman bested seven other teams to win the club's Mixed Doubles tournament June 19-20. The tournament really tested one's skills, since the second day was held in a pouring rain. Irene and Derek Brown, former members who spend half the year in England, have rejoined the club and participated in the tournament.

Two club members placed at the Classic Singles Tournament at Dupont in June. Dan Berg finished in second place, and Robin Goldman came in fifth.

Finally, members are delighted with the condition of the club green. Colonial Williamsburg top dressed three times over the winter and it is in its best condition in years. The green is open every day from 2 to 6. If any ALBA or AWLBA members happen to be in Williamsburg, please drop by. Call 757/229-8799 for directions.

ESSEX COUNTY

(Bloomfield, NJ)

By George J. Shick

The Executive Board of the Essex Club, in conjunction with our Building and Greens Committee, has been working with the maintenance staff of the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs on a comprehensive plan leading to the installation of a new green for our Club. As you may know, the Essex Club was established in 1924 and served as host green for the 1978 and 1984 National Opens. Our green did not survive unusual weather and environmental factors, resulting in the decision to replace the playing surface.

While our green is not available, I am pleased to report that the DuPont Club and the New York Club have offered our mem-

bers the use of their green for play. The officers and members of Essex are grateful these clubs for providing many opportunities to compete in the game all of us love. In addition, our traveling members look forward to visiting many ED Clubs this season to compete in local as well as regional events.

The passing of Ed Hein, a member of the DuPont Club at the time of his death, saddened the Essex Club. Ed and his wife, Margie, were long-time members of the Essex Club. Ed donated an American Flag (in memory of his brother) that marks the location of our Club. He was well known for the design of the DuPont LBC portable ditch system, as well as his deep love and respect for the game of bowls. Ed was a past recipient of the ALBA ED President's Award, in recognition of his service to the Eastern Division.

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DUPONT

(Wilmington, DE)

By Tom Lawlor

Williamsburg visited in June and we had a good tournament with a nice party at the Bucks. Our club visited Pittsburgh for the first time and enjoyed good bowling and gracious hosts. A group also visited Leisure World, near Washington, DC, and had a great day. Might say that we did win all of these events, several being mighty close.

The Eastern Division Classic Singles Tournament was held at DuPont and won by our own Ron Buck, defeating Williamsburg's Dan Berg.

We will miss excellent long-time bowler Ed Hein who passed away recently. Ed was the designer of our ditchless green and spring-backed boards, which were created for safety and ease of grass cutting and

maintenance.

DuPont and Williamsburg are sharing in the purchase of new plastic perforated mats to protect our greens. DuPont currently uses rubber backed carpet.

"Crazy Bowls", initiated this year, has been a lot of fun and also helped with our bowling skills.

Speaking of skills, we'll have to shape up for our coming visits to Williamsburg and Pinehurst. We host the Delaware Senior Olympics in October and had good participation last year (medals galore).

Come visit us and enjoy our beautiful green. Please call President Bob Lang (302) 731-4385, or Jim Michael (302) 239-2865.

In Memoriam

Ed Hein

SLATER PARK

(Pawtucket, RI)

By Ed Kenney

After a long winters rest, we opened our green on May 1st. Following a memorial prayer by Larry Messier, Opening Ceremonies were highlighted by a welcoming speech from Bill Mulholland, Director of Parks & Recreation.

After I welcomed our visitors, we played three games of bowls. Winners were: 1. Sam Drevitch, Susaan Ford, Jen Letourneau; 2. Jack Lucey, Pat Jones, Shirley Kenney; 3. Victor Ford, Larry Messier, Jim Grant; 4. Maurice Lafond, Tom McLaughlin, Phylis Gaudreau.

In early May, bowlers from Slater Park went to Milton, MA to help kick off Cunningham LBC's new season. 1. Les McCabe (Milton). 2nd, 3rd and 4th, went to Slater Park bowlers George Zvanelich, Yvonne Balthazard and Ed Kenney, respectively.

Club Singles took place on May 15th. 1st Place went to Paul Bucklin. Leo Mathieu was second, and Ken Birch third.

Seven pairs teams from Slater Park went to the Thistle L.B.C. in Hartford CT in late May for the 2nd Annual New England Mix or Match Doubles. Slater Park took home first and second place, with Maurice and Greta LaFond first, and Ed and Shirley Kenney in second.

On May 29th, we held our Mayor's Day Tournament. The day started off with Mayor James E. Doyle presenting the club with a citation for the recognition of fellowship and recreation participating in lawn bowling in the City of Pawtucket.

Three games were played at the Mayor's Day tournament. Winners included: 1. Ken Birch & Lucille Labbe, 2. George Zvanelich & Marion Norris, 3. Maurice Lafond & Pat Jones, 4. Charlie Morgan & Yvonne Balthazard.

We held our Mixed Pairs Tournament on June 5th. Husband and wife teams swept all four places.

1. Peter & Donna Stojek (our son-in-law and daughter)
2. Ed & Shirley Kenney
3. Paul & Sonne Bucklin
4. Dave & Marion Norris.

So far we have had very good bowling weather here in the north-east. Please feel free to join us if you're in the area.

BRIDGEPORT

(Connecticut)

By Linda B. McDougall

Ceil Brown, a long-time member and one of our most competitive bowlers passed away in November. Ceil participated in many Nationals and U.S. Championships, and won the U.S. Pairs in 1990. She will be greatly missed both in Bridgeport and across the country.

Linda McDougall, a member of the club since 1967 has been named to the National Team and will be on the team representing the United States in the North American Challenge Cup in September.

Our greens chairman Tom McIntosh has been working with National Fairways, who is responsible for the upkeep of our green, to see that improvements are made so it will once again be a viable bowling green.

We have seen some success and our green opened on June 6. We have been bowling each Sunday starting at 9:30 a.m. Anyone interesting in bowling on a Sunday be at the green by 9:15, or call Laura or Tom McIntosh at 203-333-7072. Everyone is welcome.

In Memoriam
Ceil Brown

THISTLE

(West Hartford, CT)

By Joan Wood

Our season opened on May 8. Despite the fact that it was a cold and rainy day, virtually all of our members came to the general meeting and renewed acquaintances at the "bring your own lunch" picnic. Thanks to Vic Bendzinski, Jane and John Ferguson, Flo Webers, Annetta Willey and Joan Wood for their help in sprucing up the clubhouse for opening day.

Our tournament schedule is in full swing with the following winners:

President's Tournament (May 16)

1. Peter Campbell & Joan Wood
2. Flo Webers & John Ferguson

Club Tournament (June 6)

1. Ward Francis & John Ferguson
2. Bill Wassell & Joe Morin

Rose Sunday Tournament (June 20)

1. Seb Sanzaro & Bud Bruce
2. Bernie & Sandy Hughes
3. Frank Mastranardi & Art Safford

On May 22, Thistle hosted the New England Mix or Match Doubles, attracting a good turnout from a number of clubs. Winners were:

1. Maurice & Greta Lafond (Slater Park)
2. Ed & Shirley Kenney (Slater Park)
3. Bill & Judy Miller (Bridgeport)
4. Laura McIntosh & Donna Harrell (Bridgeport)

This was a real family event as the Lafonds were a mother/son team, the Kenneys were a husband/wife team, and the Millers were a father/daughter team.

On Sunday, June 13 we held an Open House to recruit new members. We had quite a few prospective members come, some of whom expressed real enthusiasm for the sport. Having sent out flyers to many civic organizations, schools and senior centers, the only advertising that paid off were the announcements that we sent to Community Events listings in local newspapers. In addition to these guests we were happy to open our greens to a couple vacationing here from Sun City, Arizona and to our own Peter Campbell's cousin visiting from Scotland.

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Better bowling surfaces are very much on the minds of SE club leaders these days.

Among the eight clubs with artificial surfaces of Har-Tru or Rubico, Clearwater is in the process of joining Delray Beach in removing its concrete bases for fixed foot mats and groundsheets, installed years ago out of concern for protecting the rinks from bowl dumpers. Mount Dora is thinking about joining the party. And, if Mount Dora plucks out its concrete, that might put pressure on its North Central Florida League partners, Daytona Beach and DeLand, to do the same.

The obvious gain in removing the large concrete platforms at the ends of the rinks is that the game can then be played with mov-

able foot mats. Fixed mats take away a large part of the game, most bowlers feel. With movable mats, the Har-Tru or Rubico clubs can play the game the way it is played on grass and carpet almost everywhere in the world.

The newest SE club, WalterDel in Parrish FL, has two well constructed squares of grass and a third square planned for the future. It is the ninth grass green club in our division, eight in Florida and one in Pinehurst NC.

Sarasota has been working hard trying to get its three grass squares back to the high standards of its past. Lakeland also has been working hard on its three squares and drew praise from visiting bowlers last season. Fort Lauderdale is unhappy with its grass green but hopes for better things when the city carries out a planned relocation of the club to another park.

Pinehurst has a fine single green and is looking forward to having a second square soon. A second green would qualify that club to host a future U.S. Championships, which it would like to do.

On another matter, I welcome two new club reporters in the SE—Merrill Beveridge at Delray Beach and Bill Cannon at Daytona Beach. Bill replaces one of American lawn bowling's best and most distinguished leaders, Jack Gilbert. But Jack has a good habit of returning to jobs from which he retires, so we may still see his by-line again.

PINEHURST

(North Carolina)

By Tom Kees

As this was written, Pinehurst was expecting 35,000 to 40,000 people to be here every day of the U.S. Open Golf Tournament. Why, that's almost as many spectators as we get for our bowls U.S. Championships!

All slots have been filled for the North Carolina Open Pinehurst LBC is set to host September 14-17, tournament manager Margo Pelliccio has announced. We have hope that the announced expansion and adding of ditches to the old upper croquet green will be done in time for the Open.

In club tournaments, newcomer George Tucker took Men's Singles, while Monica Dykeman won that event for the women. Runners-up were Jim McGill and Betty Pardee. In Pairs, the new champions are Jim and Ann McGill, who defeated Tom Cawley and Dick Ott in an exciting final.

Our "Brown Bag" event was one of Joe Coleman's crazy mixed-up bowling contests that defies description. In any event, Margo and Al Pelliccio, Don Weaver and Don Fifield took first place, earning guest certificates to the local Harris Teeter Supermarket.

Gerry Updyke, one of our members in his nineties, was made an Honorary Life Member by unanimous vote of the membership.

ST. PETERSBURG

By Harry Meltz

We recently rejoined ALBA and the Southeast Division.

With the gain of eight members, the Club also requested to re-join the West Florida League. For many years the League was composed of four hard surface clubs. The re-entry of our Club would bring the League back to four representative clubs, instead of the present three, dominated by one club. So far, rumors indicate our Club will be turned down.

St. Petersburg hosted two groups of Canadian bowlers, each for two weeks of daily bowling. A wild draw three-day tournament finished each tour.

A new friend of the Club fabricated twelved metal rakes! And, a new roof is being installed to stop those phantom leaks.

We also hosted the Venture Club—a group of non-bowlers who came in the evening. Not having heard of the game before, they enjoyed the rolling off-bias curves. The games finished under our night lights, and the guests donated \$80 to the Club.

The season closed with a picnic at Ft. DeSoto Park.

DAYTONA BEACH

By Bill Cannon



Sally Bonstelle was honored by the Daytona Beach LBC on her recent 88th birthday. She has played 199 games in the North Central Florida League and looks forward to earning her 200-game pin in the coming season.

DELAND

By Pat McCann

Nine DeLand bowlers finished first, second or third in the club's Friday League last season.:

Skips: Esther Sincerbox, Jim Buckland and Gene Alexander.

Vice Skips: Audrey Cole, Annamae Bosworth and Betty Esty.

Leads: Opal Nickell, Ted Houck and Alex Smythe.

The top DeLand team in the North Central Florida League last season was skipped by Duke Caukin, with Esther Sincerbox and Pat McCann as vice, and lead. They won eight games, tied one and lost three.

SARASOTA

By Paul Ward

The County and our club Greens Committee are spending the summer again working to improve our playing surfaces. They started with deep aeration, spreading of sand, fertilizing and spraying for weeds and insects. Our summer bowlers continue daily games amidst the turmoil.

SE U.S. PLAYDOWNS

By Gene Goodwin

Five of the six champions the Southeast Division is sending to the ALBA/AWLBA United States Championships this year are from clubs that bowl on artificial hard surfaces of Har-Tru or Rubico. As in the recent past, the Championships will be played on grass greens this year, October 16-20 at Long Beach CA.

The only winner of the SE Playdowns in April to come from a grass green club is Patti Grabowski, of the Suncoasters at Sun City Center. She skipped the winning Pairs team with Jo Gilbert, Daytona Beach, at lead. This is the third time Patti and Jo have been together in Pairs at the U.S. Championships.

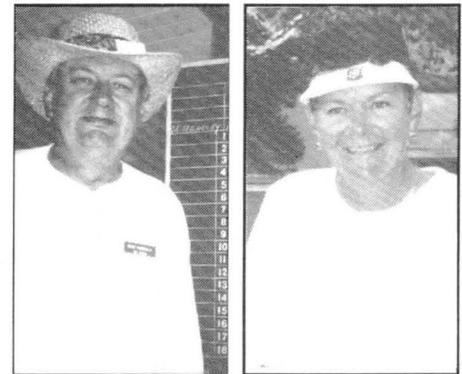
Barbara Roller, Mount Dora, is returning to the U.S. Championship Singles for the second straight year as a result of her five-out-of-five victories in SE-AWLBA

Playdowns, held on grass greens at Sarasota. She finished fourth in the U.S. Championships last year at Seattle.

At the SE-ALBA Playdowns on the Har-Tru rinks at Clearwater, Mike Maneilly, Mount Dora, captured the Singles championship, while the host club team of Bill Farrell and Russ Tees took the Pairs title. Mike and Russ have been to the big one once before. But this is the 14th trip to the Championships for Bill, who with Clearwater's Bert MacWilliams won the U.S. Championship Pairs in 1989 and 1991.

Runners-up in the Singles were Beth Forbes, Mount Dora, for the women and Walter Robertson, Clearwater, for the men. Walter was also runner-up in men's Pairs, bowling lead for Mount Dora's Burl Roller. Runners-up in women's Pairs were

Jeanne McLaughlin and Muriel Rackliff, both of the Suncoasters



Mike Maneilly is the SE ALBA's U.S. Men's Singles. Barbara Roller repeats as SE AWLBA's Women's Singles entry.

MOUNT DORA

By Gene Goodwin

Lela McHenry is leading the Mount Dora LBC this year as the club settles into an unofficial alternating of men and women presidents. Although Lela is only the third woman president in the 71-year history of the club, members sent a clear message when they elected her last Spring that from now on they want every other presidency to be filled by a woman.

Frank Anderson is serving as vice-president this year, with Janet Swartzlander the secretary and Doris Green treasurer. Directors are Betty Hamilton for House, Wayne Menne for Grounds, immediate past-president Mike Maneilly for Long-Range Planning, Dick Tucker for Games, and Lois Lindley for Socials.

The final club tournament of the 1998-99 season, the Fox Hill Triples, played under lights, was won by Mike Maneilly, Tracy McCracken and rookie Bob James. Runners-up were Kit Olmstead, Grace Tombleson and Al Lindblad.

Mount Dora is proud that for the third year in a row two of our bowlers have qualified to compete in the U.S. Championships: Barbara Roller and Mike Maneilly in Women's and Men's Singles this year; Barbara, in Women's Singles last year, and her husband, Burl, in Men's Pairs; and in 1997, Mike and Herb Wintsch in Men's Pairs. Two Mount Dora bowlers also were runners-up in the SE Playdowns this year—Burl Roller in Men's Pairs and Beth Forbes in Women's Singles. (See above article on SE Playdowns.)

Although we slow down in the summer and eschew intra or inter-club tournaments, the club continues informal games mornings and evenings, and celebrates Memorial, Independence and Labor Days with parties that include lawn bowling.

Vice-president Frank Anderson is managing our annual Holiday Bowl, to be held this year December 3-5, when the City of Mount Dora is ablaze with Christmas lights and spirits. Playdowns on November 18 will determine which six all-Mount Dora teams get to compete in the Bowl. The rest of the field has been filled for months.

BRADENTON

By Joyce Schindler

Velma Freeze is club president for the coming season. Other officers elected last Spring are: Marjorie Boaretti, vice president; William Phaler, secretary; and Ellen Hoffman, treasurer.

Nineteen Sun City Center bowlers have visited our club and added to our enjoyment of the sport this summer. We welcome all visiting bowlers.

DELRAY BEACH

By Merrill M. Beveridge

Delray Beach Club president Bill Taylor, left, presents the second-place Novice award to Merrill M. Beveridge, new club reporter for BOWLS. She says she learns from such veterans as centenarian Paul Lavitt. Despite the temporary loss of snowbird members, Delray Beach continues to enjoy the game, bowling under lights on Thursday evenings this summer.



'99-'00 SE TOURNAMENTS

Once again we are pleased to announce that dedicated SE-ALBA Board member Lynn Stokes has prepared a one-page list of open tournaments scheduled in Florida for the 1999-2000 winter season, complete with entry information.

You can get a copy by contacting Lynn at: 221 Amesbury Circle, Sun City Center FL 33573; or, via Email: <WIRE-STOKES-SUN-CITY@worldnet.ATT.net>

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

CLEARWATER

By May Blair

The concrete bases under fixed mats and groundsheets on 20 of our 22 Har-Tru surfaced rinks are scheduled to be removed this summer. This will allow us to play the game with movable foot mats, the way it is played almost everywhere else in the world.

The concrete bases were eliminated on two rinks as an experiment a few years back, and members voted at our most recent General Meeting to do the same with the rest of our rinks. The City of Clearwater has agreed to do the project and bear the cost, for which we are extremely grateful. The club Board believes that removing the concrete bases will simplify and reduce the costs of rink maintenance.

The City has also agreed to repair the roof over the walkway between our two rectangles of greens, and to install new lights on the smaller rectangle.

The Board has selected Fred Wilson to be

club president this year, along with Walter Robertson vice-president, Norma Nay secretary, Bill Gutshall treasurer and Joe Kostelnik director. The General Meeting elected Larry Morin, Jab Pierce and Carole Rawlings to serve as directors for the next three years.

To recognize our 75th Anniversary, the club has been presented with plaques by the City, ALBA and AWLBA. They are now displayed in the clubhouse.

The Bill Kaestle Tournament closed our 1998-99 tournament season. It was won by the local team of Mick McFadden, Diana McFadden and Bill Graham, the highest scoring team among four that won all three games.

We were reminded on March 31st that lawn bowling is not the only talent possessed by some of our good bowlers. When our games with visiting Canadians had to be suspended because high winds were blowing away our rink surfaces, Ron Jones saved

the day by pulling out his harmonica and leading us in song while we waited for lunch.



ALBA president Jack Phillips, left, presents a plaque to Ron Mulvaney to recognize Clearwater's 75th anniversary. Ron is a past club president and is current president of SE-ALBA.

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The Northwest Spring Open was held over Memorial Day weekend at King City this year, and was co-hosted by the Portland Club. The weather cooperated for most of the three-day weekend, just a slight mist arriving on Monday during the Mixed Pairs competition.

The Men's Pairs tournament was won by the "Bert and Ernie Show"—Bert Haws and Ernie Horman—who was also getting his initiation into being our division tournament director. Second place went to the team of Jim Tupper and Jimi Joe.

The Mixed Pairs tournament was played after a blind draw for partners. As a result, the team of Debbie Tupper and Larry Edgar took first place, while Ruth Eichelberger and

Jim Tupper came in second.

Division Playdowns are taking place the last weekend of June for the Pairs and the second weekend in July for Singles.

Our Division Summer Open will be held August 14-21, at Woodland Park in Seattle. Pairs will take place on the 14th-15th, Singles on the 16th-17th, Triples on the 18th-19th, Mixed Pairs on the 20th, and a Novice tournament on the 21st.

A word of thanks goes to John Marchi for his years serving as correspondent for the Spokane club. John has served their club in many ways and a word of appreciation for his efforts is certainly in order. Thanks, John.



Spring Open Men's Pairs champions featured the "Bert & Ernie Show" on the right: Ernie Horman and Bert Haws. Runners-up, left, Jimi Joe and Jim Tupper.



Debbie Tupper and Larry Edgar, right, captured the NWD Spring Open Mixed Pairs crown, with Jim Tupper and Ruth Eichelberger, left, runners-up.

SPOKANE*By Dave Robb*

Spokane Club members are looking forward to hosting area lawn bowlers in the Washington State Senior Games August 12-15.

July 23-30, the green will be open for beginners to learn the game. Newcomers may enter the State Games in a novice division. We welcome participation in the Games of all ALBA and AWLBA members from in or out of state. The Games events include Singles and Pairs. Call Dave Robb at 509-534-8292 for information and entry forms.

Charleen Beard and Jean Wren manned a booth at the Sports Fest at Spokane Convention Center to help promote the Games.

Four Spokane teams will cross the border into Canada August 4-5 for the Penticton B.C. Invitational Triples. Club officers are encouraging our members to enter more out-of-town tournaments so they can learn to master varying playing conditions.

For three days in April, Olivia Kissin, Bob Miller, Al Stuart and others volunteered to be part of the Cheney-Cowles Museum's annual spring fair. This year's theme was "Living History Days". They demonstrated the game in front of the Museum for about 450 people of all ages. Friendly crowds gained hands-on experience while testing their skills.

Two TV stations have aired tapings of Club activity at our green in the past month. Considerable interest has been generated.

Good weather plus good food—provided by Dorothy Nakielny, Mary Lou Johnson, Charleen Beard and Bob Miller—added to the enjoyment of our June 19th Yardstick Tournament June. Everyone received a yardstick. Dave Robb, Bob Williams, Lowell Brooks, Rich Gaffey and John Marchi made off with the money as they finished 1st through 5th in that order. There were consolation prizes for 6th through 10th. The rest will have to practice more.

Vice-President Al Stuart has been devoting time, talents and humor to provide informative and well-written newsletters. Lowell Brooks, Wally Eastwood and Bob Miller and man behind the mower, Rich Gaffey, are keeping the club facilities shipshape.

TACOMA*By Donna West*

The first major event each year at Tacoma LBC is the Daffodil Mixed Triples Tournament. This year's winner was a team from Jefferson Park LBC in Seattle: Harold Schwanke, Ed Pina and Marge Johnson. Second place went to Richard Broad, Richard Krueger and Susan Parker; and coming in third were Itsuo Nishikawa, Ron Adkins and Nancy Nishikawa.

Six teams turned out for the Tacoma Rinks, perhaps the only fours competition held in the Northwest. Itsuo Nishikawa, George New, Bill Craig and Nancy Nishikawa took first place; with George West, Don Wood, Myra Wood, and Donna West finishing a close second. Ernie Horman, Howard Syder, Rosetta Johnson and Jean Syder took third.

Mario Pereira and Grace Said won the Tacoma Mixed Pairs (draw) competition. Myra Wood and Jack Moore were second, and George West and Vi Anderson third.

The first Greater Tacoma Senior Games will be held August 26-29. Affiliated with the National Senior Games, some twelve different events are being featured in Tacoma. Myra Wood is acting as commissioner for the lawn bowling competition to be held on the Tacoma green. The club has already received prominent publicity in the Tacoma newspaper as a result of this upcoming event.

It continues to be unseasonably cold in the Northwest, but you will find someone on the green most every afternoon at one o'clock. Stop by if you are in the area.

PORTLAND*By Larry Edgar*

So far this year we've been fairly lucky, weatherwise, as our club tournaments have taken place on days when the rain been fairly light or missed us altogether. But it has hindered our ability to do some needed maintenance work. In spite of it all, we're getting our green's speed up and slowly reducing the unevenness we experienced after our very wet winter.

Our first tournament of the year was the Yardstick, with Jim Tupper taking first and Larry Edgar coming in second.

We've enjoyed swapping visitations with the King City Club. We went over there on May 22, and they joined us June 6 during Portland's annual Rose Festival.

On June 12, we held our club's Self-Select Pairs Tournament. The winning teams were (women) Debbie Tupper and Pam Edwards, and (men) Jimi Joe and Jim Tupper.

The following week, the Club Singles tournament resulted in wins for Debbie Tupper and Jimi Joe. Runners-up were Jessie Goett and Larry Edgar.

Our tournament schedule still has quite a few events coming up, and the Portland Club is once again planning to have a booth at the Portland Highland Games, July 17-18, to try and attract some new people to our game.



Portland's Self-Select Pairs ladies and gents champs: (l-r) Debbie Tupper & Pam Edwards, Jimi Joe & Jim Tupper. Jimi and Debbie are also Portland's Club Singles champions.

JEFFERSON PARK

(Seattle)

By Hugh Ramsay

The jet stream has finally turned in our favor and Jefferson Park is now able to keep to its tournament schedule.

So far, the annual Twilight League is running smoothly, with the sun just dipping behind the Olympics as the last end is played.

Men's Pairs was won by George New (our import from Australia) and Howard Syder, followed by Its Nishikawa and Ernie Horman. Doug Bradley and Bill Williams came in third.

The annual exchange with Burnaby, B.C. was enjoyed by all. Especially Jefferson Park, as the trophy remains here for another year.

Recruiting new members is going well under the supervision of Ruth Barrett, with the aid of Aidee Pokroy. Aidee has come to us from South Africa where she had the experience as instructor at her home club.

Recent Open Houses, held on Saturdays, prove that introducing newcomers to the sport is most effective when it is available at their convenience. Lighted greens for evening play are an added incentive to membership.

The greens committee now has a riding roller to improve the quality and speed of our greens—a wonderful way of using some of our "memorial money".

In Memoriam

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NORTHWEST DIVISION

Les Paul Tells All . . .

Yep. I useta bowl. It isn't likely the Queen City members know about the best shot I ever made, because it happened at Jefferson Park.

On this particular day, I had a skip who really wasn't paying much attention to the game. After each time I rolled my bowl he would shake his head and say something to the opposing skip. With my last bowl I took great aim and let'er fly. My bowl didn't wobble as much as the first three so I knew I had a dandy. When I got to the head and sized things up, it was my best shot by about three feet. I was so happy.

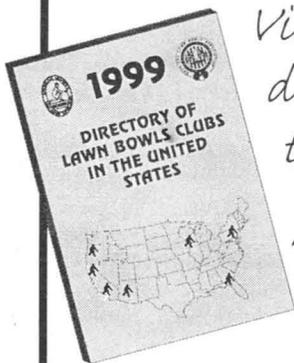
I stepped off about five-and-a-half steps (about 17"). Before raking, I stuck a match in the ground at the jack and another at the bowl so I could get an accurate measurement. The next day I took a tape measure from home.

It must have taken an hour or more to find those matches. Can you believe it? It was better than I thought—only 16' 1/4" from the jack. I still think of it as my best shot ever even if it was out of bounds.

I wouldn't play with that skip again. HE lost 31-0!

ED: Les Paul doesn't bowl anymore, but maintains his membership at the Woodland Park LBC. As a member of the Queen City LBC (now Woodland Park), Les reports he won 23 trophies, including the Northwest Pairs twice.

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KING CITY

(Oregon)

By Ed Otte

The King City and Portland Lawn Bowling Clubs co-hosted the Northwest Division's Spring Open on our green during the Memorial Day weekend. We were blessed with ideal weather and had a good turnout of bowlers. So it was a very competitive and enjoyable event.

Members of the Portland LBC visited and bowled with us on May 22; we made a return visit to bowl on Portland's green June 6.

Our annual Ice Cream Social will be held on July 16, and Fun and Games day, followed by a catered dinner in the evening, will be on August 20.

Our club will again have two large tables at the annual King City Lions' Flea Market on July 31 to raise funds for supplies and equipment.

Congratulations to Clif Baxter on his 91st birthday. He is still one of our best bowlers. Clif and his partner placed third in the Mixed Pairs competition during the Spring Open.

We are happy to have the following new members in our club: Beverly Clancy, David Carlson, Pamela Edwards, Evelyn Findl, Joan McMahon, Gary Morris, John Scally, and Jim and Debbie Tipper.

WOODLAND PARK

(Seattle)

By Roy Scully

When Rand Coburn was nine years old he noticed a group of people playing a game on the lawn at Woodland Park as he and his family drove by. He decided then that some day he would like to try his hand at the sport. Now in his twenties, he recently did just that and got "hooked".

Rand is a natural at the game and is showing promise of becoming an excellent tournament player. He says he would like to play seven or eight hours a day if he had the time. His enthusiasm extends to trying to recruit some of his friends to join him, a willingness to help on the greens, and to organizing an experimental college group to take a class in lawn bowling. We are fortunate to have him as a member, and hope that more young folks like him will discover the fun of our favorite sport.

Our greens are in excellent condition thanks to the efforts of our hard working Greens Chairman, Ian Fyfe, and a small group of willing helpers. Through his efforts the club is acquiring a power-roller to smooth the way for better controlled bowling for us all.

In an effort to maximize the use of the greens, a croquet club is using our facilities for their tournaments. This will be their second season and it is working out very well. There is no conflict with our regular scheduled events, and there is even room for a rink or two of lawn bowling during their games. One of the leaders of their group, Carl Uhlman, is an active member of our Executive Board. He has also become a lawn bowler and is promoting the sport among his croquet playing devotees.

Our own singing group, the "Humdingers", entertained us on the 4th of July following a fine pot luck. Yard Stick and Cutthroat games kept the active members busy on the greens.

In Memoriam

Phil Wahlstrom

Art Coggan

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The PIMD U.S. Pairs Playdowns was hosted at Rossmoor under perfect conditions: warm sun, cool breeze, outstanding bowling. Under the watchful eye of Tournament Director Bill McConachie, these three weekends have produced great entertainment for our residents as well as friends and families of the players.

Due to illness of two of our regular bowlers, some of our novices were called in to carry on in their place. They certainly rose to the occasion. It was hard to tell them from the varsity.

Playing two 21-end games in one day requires stamina, focus and total concentration. It was hard to recognize the "Old Coach", who was hobbling around nursing a sore hip and using a cane for support. Frank Ransome, being the tough old bird he is, managed to finish all 84 ends (two days) before he limped home for a hot bath and a cold drink.

People seem to laugh at the idea of golf being considered a competitive sport, with lawn bowling being another step down on the ladder of disrespect. I heard John Madden interviewed on the radio a few weeks back, expressing an interest in bocci. That was the game for him. When asked about lawn bowling and told that the players dressed in all white clothes, he referred to it as a fancy endeavor favored by an elite "cocktail set" of people. It just wasn't his type of thing. Hey, John, come on out and roll a few—like sixteen ends for starters. We'll pick you up and put you back on your bus for the start of the NFL Season!

I caught some flack from Oakland LBC when their news article didn't make the *BOWLS* Spring Edition. By the time I received it, the magazine had been sent to the composers six days earlier. I don't mind taking the blame when I goof-up, but not this time. Have a great summer!

SAN FRANCISCO

By Bob Howald

We have a new phone number: 415-487-8787. This is a voice mailbox, with outgoing and incoming message capabilities. The announcement will keep members current regarding green closures, especially during the rainy season. In addition, we will announce special events and invitations to new members.

Our first special announcement invited interested bowlers to leave a message if they needed additional information on the evening lessons being offered the last three Wednesday evenings in June. Bill Campbell and Bill Ryan conduct these lessons. Robb Pawlak's regular Wednesday lessons continue to be available at noon.

This summer SFLBC has been chosen by the San Francisco International Airport Museum to be part of a display located in the Delta Airlines ticketing area of the airport. Check it out.

To date, we have had three club tournaments. This season's first, *The Martin Wong Triples*, was won by Jack Broadfield, Bob Sequeira and Marie Guterres. *Men's Handicap Triples* winners were Oscar Collaco, Henry Leigh and Bob Remedios. Ed and Pat Guterres combined for the winning combination to capture the *Glen Taylor Mixed Pair's* title.

Please join us in congratulating Edie Denton, who was elected Honorary Member at our last quarterly meeting.

In Memoriam

Harriet Roman.

BERKELEY

By Clarence Erickson

President Keith Brooks has issued a call for more controlled use of our greens to conform more closely to our lease requirements.

A few—a LOT more new members would be most welcome.

In the P.I.M.D. Rinks Tournament at Leisure Town, our team of Tom Burnoski, Keith Brooks, John Spiers and Howard Mackey won second place. Our Woody Ogden, as skip for a Leisure Town team, finished in the championship circle.



Lou Arnold.

Lou Arnold, at age 94, with wife Clare, has moved to a retirement facility at Monterey to be near their son. A member since 1975, Lou was an active bowler until the last few years. He could always be counted on to know where "things" were at the clubhouse and what needed to be done. Much as we will miss them, it is a well-earned retirement and we wish them the best.

SANTA CLARA

By Ida Baker

Our Club games are in full swing now. Our women and men combined tournaments this year.

Women's Singles: 1. Phyllis Mills, 2. Cathy Rollison

Men's Singles: 1. Russ Biltoft, 2. Eldon Gresham

Women's Pairs: 1. Victoria Page & Phyllis Mills, 2. Cathy Rollison & Marguerite Miller

Men's Pairs: 1. Adam Altshuler & Harvey McFalls, 2. Lou Audino & Pat Bayless

Women's Pairs Draw: 1. Marge Bodah & Cathy Rollison, 2. Maritha Vakasilimi & Rebecca Vargas

We welcome new members: Adam Altshuler, who just moved to Santa Clara from the Los Angeles area, and Maritha

Vakasilimi, who is from Fiji Islands. She will be here for several years.

Our wonderful Friendship Games commenced May 5th at our green. These Games run for two months and the participating clubs are: Del Mesa Carmel, Santa Cruz, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. These Games bring out a lot of bowlers who have fun. All the clubs will gather at Del Mesa Club for the final game. Del Mesa will host lunch for all.

On May 22, the yearly division Women's Fives was played at San Francisco and our team of Cathy Rollison, Tecla Shepard, Marguerite Miller, Marge Bodah and Victoria Page came in second. Well done team.

In Memoriam

Bill Maron

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

OAKLAND

By Paul Schmidt

1999 PIMD Opening Day was celebrated at the Oakland Lawn bowling Club on April 10. 124 bowlers participated on 21 rinks. Morning and Afternoon random draws resulted in 40 triples and two doubles teams competing in the games on three greens. The six winning teams in the day's events were:

1. Regina Banares, Ted Crum, Bob Hansen
2. Joel Stearn, David Romasko, Adelle Patterson,
3. Ken Brady, Norm Lum
4. John Yen, Larry Keuter, Dee Norris,
5. Bernie Pomeroy, George Callan
6. Joel Stearn, Howard Mackey, Bernice York

The "Harry S. Moyers S.I.R.S. Interchange" Pairs Tournament, held on May 28, was won by none other than our own John Yen and Gilbert Pang. John, who is just starting his third year as a bowler, is a celebrity, of sorts. As a Novice, bowling as Skip, John earned nine Supershots in his first two years on the green. We understand that no Novice, bowling as Skip, has matched John's achievement.

The O.L.B.C is extending a challenge to the other Clubs in the P.I.M.D. and in ALBA. We have pledged one hundred dollars to the ALBA Memorial Foundation as a contribution to help support the Asia Pacific Games.



The best of Oakland's Opening Day event: (l-r) Ted Crum, Regina Banares and Bob Hansen.



S.I.R.S. Pairs champions John Yen, left, and Gilbert Pang.

PALO ALTO

By Ed Arnold

For the first time in memory, our hours of play for draw games have been changed. Now thru September 15, play will commence at 10 a.m. on all bowling days (Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat. and Sun), and at 5 p.m. on Tues., Wed. and Thurs. evenings. Now, we hope that the sun won't change its schedule!

Guess the word hasn't been getting out lately, so President Bill McConachie decided to appoint a Publicity Committee for that purpose. Bill Wolfenbarger is chairman and Betsy Young and Debbie Killeen will help.

We're going to have ladder competitions for the first time. Vice-president Peter Knopf is in charge. There will be one for men and one for women. These are under way now.

Some of our bowlers have been busy in various tourneys: Gordon Lockhart flew down to Clearwater, Florida in March to bowl in the Southeast Open. He and Bill Hiscock (San Diego) won 4th place in Pairs Championship Flight. Then, they added Doug Banford to their team and took first in the Triples "B" Flight.

Our Joel Stearn, with the SWD's Michael Siddall and Neil Furman, place 3rd in the Championship Flight of the Southwest Division Open Triples. In the Pairs event, Joel bowled with Dick Simon (SWD) and won the Fourth Flight. At home, Joel won our first club tournament in June, beating Andre Banares for the Men's Singles title.

Two PA's, Reggie and Andre Banares, along with Jerry Knott (Oak), did well in the 30th Annual Walter Disney Tournament at Beverly Hills, winning 4th place in the Mickey Mouse (championship) Flight.

We're planning two "Chicken Bowls" events on July 22 and August 12. There'll be "Fun and Games" on the 4th of July, and "Open Houses" the first Sunday of each month.

In Memoriam
Scotty Elson
Ruth Peterson

RICHMOND

By Bob Scott

The weather has finally become decent enough for bowling. Now we just need to find some bowlers! Does anyone out there have any ideas where to find any?

Our President, Charlie Black, and Jr. Past President Le Roy Riley have been searching all over. Even tried at the Martinez Bocci Pitch (I hope that is what they call it; or maybe a "court"). I understand they got two new members, Manual Ferrao, Jr. and his

HONOLULU

(Ala Moana Beach Park)

By Sharon Hunt

Aloha! While most of you on the Mainland are into the most active time of your season, we are having our slowest time of year as far as visitors are concerned. We will have some from Australia and New Zealand, and we are expecting a couple from South Africa in July. Also, one of Central Park's (New York) members has purchased a condo here. Nevertheless, it is still a slower time for us.

We have finished a couple of tournaments. The Men's Singles had a playoff for second place, with Don Hunt beating Bill Lee. In the Club Open Doubles, Marvin Moore and Bill Lee were the victors, with another playoff for second, won by Mike Minuto and Jim Diamond over Sharon and Don Hunt. Then the men played against the women and the men were triumphant 58-36. Next year!

We have been very fortunate in the last year to have recruited thirteen new members. All are still with us and seem to be not only enjoying lawn bowling but turning into good bowlers. We attribute this to a change in *attitude*—more relaxed and friendly. The atmosphere is much lighter and filled with ALOHA. We have also had several newspaper articles all across the state telling of the "renaissance of lawn bowling in Hawaii." This combination seems to have been the contributing factor in the increase in our membership.

In May, Frank and Lois Ransome made their first visit to our state and our bowling green. Don't worry, Frank. I won't tell anyone the score of our game!

I would like to reiterate the importance of belonging to ALBA/AWLBA. This has opened so many wonderful doors for our club. We have had many, many members visit us from all over the Mainland after seeing our articles in *BOWLS Magazine* and realizing we exist and our location here in Hawaii. To all—join us in a game of bowls in Paradise. Call Sharon and Don Hunt at (808) 941-2291. Aloha 'til then.

wife Tomie. We want to take this opportunity to welcome them, along with three other new members: Laura Riep-Murdock, and James and Mary Orrock.

The members decided at last meeting that we should really try to bowl on Thursdays. Sooooo, see you Thursday.

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SUNNYVALE

By Wes Ireland

Our grounds are in excellent condition, thanks to our dedicated volunteers and the City of Sunnyvale. Our people painted the benches around the green (that was a mammoth job!). The City has been putting extra effort into improving and maintaining the green.

We have made our contribution to the P.I.M.D. Membership Fund, posted volunteer assignments in the clubhouse to encourage more participation by more members, and have been striving to increase membership.

Our Membership Chairman, Bill Henderson, has really done a magnificent job. His "It Only Takes One" program, held June 4, was a success. Every member was requested to bring at least one person to the green that day. We had seventeen visitors, an equal number of members, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Nine of our guests are currently taking lessons from our coaching staff and should become a part of our group soon.

We welcome one new member from the S.W. Division, John Luster. He as jumped right into the activities.

Tournament News: *Ladies Club Singles* winner was Dorie Mendosa. *Club Mixed Pairs* winners were Al Rizzo & Bernice Yorke. *Memorial Day Pairs* in San Francisco: Joe Shepard & Al Rizzo—1st in the A Flight; John Luster & Al Mendosa—tied for 2nd in Flight B.

Our members enjoyed a steak dinner following the recent quar-

terly meeting. Thanks to our "purchasing agent", Al Cancilla, we have enough steak to repeat this event in September!

A special note of recognition is due for the aforementioned volunteers who make the S.V.L.B.C. hum: Al Rizzo, Joe Shepard, Bob Koeberle, Mary Balsama, Roger Beall, Al Camps, Al Mendosa, Frank Coelho, Dorie Mendosa, Bill Henderson, Gwen Houston, Norm & Irene Nakano, Mas & Betty Oka, Seb Sacco, Al Rosinna. Most of our members make contributions to the success of the club and their efforts are appreciated.

Come join us on the green. We welcome you!



Keeping Sunnyvale sunny: (l-r) Betty Oka, Joe Shepard, Nancy McDonough and Bob Koeberle.

SANTA CRUZ

By Stephen G. Cooper

Due to the ever increasing traffic looking for free parking, our host for some 30 years has found the need to fence-off their parking lot from public access. This has resulted in our members utilizing the City's parking meters during our Tuesday and Thursday bowling times. Our former host, the Holiday Inn, was gracious enough to give us some tokens to enable our guests from out of town free parking during our last Friendship Game, on June 19th.

Speaking of our Friendship Games, on May 19th we hosted Sunnyvale and Carmel. Emery Wanless, of Carmel, skipped with Dorie Mendoza (Sunnyvale) and Tristan Cooper of our club for first place in the morning. Coral Singer (Santa Cruz) won with George Daskaloff (Carmel) in the afternoon.

We hosted Santa Clara and Carmel on June 19. First prize in the morning went to Stephen Cooper, Erica Schilling and Renee Sayer,

all of Santa Cruz. Bud Truesdale (Santa Cruz), Marge Bodah (Santa Clara) and Doreen Evans (Santa Cruz) were second. In the afternoon, first place went to Stephen Cooper and Alden Schroeder (Santa Clara). Second were Mike McLaughlin (Carmel), Marge Bodah and Cathy Rollison (Santa Clara).

On the last day of the Friendship Games, hosted at Carmel, Doreen Evans and Bob Jackson tied for the top spot. Erica Schilling was the lead on a rinks team that won second place in the morning. Second in the afternoon was a triples team skipped by Ralph Brailsford, whose team scored a nine (9) on the first end! Stephen Cooper and Hugh Rideout were on the rinks team that came in third.

We would like to encourage more bowlers to participate in PIMD/ALBA-sponsored events and other club's invitationals throughout the year.

LEISURE TOWN

By Virginia East

The April 14 session for new bowlers added some members to our club. This event was set up for basic instruction and history of the game in the a.m., followed by a delicious hamburger luncheon with all the fixins', after which we adjourned to the rink to practice bowling.

April 1 was Opening Day, with sixteen members bowling that day. Men's and Women's Pairs in early May produced the following winners: 1. Weldon Stout and Mary Alice Braz; 2. John Hoekman and Sheila Stout.

Our quarterly meeting was held June 2, with 26 persons attending.

The Men's and Women's Singles Tournaments will be postponed until August or September. We sent six teams to Rossmoor on June 3. Rossmoor had signed 12 teams to bowl and they kept the trophy.

Tournaments held during May included the Home 'n Home with

Berkeley. They won the day—5-2 in the a.m. and again in the p.m. Oakmont sent two teams to buoy up our contingent.

Next tournament was the Men's Choice, won by Weldon and Sheila Stout, with John and Eva Hoekman second. The Doug Coyle Tournament, on May 22-23, saw Leisure Town's team of Paul Regoli, Gene Mackey, Tim Regoli and Woody Ogden in first place. Berkeley came in second. Once again, in the Ladies' Choice on May 27, Sheila and Weldon Stout came in first, Don and Peggy Johnston runners-up.

Peggy Johnston reported Gilda Block, Bill Webb, Gloria and Larry Frazier, and Jack and Virginia Jenkins have added their names to our roster. We have excellent instructors to work with the novices, and they will be glad to talk to anyone who has not come out and tried bowling.

Once the greens are sanded and plugged, Don Johnston is planning on evening play on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30. Both the sun and wind should be less of a deterrent at that time.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

OAKMONT

By Ray Watts

Like most clubs in the area, the weather has made it difficult for Tournament Chairman Bjorn Karlsen to get all of our tournaments scheduled for completion for the year.

In keeping with the PIMD emphasis on attracting new members, President Alice Njus has developed an agenda to meet the challenge. Dick Love, Chairman of Training and Instruction, has set up a training schedule with the help of a video to make it more interesting for new bowlers. Also, in future plans is a day of exhibition bowling for the community to create more interest.

Our inventive Holiday Tournament Chairman, Dave Cobble,

some time ago set up a "Skills Day" activity. A different task is set up on each of eight rinks. Participants earn points for each task completed. A fun way to hone bowling skills.

The club is also continuing to give support and aid to the people in the City of Petaluma, a fast growing and progressive community some ten miles away, who are actively trying to establish a green in the city. The club is considering contacting the City of Santa Rosa to interest them in establishing a bowling green.

"Emphasis," she states, "should be placed on dispelling the idea that Lawn Bowling is only for older or retired people. It is a game for all ages."

ROSSMOOR

By Frank Ransome

The greens are running beautifully and the cool weather is perfect for lawn bowling. Rossmoor is hosting the U.S. Pairs Playdowns for both the men and women, and it's great to see so many of our new bowlers out there. Felice Santos and Marriette Rozario may not win the right to compete at Long Beach this October, but they'll know what it's all about next year. Frank Rozario, Rennie Barreto and Ed DaSilva are also bowling as leads for more experienced bowlers.

Five lady bowlers placed very well in the PIMD Pairs this year. Silvi MacDonald and Virginia Farr took first, Roe Hazelwood and Jeanne Lauritzen second, and Mary Frederico bowled on the third place team. Bob Harbeson and Charlie Black, from Richmond, finished first in the second division among the men.

Dan Belton, bowling with Virginia Farr and Sylvi MacDonald, won the annual Heart Association Tournament at Berkeley this year. And Rossmoor defeated Leisure Town at Leisure Town.

Herb Lee and Felice Santos are the 1999 Novice Champions. Both won after being tied during regular play. George Matulich was responsible for the wonderful article about lawn bowling that was published by Kaiser Permanente.

Marion Klos and Margo Potter are the Mixed Pair's champs. Dan Belton and Jayne Duffy came in second. Dan Belton and Jim Kilgour won the Pairs By Draw contest, as did Virginia Farr and Mary Frederico.

This year, Securities America as well as Parker Robb Chevrolet will sponsor the club tournaments.

Orville and Erma Artist are both under the weather and we wish them a speedy recovery.

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For what it's worth, I'm all in favor of the merging of the ALBA and the AWLBA. After all, the rest of the world, or most of it anyway, has become "co-ed" for a long time now. The military academies and services, colleges, service clubs such as Rotary, Kiwanis, etc. and many other one time men-only entities. Correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't the dark ages end a few hundred years ago? And the way I see it, we'll be a stronger organization as a result.

Thank you to all of the Southwest club correspondents for getting your news to me in a timely fashion for each issue of the magazine. It's much appreciated by both Joe and me. The next deadline to me will be **September 25** and the usual reminders: be sure all of your copy is either typewritten or computer printout, and any photos should have good contrast and the people in them identified. I received some copy for this issue that was printed-matter cut-out of a club newsletter, and that won't work.

Happy bowling everyone and may all of your touchers stay somewhere in the vicinity of the jack.

REDLANDS

By Peg Bennett

We are awaiting the "whim" of Old Man Winter to decide if and when we will switch to morning bowling. At present, it is still cold and not many sunny days. The forecaster has predicted a cool summer, so we shall have to wait and see.

In the Citrus League, our team had its best season and finished in third place, losing out on a higher finish by a whisker. The

members of the team were: Joe and Naomi Ruderman, Don Poe, Pat Oesterlein, Bill Whitmer and Angie Sisti. Also, Lee Bain, Zelda Bain and Erwin Margolis played in some of the games. Our heartiest congratulations to all of the players. We are proud of you!

The Redlands men hosted the "Men's Rally" on May 19th, and Joe Ruderman and Don Poe finished in the money.

In the Southwest AWLBA, the team of Pat Oesterlein, Evelyn Robbie and Denny Dennerlein won third place in the Championship Flight. In the Men's Singles Open, Lee Bain reached the finals and was runner-up in his flight.

In the Women's 4's, Zelda Bain, Pat Oesterlein, Eloisa Zermeno and Betty Santini placed third.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, Joan Worden, has been on the absent list due to dental problems relating to a fall she took last November. She has also been suffering considerable pain in both legs and has missed her weekly bowling. Hopefully, she will be back soon.

*Always send in results using
CAPS and lower case.*



MARTINEZ TRIO CAPTURES RICH DISNEY

The 30th Annual Walt Disney Tournament crown was won by Oxnard's Amador Martinez, Raul Perez and Armand Escalante. Triples was the format of the Memorial Day Weekend event (May 30-31) for the first time in the Beverly Hills LBC tourney's colorful history, and the victors took home \$1,500 in cash prizes, along with traditional Disney crystal mug awards.

The top four teams in the Championship (Mickey Mouse) Flight, and best three in the Donald Duck (second) Flight finished in the money. Two teams from Arizona and one from Oakland were among the 15 entries. Results:

Mickey Mouse Flight

1. A. Martinez, R. Perez, A. Escalante
2. I. Hyland, M. Siddall, M. Hyland
3. D. Grimmett, J. Hempe, B. Viard
4. R. Banares, A. Banares, J. Knott

Donald Duck Flight

1. B. Pickup, T. Dion, H. Findlay
2. M. Isaacman, A. Barber, J. Siegman
3. K. Bolton, S. DeLisle, P. Fagan



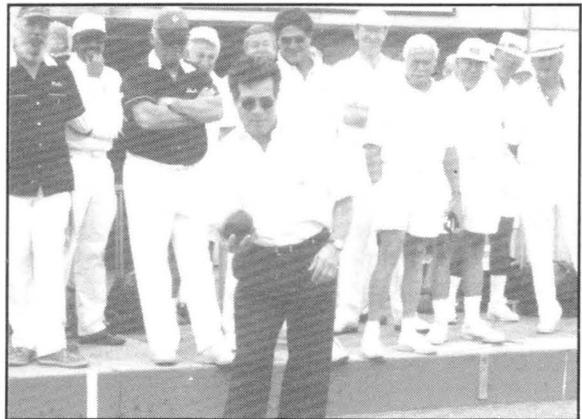
Disney Triples champs: Armand Escalante, Amador Martinez and Raul Perez.

This year's Disney was originally billed featuring a \$10,000 prize pool, but with only half the potential field entered, all teams agreed to reducing the cash cache to \$5,000. Merton Isaacman's Southern Sun Construction and Michael Ashton-Phillips' A-P Financial Services, Inc. underwrote the tournament. (Isaacman and Ashton-Phillips are members of the Beverly Hills LBC.) The Los Angeles Dodgers provided promotional support.

Don Grady, selected by Walt Disney in the early 1950s to be an original "Mouseketeer" on his "Mickey Mouse Club" TV series (and a star of CBS-TV's long-running "My Three Sons"), rolled out the ceremonial first bowl.

The event featured hosted daily lunches and a lively cocktail reception following the opening day of play. Organizing, preparing and serving the over-the-top hospitality—early and/or late assignments—included: Allan Grossman (maitre'd), Howard Sanders, June and Len Zvonkin, Meredith Goodwin and Mistress d'Hors d'oeuvres, Bobbie Siegman.

Richard Simon was Disney drawmaster, and Joe Siegman chaired the event.



Original Walt Disney "Mouseketeer" Don Grady rolls out traditional "First bowl".

SANTA BARBARA

By Dudley Miller

One of the most pleasing events on this quarter's activities calendar was a 90th birthday party for Lynn Abbott. Lynn is a past-president of the club and has been a member for 17 years.

With much festivity—and a congratulatory card from Bill and Hillary—the barbecue bash on June 5 was a huge success. Lynn not only hosted the entire affair, but also provided nice cash prizes for the day's bowling events. Victors of the triples game that preceded the barbecue was the team of Marj Sherrer, Vivian Togni and Ed Podzimek. Helen Layland, Dom Ballistreri, and Chuck Baker were winners of the traditional "spiders".

President Eleanor Simmons led a champagne toast to honor Lynn. Although the barbecue was catered, President Simmons performed her usual miracles to ensure that the party was properly organized—with the skillful and stylish help of Dorothy Thielges and Jo Millett.

Lynn surprised us by announcing that he was canceling a codicil he had placed in his will, replacing it with a check for \$10,000—"to be used in any way that the club desires". A grateful club thankfully received the donation, and the entire Club membership wishes

Lynn much happiness and continued good health.

Our Club Singles, Doubles and Triples Champions for 1999 were crowned. The Singles championship went, once again, to Kathy Vea. James and Pat Cronshaw won the Doubles title. And the team of Stan Bloom, Larry MacDonald and Russ Morgan captured the Triples crown.

Top honors in this year's Spencer Adams Blind Draw Triples went to the team of Connie Van Wingerden, Russ Morgan, and novice-bowler Roch Monchamp. Pearl and Leo Howe won the annual Jack Furman Mixed Pairs. Veteran bowler Irene Furman sponsors the later tournament to honor the memory of her late husband.

Gib Gibbs and Rosemary James won the third annual "British Cup", bowled on Memorial Day each year. This tourney is bowled using the Australian Pairs 2-4-2 format, and it is sponsored by a group of our members with roots in the UK.

An April Fools' Day veteran/novice pairs tournament was introduced this year by Pearl and Leo Howe. Prizes of "fools' gold" (that by some miracle of alchemy were turned into U.S. silver coins) were won by Jim Stahl and Abby Rogers. Stan Bloom and Bill Schultz came in second, Larry MacDonald and Pat McClure third.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

HOLMBY PARK

(West Los Angeles)

By Marcella Krisel

For the second year in a row, Steve Siracusa has won 1st Place in the Annual Glendale Senior Sports Festival.

Helman Todes defeated Jim Hasty in the finals of the Allison Singles. Brian Studwell, Edna Stone and Mike Redjaian defeated John McManus, Bud Wakeling and Dan Cirlin in the Taylor Triples.

Approximately forty guests attended our open house on June 19th. They were sent special invitations to come to hear about the game of bowls and to have the opportunity to play several ends. Every rink had an instructor for the six-to-eight newcomers. Our guests were extremely enthusiastic and many have already returned for regular lessons from Bea Simon. A delicious lunch was served by Virginia Little and a whole bevy of helpers.

Thirteen years ago, a young boy and a couple of friends did considerable damage to our greens and broke into our kitchen, leaving it in a shambles. Mirable Dictu, a young man, recently approached President Lionel Krisel and told him that he had been one of those responsible for this long ago incident and was anxious to

make amends. Holmby Park LBC was stunned to receive a very substantial check in the mail the following day. You may not be familiar with his name, but your grandchildren will—Dave Navarro, rock guitarist.

Sad to report the loss of Buck Houghton, long-time film producer who was best known as the original producer of the TV series, "The Twilight Zone".

In Memoriam

Buck Houghton



Winners of the Taylor Triples: (l-r) Brian Studwell, Edna Stone and Mike Redjaian.

LEISURE WORLD

(Laguna Woods)

By Wallace Knutsen

As one of the largest ALBA/AWLBA clubs in U.S., we must work to maintain our position. Three-million new golfers this year provides just some of the competition for players. Recruiting, instruction and retention are just some of our goals for the year.

We started with a very successful open house that attracted fifty people. We played a demonstration game of two ends. John Habenicht was at the "mike" to explain what was going on in the game. We then invited all present to come to the green and roll a few bowls. This was done by most with enthusiasm. We then followed-up and enrolled nearly 40 of the prospects in classes.

This year we featured eight instructors who were available three mornings a week for the convenience of the students. Instructors were asked to bond with one or more students and try to be with them on their first daily game. This has always been a critical time for many new players. As a result, we currently have over 25 new players in our daily game!

In the future we intend to pay more attention to retention as a part of our overall training program. Later this year, we will probably have another open house and repeat the program. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our competent instructors who have done an outstanding job!

A handicap system was devised by our Bud Hurwitz last year. It has been refined by Archie Fletcher and others and used by our club in tournaments. A recent survey of all tournament players revealed that a narrow majority endorse the handicap system. Decision was then made to use the handicap system in some of the tournaments.

Joe Siegman, in his last "Last Shot" column mentioned the sport of curling. As a long time curler from Boston it brought back many pleasant memories. Curlers are very sociable people! With our newly refurbished club rooms perhaps we can bring more of this sociability before and after our games. Twilight bowling is a fine place to build companionship.

In Memoriam

Larry Blom

SANTA ANITA*By Winnie Eberle*

We thought it was an impossible dream. But, believe it or not, it has become a reality. Work began in June and the greens are being renovated *properly this time*, and we hope to have some bowlable days by the late Fall.

This spring, we held our regular ladies luncheon meetings, with a game of bowls before. We also had our monthly Birthday Parties, preceded by our popular circle bowling.

Mildred Shaw has provided the entertainment which we all enjoy. But she has become handicapped and Warren has been introducing the entertainers. Don't know what we will do without Mildred. She has done such an outstanding job with varied and interesting programs.

Our first SWD Ladies Day took place in May and we enjoyed having the ladies. We visited Pomona, Pasadena and Friendly Valley.

We note that a few of our members are participating and emerging as tournament players in the Saturday SWD tournaments: the Comptons, the Donohues, Floy Torvid, Joan Wignall, Gene Plunkett, Bob Padget and Bob Hill, to name a few. Some of these also play in the Valley League. We also made a visit to Laughlin, with more or less success.

We celebrated Memorial Day with our annual Mulligan, where prizes went to the various positions with the most and least plus points. Cracker Jacks went to the winners, Bob Padget, Don King and Elsie Cone. A box of Kleenex went to Bob and Doralyn Clauson and Ruth Cornell.

In April, we held our Australian Pairs, with Marion Compton and Bob Clauson the winners. Floy Torvid and Jim Donohue placed second, with Bob Hill and Marinko Tudor, third. Chuck Browning and Terry Higgins were fourth.

May brought our Guys and Dolls. Joan Wignall and Gene Plunkett were the winners, with Russ and Marion Compton second, Chuck Browning and Terry Higgins third, and Bob Hill and Hazel Stevens fourth.

Men's Singles were won by Jim Donohue, with Ray Obazawa second and Bob Padget third.

In Memoriam

Lou Jochems

Bob Lietz

Wilma Bracewell

LAGUNA BEACH

By Ed Perry

The Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club is looking forward to another great summer in this our seventy-seventh year (since 1922).

We have added some storage sheds on the seaside of the greens. The greens are in great shape.

We are the current leaders in Coast League competition. In our annual Club Pairs competition, the winners are Lorelie Attridge and Fred Baker.

Ivan Hyland took second place in SW Open Singles, and Carrie Fossati was second in SW Women's Singles. In SW Triples, our Heather Stewart and Maryna Hyland were on the second place team; and our Jean Kaye was on the winning team for SW AWLBA Rinks.

We continue to enjoy our monthly Birthday Bowl run by Bulletin Editor Patty Cutkomp, with the help of Murray Brown. We will have our summer Twilight Bowling on June 30th.

No bowler has been on our roster for a longer time than our old friend Baird Coffin. We hear he is moving down Hemet way. Our best to Baird!

We invite all bowlers to come and join us as we bowl daily...down by the sea!

LONG BEACH

By Ann Kirchberg

Our clubhouse has been painted inside and out and new plinths have been put in on the south and north greens. Top dressing is being done on all three greens. Don McLaughlin made a beautiful sailboat weather vane and he and Harry Pawling installed it between the center and north greens.

Finishing second in our club's Kay Harland Triples (in February) was the team of Izzy Forbes, Pat Gonzales and Dottie Panacek. Patsy Morgan, Liz Fowler and Margaret Rodman were third.

The Novice Singles Tournament, played at Long Beach in March, saw Long Beach member Richard Blatter coming in second, with our own Jerry Della Valle taking in third. Our bowlers also did well in the Southwest Division Rinks played in May at Laguna Beach. Second Place honors went to the foursome of Betty Loesch, Edna Schmidt, Ann Kirchberg and Liz Fowler.

Sure and beggorra, our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration in March featured wearin-o-the-green, as bowlers came dressed in their favorite greenery. Once again, shenanigans began as we played our crazy, mixed-up tournament, bowling only short bowls or only long bowls on designated ends, and bowling left (opposite) handed. On be last two ends, after all the bowls were delivered, the jack was rolled.

After all the tomfoolery, winners Jim Coates, Liz Fowler and Bob Hendricks collected first prize from the "Pot of Gold" at the end of the leprechaun's rainbow. In the pot were three bottles of Irish-green ale.

Our thanks go to Helen Pauling and Pat Brezna who did a wonderful job in the kitchen, and to Gayle Kahn who cooked the corned beef that was devoured by all the happy bowlers. And thanks to Pat Gonzales for getting us to do something different. The afternoon game money went to Mario Galletta and June Harriman.

In Memoriam

Edythe Van Ausdeln

Bruna Baisz

Don Jones

LAGUNA BEACH MEMORIAL TRIPLES

By Virginia Marlar

What a beautiful day at the Laguna Beach Lawn Bowls Club for the annual Memorial Mixed Triples. We had 32 teams on hand to bowl three fourteen end games on the two greens overlooking the Pacific Ocean. And what a sight it was to see all ninety-six bowlers enjoying the day. And the winners were:

1. (tie) I. Hyland, M. Siddall, M. Hyland and N. Hill, S. Meyerowitz, A. Hill
3. B. Forget, J. Wessel, M. McIlveen
4. P. Rotter, P. Bellone, B. Goring
5. I. Ho, M. Ashton-Phillips, E. Ho
6. A. Martinez, K. Perez, D. Sneldon

Seventh thru ninth places also won cash prizes.

Thanks to Bill Brown for coming down early to set-up the equipment on the greens, and to those who helped put the equipment up after the games. It makes it much easier when all are willing to do a little to help out when needed. And the one who supplied the bowlers with lots of goodies in the hospitality department was Cossie Mechling, with Elizabeth Stock helping with clean-up.

My appreciation to all that help make the tournament such a huge success. And, as always, it is a pleasure and a privilege to run these tournaments for Laguna Beach LBC.

Looking forward to the Laguna Beach Pairs August 14-15. Do plan to be there!



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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

ALHAMBRA

By Alice Lawrence

Can't promise that your picture will be on the *BOWLS Magazine* cover again this year—but our own Bill Reidy has his charts

and winning numbers all ready for our Annual Fun Day at the Races. Hope you are among the lucky 32!!!



Alhambra's handicapping bowlers at Santa Anita.

CAMBRIA-JOSLYN

By Ed Pierce

Twilight bowling is now "in" in Cambria. Each Tuesday and Thursday evening until after Labor Day, lawn bowlers may enjoy the fun of lawn bowling at the end of the day from 6:30 until 8 p.m. We're hopeful this will stimulate interest among our citizens who have expressed an interest in lawn bowling but who are not available on Monday/Wednesday/Saturday mornings—as well as provide us additional times to bowl.

As this is written, the Women's 1999 Singles Championships are underway. Colleen Lowenstein was the winner of the recently completed Mixed Cutthroat Tournament. No sooner had she won the trophy than she announced she was soon moving to Avila Beach. It is our loss and we're sorry to see her go.

Between 30 and 40 persons tried to hit the jack on the bowling green during the June 12th Joslyn Center Open House. One visitor succeeded and won a \$5 prize for his or her efforts. It was good visibility for the Cambria Lawn Bowls Club.

Sixteen CLBC members enjoyed the April interclub weekend against Fresno LBC in the Raisin City. Form prevailed—Fresno beat Cambria gracefully, fed us bountifully and treated us with great hospitality. So they get to keep the large trophy for another four months, until CLBC serves as hosts August 14-15. Only twice in the 25 years of friendly competition—1987 and 1993—has Cambria won in Fresno. But, also only once in that long period—1992—has Fresno won in Cambria. We'll do our best to see that this pattern continues when they visit the Coast.

Second of the year's interclub home and home tournaments was held with Santa Maria at Cambria in May. Whether you count the official (a.m.) or unofficial (p.m.) matches, Cambria was the winner. They get a chance to get back at us when CLBC visits Santa Maria on July 7.

LAKE HODGES

By Don Docker

We were very happy to once again welcome the Southwest Division in May for their Ladies Australian Pairs Tournament. There were eighteen teams taking part. It was unfortunate that the weather was so cold. However, in spite of that everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. First Place was taken by Kottia Spangler and Eva Ho. Second was Jan Wessel, partnered by Jo Mumma.

We also look forward to the Marcellus Joslyn Mixed Triples,

OXNARD-JOSLYN

By Ed. Otoupalik

A big welcome to our newest bowlers, Jackie Ross and Gloria Berger. Our instructors tell me they will be challenging some of our veteran bowlers for spots on our established teams. We also welcome back, after a short leave of absence, Jean Saxton and Rita Harrison, after recovering from an automobile accident.

A team from Oxnard-Joslyn won first place at the Walt Disney premiere triples tournament, played at the Beverly Hills LBC. It was a tough job, but somebody had to do it! Congratulations Amador Martinez, Raul Perez and Armand Escalante.

Lyall Adams' team from Edmonton, Canada won our Oxnard Open Triples Tournament in May. Second and third places went to teams from MacKenzie Park, and fourth place to an Oxnard team.

On the first Friday of each month of March, April, May and June a fun tournament was held, hosted by Marilyn and Bill Taschek. These tournaments are being held to encourage more novices to participate and also as a learning tool for new bowlers. A variety of formats were used, with a good lunch furnished between the second and third games, and a stipend being paid to the high scorers.

Oxnard LBC will be hosting the 1999 Senior Lawn Bowls Games on October 7th. We are expecting a full house (maximum 16 teams) for this event. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded, along with T-shirts and a scrumptious BBQ.

Dave Jones, our head recruiter, is hard at work again planning a big open house for July, in which the club will provide instructions, refreshments, prizes and camaraderie to new recruits. Good luck Dave, you have the backing of all the club members.

A fund raising "garage" sale was held in mid-June with great success thanks to Bob Bond, our vice-president, with lots of donated goods by the members.

which it has been our privilege to host for the past several years.

We regret to announce the passing of Don Phillips in May after a long illness. During his long career as a lawn bowler he was well known for his successes in competition. He was also, at times, President of the San Diego, Rancho Bernardo and Joslyn-Lake Hodges LBCs. We will miss his Advanced Training classes on tactics and rules.

In Memoriam
Don Phillips

SUN CITY

(California)

By Betty Munden

April was a busy month for our Grounds Director Ray Finch, working with volunteers sewing, cutting and installing sun shades on our lower green. His helpers were Joe & Doris Rahm, Gene & Jean Hendershott, Lynn Viseur, Dick Gray and Roy Smith. A month later, Ray devised a way to raise the height of the shades on the upper green to prevent any more bumped heads on our tall guys.

We were well represented in the S.W. Division Open this year. Conrad Melton was on the First place Championship Flight team! Meanwhile, Evelyn Tiel, Betty Munden and Pam Munson traveled to Long Beach and came in first in the Second Flight.

Our Club hosted the April Ladies Day, with 69 women from ten clubs around Southern California attending. We had a great day, and our wonderful hospitality committee, chaired by Mary Ann Visure. They did an outstanding job, with home made breads in the morning and lots of good stuff to compliment our brown bag lunches.

What a thrill I had in May, winning our annual Women's Singles Tournament, with Evelyn Tiel a close second!

A Parking Lot Sale was held on May 8, with many clubs in Sun City participating and members donating articles. Our club made \$217.60.

On May 12 we traveled to Hemet for a visitation, where they treated us like visiting royalty (as always)! May 23 was our Singles Bowler of the Year match (Men's champ vs Women's champ). It was won by Tom Mitchell.

In June, we had a wonderful visitation here with Riverside; then went to San Diego for another great day. The Hemet club will be visiting us here June 29th. As you can see, we stay active!

Our Married Couples Doubles was just completed with the winning couple is Tom & Betty Mitchell. Runners-up are Evelyn & Harold Tiel! Notice how those same names keep popping up? We have eight brand new members to add to our roster and welcome them to our Club.

Our Summer schedule of evening bowling at 6:45 p.m. every day, but Monday, has begun. Since I'm from Oklahoma, I'll say "y'all come see us, y'hear!"

In Memoriam
Ed MacArthur

**1999 S.W. Division Club Competition**

By Dick Cole

In culmination of several months of intra and interclub qualifiers and playdowns, it was Laguna Beach who won 3 games to 2 over Santa Monica/Beverly Hills in the finals of the Southwest Division Club Competition, played June 11th at the Long Beach LBC greens.

In the final series of matches, the pairs events were split and Laguna Beach won both the Singles and Triples to clinch the winning spot. Good thing, too, because Santa Monica won handily in the Rinks. Following play, SW Division President Hugo Sahlein presented the winners and runners-up honors.

There was some controversy over the date of the finals. Although the June 11th playdate was set as far back as April, the Santa Monica/Beverly Hills team was unable to clear a full compliment of (5) players when it became apparent the playdate could not be changed. Upon request of the SM/BH team captain, and concurrence of the

opposing Laguna Beach captain, Long Beach bowler Ann Kirchberg filled in for the player-short SM/BH team.

ED: The June 11 date was selected so that out-of-town players from a distance could bowl in the next day's Long Beach Carnival without making an extra trip.

The concept of the Club Competition event is to encourage any bowler of any club to compete—"to get their feet wet in competitive bowling." The C.C.'s major disappointment this year was that only a very few of the top division bowlers saw fit to lend their support to this competition.

Twenty-three clubs, representing over 400 bowlers, participated in the 1999 SWD Club Competition. It is hoped that an even greater number of clubs and bowlers will participate in 2000.

I would like to thank those of you who have expressed your appreciation for this club-oriented competition and wish you well in 2000.

**SANTA ANA**

By Elaine Hughes

On February 27, 72 bowlers from 15 Southern California clubs participated in the Tommy Stirrat Triples Tournament on our greens. The order of finish was in doubt until the end of the third game. Prize winners were:

1. Ivan Hyland, Michael Siddall, Maryna Hyland
2. John Ingram, Ruby Ingram, Carrie Fossati
3. Ken Bolton, Art Mastro, Dottie Panacek
4. Wayne Bowbeer, Dudley Van Reusberg, Lillian Hardgrove
5. David Hallman, Vlatko Petrovac, Jo Devine
6. Russ Compton, Marion Compton, Bob Radget

Happily, Santa Ana is again participating in the 1999 Coast League. Last year we had to cancel out due to lack of interest. Most of our members agree that we should try to be a part of the Southern California bowling community to expand our enjoyment of the game.

Kudos to Doug Horwood, who designed and maintains the benches at the club. He

enlists the help from other members for painting of same.

Summer bowling schedule is being observed. Bowling starts at 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday and Sunday. Come join us. Just show up 30 minutes ahead of time. The more the merrier.

In Memoriam
Dori Brady

COVE COMMUNITIES

(Palm Desert)

By Tom Hodgins

We are still bowling although we are down to just eight of the full-timers.

It looks like we will continue to enjoy our green as the Parks and Rec Dept. will be maintaining the green. For those of you coming to the desert this winter, we have asked that the overseeding be done in October so we can be bowling by November 1.

We lost one of our strongest supports earlier this month. Frank Dunbar passed away at age 85. Frank had only been bowling for four years but really took to the game. He was always on hand and ready to lend a hand.

In Memoriam
Frank Dunbar

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SOUTHWEST STATE RINKS

The Southwest Division State Rinks Tournament was held April 17-18, at Santa Barbara's MacKenzie Park greens. Three members of this year's winning foursome—Neil Furman, Michael Ashton-Phillips and Michael Siddall—are repeaters from 1998, when they went on to win the California State title.

The SWD winners will meet winners of a similar Northern California rinks event, held in the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division, later this year for the

State championship.

SW Rinks

1. Furman, Ashton-Phillips, Michael Siddall, Hugh Findlay
2. Wayne Bowbeer, James Cronshaw, Duane Aasted, Larry MacDonald
3. Jim Graham, Dick Cole, Arnie Mortensen, Gar Farnsworth
4. Pat Fagan, Stu Sistad, Mert Hill, Dick Rivera



OAKS NORTH

(San Diego)

By Betty Balderson

The second quarter of 1999 included several weeks of suspended bowling while work was done on the green. It was all worth while. The green is beautiful now. After the green was back in use the mixed doubles were held.

The winners were:

1. Ro Dombrow and Wilma George
2. Clarence Wilkinson and Annamarie Roost
3. Marge and Paul Harford

In an effort to get as much participation in special events and club competitions as possible, the Memorial Day special event was held in the afternoon. This proved to be quite a popular decision since a number of members find it too strenuous to play two twelve-end games.

Some of our members visited the Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club and enjoyed the outing very much. The Newport Club provided wonderful refreshments, and since teams were drawn from both clubs, it provided a delightful opportunity to get acquainted with their members.

The Club's concentration on attracting new members is showing results. Several candidates are enrolled for lessons and a number of members are engaged in teaching.

Thanks to Charlie Fullerton, our club now has its own web page on the Internet. Check out all our latest news and find additional interesting information at: <http://www.geocities.com/~ccfullerton/onlbc>

RIVERSIDE

By Barney Chapman

This past season, the Citrus League began in February and continued into late April. Riverside's "Teddy Bears" won the six-week long tourney by a grand total of—one point! Following the final game a picnic was held on the LBC grounds.

The Southwest Division ALBA Open was held here for six days, beginning April 24th. The Southwest AWLBA U.S. Pairs Playdown was played here May 22-23, with #1 going to Riverside's Kottia Spangler and Santa Barbara's Kathy Vea.

The Cary MacDonald Pairs, held in Long Beach in June, was won by our own highly-skilled president, Ken Bolton, and partner Simon Meyerowitz, of Laguna Beach.

The Riverside Mixed Pairs in May was won by the team of Joe Ruderman and Dorothy Nelson. Jo Mumma and Jim Knight finished second.

RLBC sponsored Memorial Day bowling on May 31st, followed by a potluck feast. On June 17th, all the local clubs were invited to Riverside for a Hawaiian-style potluck dinner, with bowling wearing an appropriate Hawaiian outfit. The bowling was somewhat less than brilliant, but the food and costumes were outstanding. Perhaps we'll make this function permanent.

Our Independence Day bowling cook-out was celebrated on July 3rd. At the grill was our master chef Ray Santini preparing hot dogs and hamburgers. The bowling and feast was enjoyed by all.

In Memoriam
Max Finney

SAN DIEGO

By Karen Anderson

Some tournament winners:

Loretta Geisner Australian Doubles

1. Bob Knoth, Howard Fromson
2. Tom Anderson, Juanita Williams

Jack Purdie Triples

1. Helen Coull, Juanita Williams, George Gottlieb
2. Terry Cooper, June Levitt, Christine Ludwig

Ladies' Singles

1. Terry Cooper
2. Donna Boyle

Men's Singles

1. Jack Bruce
2. Bob Knoth

Arthur Crowe Triples

1. Donna Boyle, Bob Knoth, Arthur Allen
2. Jim Olson, Erika Fromson, Jeannette Exter

The British American Chamber of Commerce celebrated "The fourth Annual Afternoon Social and Lawn Bowling Party Celebrating the Queen's Birthday" at San Diego LBC on June 12. They contacted us to see if they could have a joint party with us at our club. They furnished a catered picnic lunch and we furnished the clubhouse, bowls and bowling lessons for all who were interested. Approximately twenty of their members and 30 of ours enjoyed a delicious lunch followed by fun on the green. Several of their members are now taking lessons and plan to join our club.

On Memorial Day we tried a new approach to recruitment. Our members regularly approach interested spectators, give them an informative brochure, and invite them to come and learn to bowl. On Memorial Day we took this one step further by also giving visitors a hands-on opportunity to experience lawn bowling.

While most of our members bowled on one of our two greens, a group of instructors gave mini-lessons on the other green. During the course of the entire day we instructed around 60 interested visitors. All who wanted to try were given a chance to bowl, regardless of age. Everyone had such fun, instructors and visitors alike. We successfully recruited four new bowlers to our Club. We are indeed fortunate that we are located in beautiful Balboa Park which draws so many visitors.

NEWPORT HARBOR

By Gil Curry

In our President's Cup open singles we had four hard-fought games. J. Rackliffe came in first with four wins plus 29 pts. Harvey Miller was second with five wins plus 29 pts. Jerry Grady placed third with five wins plus 9 pts. The games were played with alternating pairs, giving everyone a chance to win. Jim Altobelli managed the games again and we all had a good time.

In the Southwest Division Men's Pairs Playdown our club players were in very good form, with Ed Quo and Bob Nunes' team in winning the premiere event, Mert Isaacman's team finishing a close second, and Jerry Grady's team coming in third. Win, Place and Show ain't bad in the Division's toughest Pairs tournament.

In Lord's Mixed Pairs the winner was Elaine Hughes (20 pts). Second was Jerry Grady (19 pts). Third were Tag Taggart & Gil Curry (17 pts).

As usual, Jim Altobelli set up the games and we had lots of after-game fun. One new game to us was throwing the jack into a 21/2-foot circle 60 feet away and a second one 90 feet away. Only two guys made it out of about twenty. Ray Bazyouros won, entering five circles out of six.

Our membership drive ended June 5th with 36 new people showing up. Twenty-one signed for lessons, so we are happy with those results for 1999.

BEVERLY HILLS

By Al Caseltzer

Our annual "big excitement" is long gone. The Walt Disney-Memorial Day Weekend brought a lot of energy to our Beverly Hills greens, both on and off the green.

While one BH tournament entry—Mert Isaacman, Anne Barber and Joe Siegman—finished among the big prize winners (see full Disney story on page 27), we had a team of behind-the-scenes winners who provided two full days of superb hospitality. Allen Grossman was the tournament food and beverage chief, providing good stuff for morning munchings, lunches and beyond. He was strongly supported by Howard Sanders, June and Len Zvonkin, Meredith Goodwin and Bobbie Siegman. Dick Simon was event drawmaster.

Particular gratitude is sent Mert Isaacman's way, for saving much of the financial day. When we learned the good folks at Disney hadn't penciled us into their spring budget, Mert, assisted by Michael Ashton-Phillips, filled the breach. With a scaled-down tournament, organizers were able to avoid spending time in an ICU.

Our favorite rock concert promoter, Don Arden, is recuperating from heavyweight surgery in his native London, but we expect him back soon on the Roxbury green.

How about that Anne Barber? Once again, she will be representing Southwest Division women at the 1999 U.S. Championships in Singles. Singles or Pairs, you can virtually guarantee Anne's appearance in one event or the other every year. The Men's Singles Playdowns haven't yet been play at this writing, but BHLBC's Mert Isaacman and Michael Ashton-Phillips were runners-up this year in the SWD Men's U.S. Pairs Playdown.

RAISING HELLO\$ FOR U.S. CHAMPS

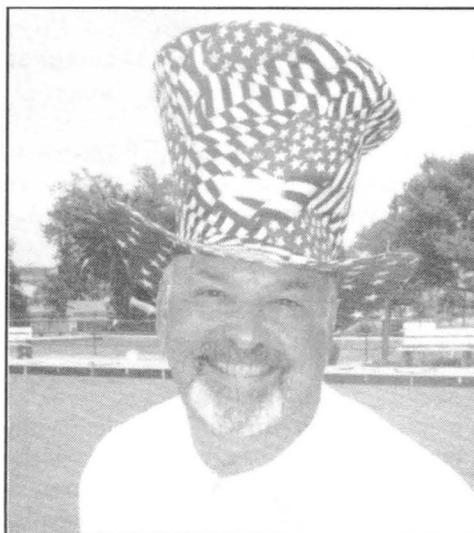
Seventy-two Southwest Division bowlers convened on the Long Beach (CA) LBC July 3, for a Fun(d) Raiser Tournament in support of the 1999 United States Championships, that will be staged at Long Beach October 16-21.

The event, organized by U.S. Championships co-chairs Dick Cole and Pat Gonzales, was won by Hemet LBC stalwart Mary Jane Henrich, just ahead of runner-up Ann Kirchberg of Long Beach. However, the forty top-finishing competitors left the "carnival" formatted tourney with some sort of reward, all acquired by Gonzales and Sponsor Committee co-chair Patsy Morgan from Long Beach area businesses.

The fun-filled day—including seemingly non-stop catered food and beverages provided by Secure Horizons and prepared by the Long Beach ladies—was not without some disappointment for organizers. At \$25 per entry, a hearty sum was raised for the needy U.S. Championships coffers. But the turnout of the Southwest's premiere bowlers was dismal, with attending AWLBA's best far out-distancing the number of on-hand ALBA's best by a vast margin. Considering the concept of the event was: "the whole gang to pitches in to guarantee a first class event for America's top bowlers"—where were the top bowlers? Only five SW past U.S. Championships qualifiers were on hand to share the day with the mostly "social" bowling crowd: Anne Barber, Pat Gonzales, Ann Kirchberg, Dick Cole and Joe Siegman.

Nevertheless, a good time was had by all.

Championships qualifiers who weren't there will be glad to know that the Long Beach greens played exceptionally well, with a near flawless carpet running at 13 seconds. Chairs Cole and Gonzales expect the greens to be running at 15 seconds in October.



Sun City's (CA) Conrad Melton explained it was Uncle Sam's weekend, and it was an event celebrating the United States Championships, and he needed to shade himself, and . . .

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SANTA MONICA

By Bob Nock

Santa Monica's 1999 Triples championships went to Alan Power, Maggie Moffat and Scott Cormier, over runners-up David Hallman, Al Hamblin and Lucy Brewer. Scott, a novice of less than a year, at the moment has accumulated more points towards our Bowler-of-the-Year competition than any other member.

Our Annual Pairs competition final is still in limbo and awaiting the return of Bob Altshuler, who several months ago underwent successful foot surgery.

On May 23, Santa Monica held the first of what we hope will be an Annual Vet-Novice Bowls Tournament. Alan Goodnoff and Len Randall (novice) were the victors, and runners up David Hallman and Pat Jackson (novice). A catered lunch was provided between games.

The playoff team representing the combined Santa Monica



SMLBC Triples champs: (l-r) Alan Power, Maggie Moffat and Scott Cormier.

and Beverly Hills clubs in the SW Division Club Competition were: Sam Benjamin, Alan Goodnoff, David Hallman and Simon Waysman, with alternate Len Randall. SM/BH won matches against Holmby Park, Santa Anita and Santa Barbara, and for the second year in a row found ourselves in the finals of the tournament. Unfortunately, history repeated itself and we ended up runners-up to Laguna Beach.

We have added four new members to our club roster: Pat & Bill Jackson, Sean Suthers and Hilary Beebe.

Our Monday afternoon clinics, from 2 to 5 p.m., continue to be met with enthusiasm, and late afternoon bowling on Thursdays is becoming more popular. It's a lovely time of the day to bowl in Santa Monica.

We are glad to have Anne and Max Wurwand with us from South Africa. And, we are happy to have Nancy Adelson back on the green.



In SMLBC's first club Vet-Novice, Alan Goodnoff (vet) and Len Randall, left, topped Pat Jackson and (vet) Dave Hallman for the title.

SANTA MARIA

By Martin Seifert

Our Greens Committee decided that our man-made turf needed some serious renovation to alleviate hard-baked, dirt filled surfaces. They instituted a program of power-washing and re-leveling, taking two rinks at a time so that play could continue on the others. It's a slow process with five committee members: Seymour Hersh, Glenn Jacobson, Dave Biorn, Jim Oxrider, Bill MacDonald working daily, supplemented by other members pitching in occasionally. It has been taking about a week and a half to get each two-rink area into rough playable condition, with fine tuning to take place when the entire green is finished.

At the same time, we understand that this man-made turf will have to be replaced within the next few years. Jim Graham was appointed Chairman of a committee to gather information on

available replacements and costs.

We're looking forward to a visit from our City's K9 unit. Bosco and his trainer are coming to the green to demonstrate some of their skills. And, also in the offing is a Central Coast Open House, promoted for July 14th, sponsored by Secure Horizons for Oxnard, the two Santa Barbara clubs and us.

Ron and Georgia Evey, Juanita Bustin and Fran Valinoti are off to Scotland for a lawn bowling tour organized by Peter Hand of Santa Barbara. They did the same thing last year, in England.

One of the long range things that's happening in the park sports complex, of which we are a part, is the imminent construction of a Youth Center, with great plans for programs for our teenagers. We're thinking that maybe we can interest some of the youth into forming a lawn bowls league and pump some young, fresh blood into our sport.

RANCHO BERNARDO

By Bob Janssen

We are still looking for new members.

On June 30th our association held a free breakfast for all new residents in our Seven Oaks area. The idea was to acquaint them with all the things we have to offer: a new swimming pool, a room for wood working, ceramics, sewing, art, lapidary, exercise, library and, a pool room. All this *plus* a lawn bowling green!

We had two of our lawn bowling club members attend the breakfast to promote lawn bowling and what it has to offer. We also planed to have some of our bowlers on the greens to show how the game is played. We hope this will help our membership grow. Time will tell if this works,

Recently, we lost a long time friend and bowler.

In Memoriam
Don Phillips

HEMET-JOSLYN*By Peg Mccutcheon*

Summer has finally arrived and so has the hot weather. We are now on our summer schedule: Mon, Wed, Sun at 6:15 p.m. On a trial basis (depending on participation), Fridays will have morning bowling at 8 a.m. Also, on the third Tuesday of the month we bowl at 8:30 a.m., followed by going to breakfast at a local restaurant.

We have enjoyed several social events, and visitations both home and away. We look forward to our summer ice-cream socials with Sun City—always enjoyable affairs.

Congratulations to all of our winners:

Club Rally (3/31)

1. Clair Ott/Dave Evans/Julian D'Eca
2. Dean Perry/Arlene Hauserman/Bud Dey

Club Open Pairs (4/14)

1. Clair Ott/Don Bierce
2. Bob & Mary Ann Rucinski
3. Kathy Bremer/Clayton Ball

Leisure World Triples (4/3)

2nd on their green: Carl Henrich/Dave & Tricia Evans

Hemet Rinks (4/10-11)

1. Alhambra—Earl & Alice Lawrence/
Jim Hempe/Irene Brodie
2. Leisure World—Wayne Bowbeer-
Dudley VanRensburg/Lillian
Hardgrove/Renee Hall
3. Long Beach—Mario Galletta /Terry
Loomis/Kottia Spangler/Katy Stone
4. Pasadena—Hugo Sahlein/Bob Forget/
Marcia Masterson/Carrie Fossati

Several of our members went to the Fund Raiser at Long Beach on June 12, and Lois Harmon and Margaret Waite came home among the winners.

A big WELCOME to our newest members: Ted Twardowski and Bonnie Nelson.

POMONA*By Hugh Freeman*

The report on Pomona lawn bowling indicates many and varied activities. Except for Triples, the club team contests have been completed for the year.

Singles: Women—Carole Hilliard
Men—Hugh Freeman.

Doubles: Women—Helen Hanson and Betty Shine
Men—Gil Priore and Paul Smart.

Mixed Doubles: Ken Brekke and Helen Hanson.

We had good fun on May 11 when Riverside visited Pomona. Visitations help make new friends while hanging

1999 Southwest U.S. Pairs Playdowns*By Parr Tisynt*

Twenty-three teams started in this 21-end, double elimination Southwest Division United States Pairs Playdowns event at Newport Harbor LBC that covered two weekends, May 15–16 and 22–23. When the dust and smoke (no smog in Newport Beach) cleared, Ed Quo and Bob Nunes captured the right to represent the Southwest Division at the U.S. Championships in October.

This year's Playdowns featured some hardfought games, as shown in the first round between the teams of Bill Hiscock/Lee Bain vs Jim Hempe/Sam Benjamin, which caught the attention of the rest of the field. This game finished long after all others, as it produced 11 dead ends and was tied coming home, with Jim and Sam finally winning. Other teams prevailed only in the last end, and two other matches were tied, needing a 22nd end to determine the winner.

The eventual Playdowns champions, Ed Quo and Bob Nunes, managed to win some close ones, themselves. Having lost their second round game to the team of Amador Martinez/Sam DeLisle, they came back through the losers' bracket with some narrow victories. In one, down

3-13 after 13 ends, they managed to rally to even-up coming home vs Ken Bolton/Simon Meyerowitz, garnering two shots to keep them from elimination.

The final day saw four teams, all with one loss, hoping to be the SW qualifier for the October Championships. Richard Simon/Tom Dion fell to Mert Isaacman/Michael Ashton-Phillips in one semi-final, while Quo/Nunes played another close game vs Dave Grimmitt/Bud

Viard—again coming home tied and counting two for the win.

The final match between four members of the 1999 National Team found Isaacman and Ashton-Phillips one shot up with one end to play versus Quo and Nunes. With a drive on the last bowl of the tournament, Ed managed to wick off a winger and bring the jack back for two shots and the victory!

Unfortunately, the lack of hot weather in the current growing season resulted in greens lower in quality than anticipated, although they achieved 12-13 seconds in speed. As always, Newport is to be commended for its hospitality, and its hard work in preparing the greens.

onto old ones.

A men's rally at Riverside in May found new member Steve Dowd winning first place. Several members visited Riverside in June to participate in their Hawaiian Party, with bowling as a finale.

The Annual Club event, the Mayors Trophy, was held on May 21. Pomona Mayor, Ed Cortez, presented the trophy to winners Ken Brekke, Tina Van Zandt and A.D. Coates. Refreshments followed the presentation.

On two occasions, our Club has had a catered luncheon followed by regular afternoon bowling. The menu was chicken for the first date, with salads and apple pie, and ice cream for dessert. Cinco de Mayo was honored by indulging in enchiladas, salad, chips and

salsa. Bowling was an anti-climax. Another catered affair will be held soon under the direction of the social committee of Carole Hilliard and Hugh Freeman.

The Executive Board of the Club is looking into replacing the current backboards. Two ideas are being considered: plastic or carpet covering. Hopefully, progress will be made in this area before summers end.



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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

CASTA DEL SOL

(Mission Viejo, CA)

By Rally Bates

Another busy season started in early April with the annual sanding of the green. This eliminated bowling for several weeks, but with an end result that was well worth the wait. The green is in excellent shape. Our thanks again go to Warren Ziegenbein for all his effort.

On May 15 we had a banner recruiting day, with a large group of club members attending to assist in showing prospective members the basics of bowling, and the fun involved. Eight or ten new members have joined our ranks as a result.

Memorial Day brought another of our annual events, a triples tournament, followed by a great potluck dinner and cook-out. Tournament winners were: Bill Olsen, Susan Marshall and Myron Rapp.

In June, a club tournament for 75's and older was held, with 18 members participating. We played one 12-end game, fol-

lowed by three special events. These events consisted of the attempt to roll closest to a short jack with just one bowl, a long jack, and a blocked jack. A little different from regular bowling and lots of fun.

Winners were:

12 end game—Bill Olsen, Margaret

Ford and Rally Bates.

Short Jack—Warren Ziegenbein

Long Jack—Al Dasso

Blocked Jack—Omer Phoenix

In addition to our regular bowling hours, 1 p.m. every day, we have added bowling at 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with twilight bowling starting in July.

With our upcoming 4th of July party, several club tournaments, South Coast League, and a lot of regular bowling, we're looking forward to a great summer.

In Memoriam

Kay Eastland

CARY MACDONALD
PAIRS

Twenty-three teams provided the field for the annual Southwest Division-sponsored Cary-MacDonald Pairs Tournament on June 19-20, at the newly refurbished Long Beach LBC.

Seven teams were eliminated following the first day of play, with sixteen teams returning for the final day of competition—the top eight in the Cary Division and the second eight in the MacDonald.

The second day was single loss elimination. Three of the sixteen matches required an extra end to determine a victor.

Winners were:

Cary

1. Ken Bolton & Simon Meyerowitz
2. Mert Isaacman & Michael Ashton-Phillips
3. Ian Ho & Barry Pickup

MacDonald

1. Ted Visser & Conrad Melton
2. Patrick Chan & Ken Buckley
3. Dick Cole & David Hallman

Winners and losers had high praise for the Long Beach greens and the above standard Long Beach hospitality (food service).

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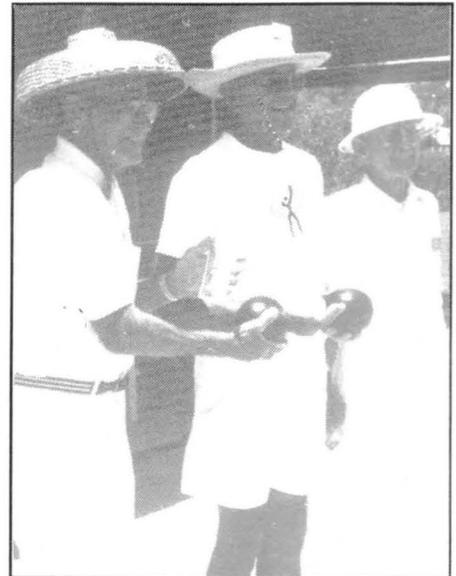
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Winners of the 75+ Tournament: (l-r) Rally Bates, Bill Olsen and Margaret Fort.



(l-r) Al Dasso, Warren Ziegenbein and Omer Phoenix won the "special events" at the 75+ tourney.

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ARTHUR GRIMMITT, SR.

Arthur Grimmitt Sr. passed away May 6th in Vancouver, B.C. He was 75.

Grimmitt was a member of the Arroyo Seco and Santa Barbara LBCs, and a charter member of Mackenzie Park LBC (Santa Barbara). A familiar presence in the Southwest Division winners' circle, he made three appearances in the United States Championships: winning the Pairs (with Neil McInnes) in 1975, and runner-up (with 15-year old son Arthur, Jr.) in 1967.

He is best remembered by veteran Southwest bowlers as namesake and sponsor of the long-running Arthur Grimmitt Triples, until recent years one of the events originally included on the Santa Barbara Labor Day Weekend schedule.

Grimmitt was born in Hong Kong, and learned to bowl as a child. He and wife Kathleen retired to Vancouver, where he was active in Bowls Canada. Among his survivors is SWD bowler Dave Grimmitt.

MACKENZIE PARK

(Santa Barbara)

By Anne Vilkin

The Davis Triples in April was won by Forrest Dietrich, Bill Doliente and Thelma Duran. Pat Fagan, Anne Vilkin and Gus Schneider were second. (On June 15th, Gus celebrated his 91st birthday.) Larry MacDonald, Ray Stone and Ray Charpentier finished third. A first place lunch was served by Joyce Trevillian, with Dorine Northey, Reatha Dewett and Irma Dinning.

The Al James Men's Singles in April was won by Larry MacDonald. Duane Aasted was runner-up, Hal Wayne third and Ed Russell fourth. The Bloom Ladies Pairs, also in April, was won by Natalie Martinez and Doris Sneddon. Second went to Mary DeLisle and Patricia Cronshaw. JoAnn Wayne and Reatha Dewett were third.

We welcomed new member Lynn Berrien, but lost George Cormack. Many of you have been playing in the tournament named after him—upcoming on July 10-11. George was a cheerful and fun-loving person who used to come to the greens to watch the rest of us bowl when he could no longer bowl himself.

Starting in May, through July, we have been hosting the Casa Dorinda bowlers while their green is being revamped.

Bill Doliente, our long-time Tournament Chair, has retired and is spending all his time bowling. Judy Patrizzi has graciously consented to assume the position.

The Unger Mixed Singles, played over three days in June, was won by Hal Wayne. Patricia Cronshaw was second and Larry MacDonald third.

Our clubhouse is slated for demolition early in July and the new one should be under way shortly thereafter. Congratulations are in order to all those who so diligently worked toward this end. We look forward to hosting two of the four tournaments on Labor Day weekend and you'll be able to witness the progress for yourself.

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Tournament Players Super Shots Club (con't)

Phoenix, AZ *Venture Out Invitational Tournament* Jim Obrock, Ray Swanson, Nancy Obrock 1-21

Santa Ana, CA *Tommy Stirrat Mixed Triples* John Ingram, Ruby Ingram, Carrie Fossati

Palm Springs, CA *Smoke Tree Ranch, Schwab Triples* Bill Carmichael, Hugo Sahlein, Dick Curtis, Fred Fox 3-8

Pomona, CA *Casa Colina Triples* Clair Ott, Mary Jane Henrich, Don Camunez 3-27

Pomona, CA *Casa Colina Triples* Vlatko Petrovic Alan Goodnoff, Scott Cormier 3-27

Pomona, CA *Pomona Open Triples* Clair Ott, Emily Jaquez, Don Camunez 1-10

Oxnard, CA *Oxnard-Joslyn Mixed Triples* Stu Sistas, Erika Sistas, Doris Sneddon 5-1

Oxnard, CA *President's Cup Open Tournament* John Yen, Norman Lum, Gilbert Dang 5-27

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Clearwater, FL *Southeast Open Tournament* Joe Grabowski, Ray Turman, Cliff Bailey 3-10

Santa Barbara, CA *Davis Triples Tournament* Donna Long, Tom Long, Kermit Williams 3-17

Sarasota, FL *Sun-N-Fun Invitational Triples* Aurele Boudry, Al Brands Tetter, Joyce Dewey 3-29

Oxnard, CA *Oxnard-Joslyn Mixed Triples* Stu Sistas, Erika Sistas, Doris Sneddon 5-1

Berkeley, CA *American Heat Assn. Tournament* Tom Burnoski, Mary Frederico, John Patrick 4-19

Beverly Hills, CA *Disney Open Triples Tournament* Ian Ho, Ed Quo, Bob Nunes 5-31

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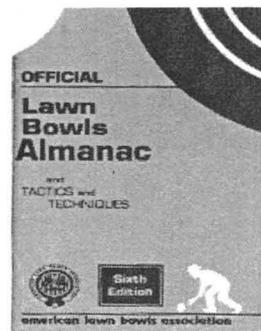
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THE LAST SHOT

By Joe Siegman
 Editor of BOWLS Magazine

A funny thing happened on the way to the fund raiser. Most of the beneficiaries didn't show up!

The 1999 United States Championships Committee held a fund raising tournament on July 3rd to raise local interest in the October event as well as needy funds in its support. The event was held in Long Beach, California, on the site of the Fall Championships.

Seventy-two eager bowlers enjoyed one of "carnival" tournament guru Dick Cole's "fun" concepts that produced no less than forty (40) winners. The winners took home merchandise prizes corralled by a committee of ladies headed by Championships co-chair Pat Gonzales. The event was a hit.

But, only a handful of the Southwest Division's tournament-type male bowlers participated. AWLBA's top local competitors were much more prevalent, but not enough to use the term "full support". Social bowlers usually stay home when it comes to the U.S. Playdowns. So, how'cum each of them paid \$25 to support an indulgence of "America's best?" And, how'cum "America's best" weren't around to bolster their own special corner of the lawn bowling world?

Which answer would you like? Let's try the most probable one: "social bowling". What's a 12-end game? What kind of competition can you expect from a blind draw, changing partners, count your own points format? Who wants to rely on teammates more interested in the ingredients in the lunchtime salad dressing than the speed of the green?

Hey. I admit it. I'm not much of a social bowler myself. As a weekend bowler, I usually play in "competitive" events, along a few of the "social" types during the year. But, generally, my attitude is: if I'm going to be social, let it be at my home club.

To help readers who are not Southwesterners get the picture: the 1999 SWD/ALBA schedule lists 48 Division-sponsored or club weekend invitational tournament events from January thru November. Then there

are the AWLBA events. If you like to compete—regular or lite—dis is da place!

The U.S. Championships is a special event—which makes a fundraiser to support the Championships its own special event. It wouldn't be held if it wasn't needed. I would think that bowlers who had represented the SWD in previous Championships would make the effort to "give something back". I would think that bowlers still trying to make the SWD cut to play in the '99 Championships would support the event they are vying to play in. I was wrong.

Certainly, the July 4th weekend is a travel period, and it's entirely possible that some of the "competitive" bowlers were vacationing or visiting or barbecuing. It's possible that non-bowling events that same day superseded the Long Beach fund raiser. Anything's possible.

But, another SW event held just a month earlier makes me wonder about these "competitive" bowlers who often talk the future of lawn bowls. Only they, not social bowlers, many claim, are concerned about the future of the game. "Social bowlers view lawn bowling as a recreation. For competitive bowlers, it's a sport!" And, "it is through the pursuit of the sport that bowls will one day achieve increased public growth and media respectability". So they say!

Well, over the long Memorial Day Weekend, the Annual Walt Disney Tournament offered a \$5,000 prize purse, one of the largest cash pools ever for a U.S. bowls event. Yet, only 15 of a possible 32 triples teams entered the Disney. (Originally the Disney was billed as a \$10,000 tourney, but the prize money was halved to match the field of entries.) It was a wonderful tournament, nonetheless. But where were a large number of the so-called "competitive" bowlers?

Anyone who bowls is certainly allowed to pick and choose his/her spots to play or not play. But, I would remind those truly concerned about the future of the sport and recreation that the road to lawn bowling's future cannot be paved without sacrifice—even if sacrifice occasionally means playing 12-end games against too cheery opponents, or playing on less than optimum greens, or paying higher entry freight for a chance to win some big bucks.

If lawn bowls disappears, the cheery people will find some other activity to fill their time, possibly on the same square that once housed a bowling green. What will today's "competitors" do? Softball? Roller Hockey? Or, drop \$75 for a round of golf?

The "socials" stepped up to the mat on July 3rd. Everyone who played in a SWD Playdown this year owes them.

Joe Siegman

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