

AUTUMN 2002

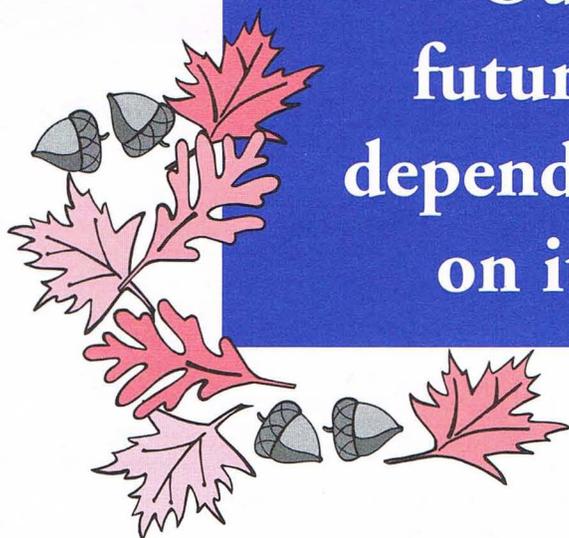
Bowls USA

"The Voice of American Lawn Bowling"

Published by the United States Lawn Bowls Association

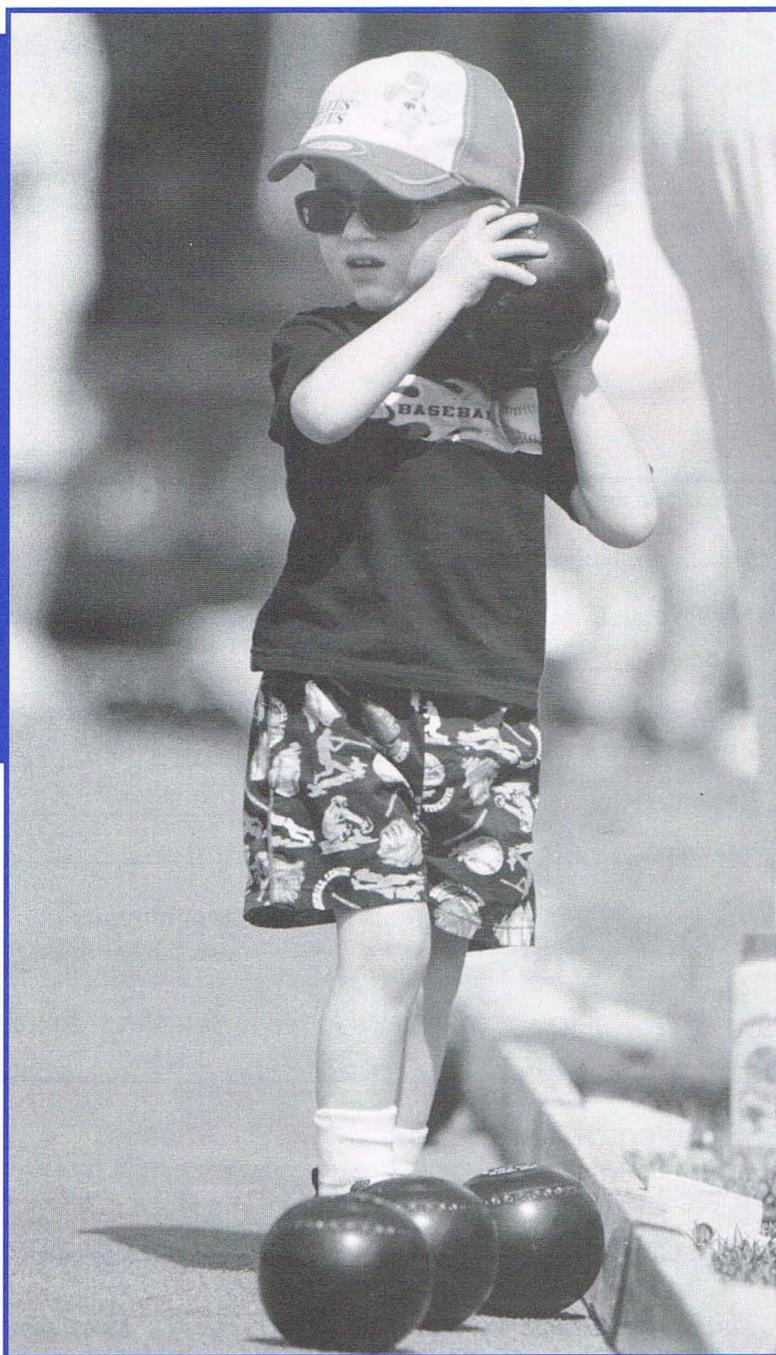


Attracting
young
bowlers:
Our
future
depends
on it!



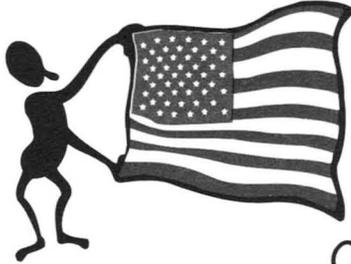
ALSO INSIDE:

Full Coverage of
U.S. Championships
North American Challenge
National Open



USLBA 2003 Senior Tournament Ladies & Men's Open Tournament

Teams to consist of any combination of players
Age 70 years or older in 2003 – Born in 1933 or before



Hosted by: **South Central Division**
Registration at Sun City Lakeview
Friday, February 28, 2003



Opening Ceremonies and Welcome Party
February 28, 2003 • 6:00 p.m. • Sun City

SCHEDULE OF GAMES

Triples: March 1st, 2nd, & 3rd
Pairs: March 4th, 5th, & 6th (7th Rain Date)
Two 14 end games daily
One in AM and one in PM
Guaranteed 5 games in each event

Entry Fee: \$30.00 (U.S. Dollars)

Per Person Per Event

Maximum 32 teams each event

Closing Date for entries is: February 17, 2003

No refunds after this date

Make checks payable to:
South Central Division

2003 Senior Tournament

USLBA • WBB ENTRY FORM

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Division _____

Entering Triples _____ Pairs _____
Triples Skip _____ *DOB _____
Vice _____ *DOB _____
Lead _____ *DOB _____
Pairs Skip _____ *DOB _____
Lead _____ *DOB _____
*Date of birth



ENTRY FEE (\$30.00) PER PERSON PER EVENT _____ **ENTRIES** _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** _____

Make checks payable to South Central Division Tournament

Mail to: Bob Lane • P.O. Box 5672 • Sun City West, AZ 85376

If you need a player for pairs or triples: Pairs: Need one Triples: Need one two

Send entries & fees to:

Bob Lane
P.O. Box 5672
Sun City West, AZ 85376

Phones:

Gil 632-977-0719
Bob 623-214-6973
Email: lanecurly@aol.com



R. Gil Stephan, Jr.

Chairman

Lindsay Towns

Senior Director

List of Hotels/Motels will be sent upon request. Note: make reservations early – High point of tourist season

President's Report Donna West, President USLBA



Membership in USLBA opens many doors around the world:

Once again I experienced an example of the camaraderie that is ever present within the fraternity of lawn bowlers. Pam Fish, one of our members in Sun City, passed away early this summer and today a memorial was held in her honor. There was a large turnout of caring people, all dressed in whites, to pay their last respects. In the past few months we lost several very prominent bowlers in Sun City, AZ, including Champ Salisbury, Cy Stephan and Ralph Spalding. Always our people turn out in support of one another. What other activity can we participate in where there is such sincere bonding.

In late May we traveled to Wales on a tour with a group of some 53 lawn bowlers, mostly Canadians from Ontario. During the two-week tour we had the opportunity to bowl at eight different clubs. Always we were greeted warmly and after spending the afternoon in a "friendly," the clubs would host us for dinner. What a delightful experience! Had we not been lawn bowlers we would not have had the opportunity to socialize with so many fine people and experience the genuine warmth extended to all.

On the green we may be highly competitive, but the benefits of the friendships we make in this sport through the USLBA far outweigh the serious competition.



Deadlines for 2003 *Bowls USA*

January 15 for Winter issue.

May 15 for Summer issue.

October 15 for Autumn issue.

Cover Photo: Matthew Paul Schick, two-and-a-half-year-old son of George Schick and Marlene Hirt of Avenel NJ, is an exaggerated symbol of the youth we need more of in lawn bowling. Matthew and his twin sister, Merri Catherine, were born on Christmas Eve, but so far only Matthew has shown interest in his dad's game.

Credit Dick Sayer for the cover photo and idea. Dick, a third-generation bowler himself, is a newspaper photographer in Meadville PA.

Read what Frank Ransome and Gene Goodwin have to say about attracting younger bowlers on Pages 8 and 38.

What's Inside this Autumn 2002 Issue

	ON PAGE
USLBA Senior Tournament	2
USLBA membership decreases	4
All but one division now merged	4
Jack Lucey new USLBA president	4
Letters to the Editor	5
Obituaries: Champ Salisbury, Bert MacWilliams	6
PBA sends 4 to compete in U.K.	6
Special deal for clubs on training bowls	7
USLBA forms Golden Bias Club	7
Frank Ransome on attracting younger bowlers	8-9
Many clubs study carpet as way to cut costs	10
Major tournament calendar	11
NAC report: USA edges Canada for third time	12
SW-USLBA sweeps U.S. Championships again	14-15
Important notice for clubs and divisions	15
Full page of Memorial Foundations donors	16
Conrad Melton on improving your game	17
National Open coverage and photos	18-20
Central Division and club news	21-22
Pacific Inter-Mountain Division and club news	22-25
Northeast Division and club news	26-29
Southwest Division and club news	30-32
Northwest Division and club news	33-34
Southeast Division and club news	34-35
South Central Division and club news	35
Ten top rules every bowler needs to know	36-37
Hall of Fame completely integrated by gender	37
Gene Goodwin on our "Attitude problem"	38
Super Shots Club	38-39

Bowls USA



Vol. 42, No. 3, Autumn 2002

Published three times a year by the United States Lawn Bowls Association: PO Box 562, Mount Dora FL 32756

Editor: Gene Goodwin

101 N. Grandview #105, Mount Dora FL 32757

Phone (352) 735-2932

Email: ggoodwin@earthlink.net

Associate Editor: Michael Maneilly

PO Box 1421, Mount Dora FL 32756

Phone (352) 343-4009 Email: shepman@comcast.net

Design & Layout: Mary Ramirez

Madaba Digital Publishing, 800 S. Eustis St. #E, Eustis, FL 32726

Phone: (352) 589-6148 Email: madaba@madaba.com

Circulation Manager: Bob Lane

17412 Conquistador Dr., Sun City West AZ 85375

Phone (623) 214-6973 Email: Lanecurly@aol.com

Deputy Circulation: John Stewart

15609 N. 99th Dr., Sun City AZ 85351

Phone (623) 875-1211 Email: Emohruo@aol.com

Advertising Manager: Ron Buck

5352 Charmes Ct., Sarasota, FL 34235

Phone (941) 328-4596

USLBA membership drops to 4,405 since merger

Total USLBA membership has dropped from 5,629 in 2000, when ALBA and AWLBA merged, to 4,405 in 2002.

The biggest decrease has been among men in the Southwest Division where division leaders told their members after merger that they did not have to join the national association unless they wished to bowl in the National Open and the U.S. Championships. That same leadership also led the unsuccessful fight against merging the former men's and women's lawn bowling associations.

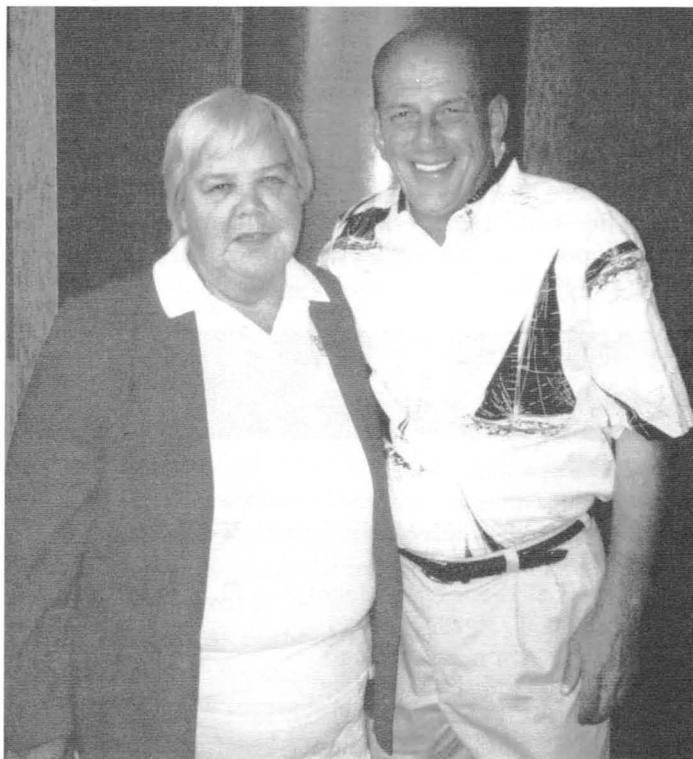
SW male membership in the old ALBA totaled 1,460 in 2000. It dropped to 599 by 2002. Although the SW women did not join the revolt, their membership has also gone down from 937 in 2000 to 738 in 2002.

This grim membership picture was painted in her annual report to the USLBA National Council in October by Treasurer Shirley Cam.

USLBA membership totals by divisions

Division	2000	2001	2002
Southwest	2,397	1,552	1,337
	(1,460 M 937 W)	(642 M 910 W)	(599 M 738 W)
Southeast	1,058	962	920
Pacific Inter-Mountain	910	877	860
South Central	360	425	432
Northeast	383	302	341
Central	318	244	254
Northwest	267	249	239
Honolulu	36	38	22
Total USA	5,629	4,649	4,405

Lucey and Forbes to lead USLBA



New president and vice president of USLBA are Jack Lucey of Milton MA (NE) and Isabella Forbes of Bellflower CA (SW). They were elected to two-year terms, effective Jan. 1, 2003, by the USLBA Council in October. Jack is a former NE Councilor, and Izzy is currently a SW Councilor.

Also elected, but for one-year terms, were incumbent Secretary Tom Kees of Pinehurst NC (SE) and Judy Patrizzi of Sun City AZ (SC) and Santa Barbara CA (SW), who will succeed Shirley Cam as treasurer.

With gender integration in NE, six of seven divisions now merged

When the Northeast Division merged its separate men's and women's organizations last August, it became the sixth division to take that action since USLBA was formed in 2000 by the merger of the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association and the American Lawn Bowls Association (all men).

At the time of the national merger, divisions were assured that they did not necessarily have to follow suit. But all have done so except for the largest, the Southwest. Most of the affiliated clubs were already "co-ed" before 2,000.

After the NE merged, Colin Smith, male Councilor from the NE, was elected the first president of the integrated association. The other NE Councilor, Dana Lum, is vice president. Eileen Luba of Frick Park-Pittsburgh is treasurer and George Schick, NE staff correspondent for this magazine, is secretary. Directors are: Patrick Duffy of Brooklyn, Jack Edwards of Williamsburg VA, Jack Lucey of Milton MA, Linda McDougall of Bridgeport CT and Lorraine Urquhart of Essex County NJ.

Divisions get more leeway with club affiliation

The USLBA National Council liberalized its membership policies in October to allow divisions to determine which clubs are USLBA-affiliated and, if necessary, to create categories of affiliation.

The goal still remains that every affiliated club will base its payment of national and divisional dues on 100 percent of their active bowling members. But the revised policy recognizes that local circumstances might make 100 percent membership unrealistic for some clubs, and clarifies that it is the division's responsibility to handle such exceptions.

Divisions also are responsible for informing *Bowls USA* which clubs may submit news reports for publication.

Letters

Bowls USA P.O. Box 562 Mount Dora, FL 32756

Williamsburg no longer all white

Congratulations on the new Bowls magazine! The style is much more attractive and readable. Your cover article on whites and colors is a real article, with information and balance instead of simply rendering an opinion. The cartoons are clever, and even some of the ads provide useful information. The whole magazine is more professional.

Incidentally, your reference to the Williamsburg club on page 18 was formerly correct but has recently been changed. Clothes of any color are now permitted for every day play, though whites are worn for matches and tournaments. It is part of an effort to make lawn bowls a modern and attractive game rather than a historical curiosity. But please don't tell Colonial Williamsburg!

Jack Edwards
Williamsburg LBC

Stop liberalizing dress codes!

It is with great interest and not a little bit of regret that the King City Lawn Bowling Club executive board reviewed and discussed the feature article in your Spring issue concerning the international liberalization of dress codes.

We understand the need for the USLBA to keep our Laws of the Game in agreement with those of other lawn bowling countries, and the subsequent changes which already have been made to our national dress code for national and division tournaments. However, we agree strongly with the majority of Clubs who wish to retain the traditional "whites" dress code for club competitions.

It is our hope that there will not be a further erosion of the traditional dress code and "wearing your whites" will continue to be a distinctive part of a wonderful sport.

Rose Stunkard, president
King City (OR) LBC

(As the article in our last issue noted, the more liberal dress codes in our Laws of the Game apply only to national and division tournaments, not to local clubs, most of which are, like King City, sticking with whites. The Editor.)

We welcome letters, but we reserve the right to edit, cut or reject those that are libelous, untruthful, hateful, grossly windy, in poor taste or ungrammatical. *The Editor*

– Advertisement –

Bowling Sales of Canada has become the major supplier of lawn bowling equipment in the United States. Operating from its 20,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Toronto Ontario, Canada, where it also sells ten-pin bowling equipment, Bowling Sales of Canada has been able to carry a large inventory of lawn bowling supplies

Early in September 2002, an attractive colored catalogue of lawn bowling equipment from **Drakes Pride** was sent to every registered club in the USLBA, along with a price list. If by any chance your club did not receive this mailing, please contact us at our toll free number: 1-800-561-2695 to order your brochure and price list.



Make sure the catalogue is pinned to your bulletin board so that your club members can see what's available and find out how to order this equipment



In the catalogue there are approximately 280 different items including a large array of apparel. **Bowling Sales of Canada** does not carry many items but does have a wide array of bowls, bags, shoes and accessories. The items that are kept in inventory are shown in the price list. However, items

can be ordered from the catalogue but there is generally a long delay in receiving these items. Special orders will incur extra shipping and freight costs from the United Kingdom.

We have received a number of requests for colored bowls. These are made to order and are quite expensive. The main concern with colored bowls is that scratch marks appear much more vividly than they do on black or brown bowls. These bowls are made to order and if anyone is interested, then they should be ordered now so that they can arrive in North America with our regular order thus reducing shipping and freight costs.

We do carry items such as identification markers in various colors, which can be pasted on bowls for tournaments. We also maintain an inventory on bowl lifters for bowlers having difficulty bending down to lift the bowl.

Don't hesitate to call us on our toll free number:

BOWLING SALES OF CANADA
959 Kamato Road
Mississauga, Ontario, L4w 2R5
1-800-561-2695 or fax us at 1-800-593-5666.
E-mail info@bowlingsalesofcanada.com

Lawn bowling loses major leaders Champ and Bert

Two icons of U.S. lawn bowling passed on in mid-2002. Champ Salisbury and Bert MacWilliams were in the sport's Hall of Fame. Both were former U.S. Champions and had served as presidents of the national association.

George "Champ" Salisbury was president of the old American Lawn Bowls Association in 1992-93. He also served as president of the Lake Park Club in Milwaukee, as president of the Central Division and as a representative of that division on the ALBA National Council for nine years. He was on the selection committee for the men's National Team for several years was ALBA's senior delegate to the old International Bowls Board for four years in the 1990s.

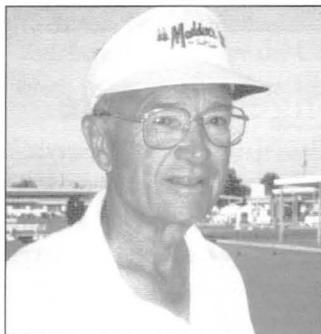
He was also a leader on the green, winning National Open championships in 1990, 1991 and 1998, and the U.S. Men's Pairs Championship with Jack Behling in 1995.

Bert MacWilliams was ALBA president in 1980-82 and served as Central Division representative on the National Council for 10 years. Before retiring to Clearwater FL, Bert bowled out of Cleveland where he was born.

Bert was a five-time U.S. Champion, winning Singles in 1976, 1979 and 1983, and Pairs in 1989 and 1991. All told he bowled in 20 U.S. Championships. He was on the U.S. National Team three separate years in the 1980s.

As impressive as their credentials were, Champ and Bert are remembered most for their sportsmanship, their love of the game, and their kindnesses to other players. Good guys.

Each is survived by lawn bowling wives, Peggy Salisbury of Sun City West AZ, and Edith MacWilliams of Clearwater FL.



Champ Salisbury



Bert MacWilliams

Death takes Bob Downey at 84

Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Robert J. Downey, longtime greenskeeper at the Williamsburg (VA) Inn facility, died in September 2002 at 84.

Bob retired to Colonial Williamsburg in 1969 and learned to lawn bowl after 28 years of active duty in the Air Force.

U.S. Professional Bowls Assn. culls out 4 to bowl in U.K.

Four bowlers from the Professional Bowls Association have qualified to represent the United States in four "big league" tournaments in the U.K.

Neil Furman of Aspen CO won the right to compete in the Open at Sheffield, England, Nov. 3-10 and in the H.J. Hall Welsh Masters Singles at Llanelli, Wales, Feb. 7-14.

Ivan Hyland of Coto de Caza CA qualified for the World Indoor Singles and Nick Christensen of Berkley CA and John Luster of San Jose CA for the World Indoor Pairs at Potters, England, Jan. 22-26.

According to Frank Souza, U.S. PBA representative, the four U.S. qualifiers will have their airfares, hotel and other expenses guaranteed for their U.K. trips.

Furman et al were among the 19 men and three women PBA members who competed in four qualifying events held on the new carpet surface at the Santa Maria (CA) Lawn Bowls Club. Calling the bowling at Santa Maria "a pleasure," Souza praised club President Jim Graham and his committees for the "fantastic job" they did.

Runners-up who would fill in if needed were Jim Copeland of Ripon WI for Sheffield, Andrea Banares of Palo Alto for Singles at Potters, Sam and Mary DeLisle of Santa Barbara CA for Potters Pairs, and Frank Souza of Fremont CA for the Welsh competition.

U.S. bowlers interested in joining PBA should contact Frank Souza at 4375 Corrigan Dr., Fremont CA 94536, phone 510/792-5325, email <frslb1up@pacbell.net>



HONG KONG STARS: Special guests of SW-USLBA at this year's National Open were, from left, James Cheng and Adam Poynton of Hong Kong, China. In a special challenge match before the Open, the visitors defeated Neil Furman and Ivan Hyland, far right, and got a trophy to prove it.

Drakes Pride, Henselite offer training bowls for \$125 a set, plus shipping

Two major bowls manufacturers, Drakes Pride of the U.K. and Henselite of Australia, are making a special offer to USLBA-affiliated clubs to sell them up to three sets of training bowls, sizes 00 through 6, for \$125 plus about \$12 shipping per set. The bowls will be engraved "USLBA Training Bowls" and may not be resold.

Bowls will be black, with standard bias. Each firm will special-manufacture whatever number of bowls are ordered, and probably will take 6 to 12 weeks for delivery.

Clubs should send their orders with checks totaling \$125 per set to:

(For Drakes Pride bowls) Jack Fine, Bowling Sales of Canada, 959 Kamato Road, Mississauga, Ont., L4W2R5, Canada; 1-800-561-2695 or fax 1-800-593-5666; email <info@bowlingsalesofcanada.com>

(For Henselite bowls) Brian Studwell, Lawn Bowls USA, 10639 Lindamere Drive, Los Angeles CA 90077; 310-440-9400 or fax 310-440-4044; email <studwell@msn.com>

Frank Ransome, USLBA chairman of Membership and Instruction, calls this offer "a great way to get those hard-to-find smaller sizes" for use in instructing new bowlers.

For each set of bowls clubs purchase, the manufacturers will donate \$5 to USLBA to promote lawn bowling in the United States.

Join Golden Bias Club!

The USLBA Council has authorized South Central Councilor Doug McArthur to form a Golden Bias Club to support lawn bowling and create fun for its members.

The club will provide financial aid for the U.S. Championships, Team USA, organizations within USLBA and individual clubs putting on special events.

Members who pay \$50 to join will get a USLBA Golden Bias pin, bag tag and bowls stickers, and be invited to social events at national tournaments and the U.S. Championships.

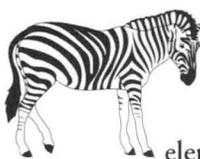
Send checks payable to "USLBA Golden Bias Club" to Shirley Cam, 100 Bay Place # 1810, Oakland CA 94610. Join before Dec. 31, 2003, and you'll be designated a "Charter Member."



Bowls and Safari Tour to South Africa

South Africa is well known for its sunshine and climate, like the Mediterranean in its southwest and tropical in its northeast. It is also a country well known for its bowling greens, and the world champion lawn bowlers it has produced. Throw in its excellent food and wine, fine hotels and resorts, breath-taking scenery, and very favorable exchange rate (10.50 Rands to the U.S. dollar currently) and South Africa becomes an

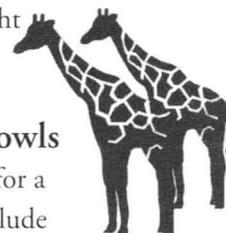
irresistible destination for world traveling lawn bowlers.



But there's more! South Africa's biggest attractions are its lions,

elephants, rhinos, leopards, buffalo, antelope, giraffes, zebras, hippos and bird species galore, and all in their natural habitat.

Arranging this opportunity for lawn bowling and wild animal viewing is Deryk McBain, a South African native who has been involved in lawn bowling all his life. He has had experience leading successful safari and playing tours for golfers. Now lawn bowlers can experience the famous South African hospitality at selected bowling clubs and get the thrill of a lifetime, viewing wild animals during daylight and night safari drives from their safari lodge.



Deryk plans to conduct the first **Bowls and Safari Tour** in May 2003 for a group of 24. His tour price will include



international airfares, hotels, safari lodge, safari drives, breakfasts, plus some complimentary meals, airport taxes and transportation, green fees, two team logo shirts and a travel tog bag.

Deryk will be in South Africa until Jan 3, 2003, but after that he will answer any questions directed to:

Deryk McBain
Bowls and Safari Tours
 PO Box 12721 • Florence SC 29504
 Email: derykmc bain@sbcglobal.net
 Tel. & Fax: (843) 673 9345



A young person's sport older people can excel at

By Frank Ransome, Chairman
USLBA Membership and Instruction

Lawn Bowling is a young person's sport that older people can excel at. How many times have you heard those words and how many times have you either disputed or totally ignored them?

Clubs in Minneapolis and Aspen, Colorado, cater to young people who enjoy being out of doors in fun competitions. More than 4,000 people tried lawn bowling on those greens during the past few years and many joined clubs that were established close by.

Some lawn bowling clubs have deliberately chosen to recruit people who are still gainfully employed and have successfully adapted the training routine and the activities of the club to suit the new members. The key seems to be ENJOYMENT WITHOUT NIT PICKING.

Young bowlers want to play longer games, dress casually, bowl evenings and weekends and be competitive. They aren't too keen on the ever-increasing levels of protocol and nonsensical rules that some of the older clubs have built into their way of doing things.

Clubs should set up special training schedules for after work hours that involve the recruits in games as a part of the lessons. Clubs that have younger members should find a way to raise the level of intraclub competition by seeding the draw or rating the players. Clubs that bowl 12 end games must find ways to bowl 16 or preferably 18 end games.

Clubs that close the gates and go home at 3:30 should find ways to bowl when young people have time to bowl. There should be someone bowling on your green when people go by as they return home after work or school. Evenings and weekends are a must for the schedules of active lawn bowling clubs. Club tournaments and luncheons should be scheduled for times new and younger bowlers can attend. Why not brown bag suppers instead of lunches? Why not weekend tournaments to decide club championships?

Let's find ways to make club membership more enjoyable. We could play six or eight ends and stop for refreshments before finishing the games. We could change the draw so that the Skips move to the right and the Leads move to the left for the second half of the game. Why not play skill games once a month or more often if the club enjoys them. Does your club have a program of continuing education for the new bowlers or are they left to sink or swim on their own?

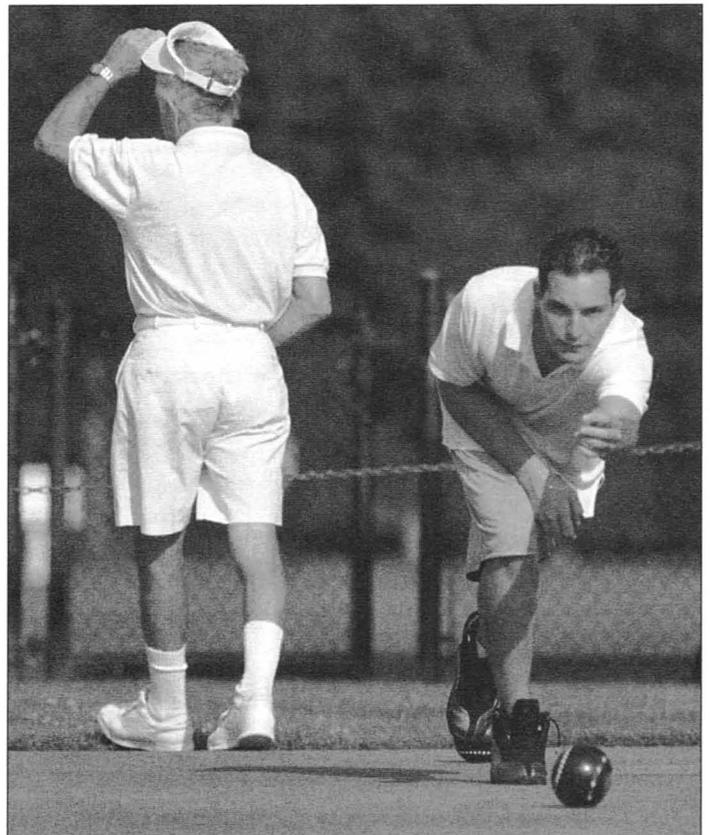
One of the best selling points for lawn bowling is the fact that we are loosely affiliated with an international organization, that there are seven United States divisions and that our members are welcome to bowl anywhere the sport is enjoyed. Our inducement to younger members should include an invitation to bowl in inter-club, division and national competi-

tions with the option of becoming a part of the National Team. We must offer an athlete the opportunity to compete with and against others who enjoy competition and we must do this in a manner that won't turn off people that just want to come out and have a great time bowling with their peers.

It is important that we become a part of modern times. Lawn bowling is a wonderful sport, but our potential customers live in the 21st century. They are accustomed to being treated as if they were important. They aren't really concerned about the few pennies it costs to lawn bowl, but they do expect some real value when they decide to accept lawn bowling as a way of life. Our young recruits will compare our sport with all of the other opportunities available to them and we must not be found wanting.

[You can contact Frank Ransome at 1317 Ptarmigan Dr. #5, Walnut Creek Ca. 94595, or by e-mail at frankbowl@aol.com]

The younger bowlers in photos accompanying this article are exceptions that prove the rule. Whatever the average age of U.S. lawn bowlers, it is certainly decades higher than 25, 24 and 8.



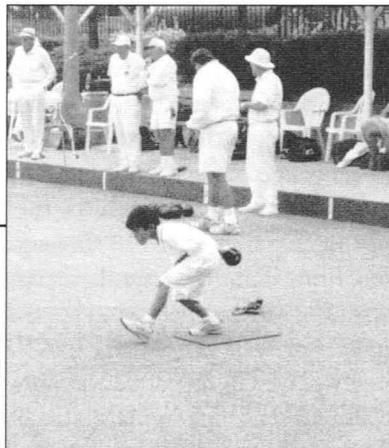
24-year-old Patrick Duffy of Brooklyn NY may have been the youngest ever to bowl in the U.S. Championships. He and his skip, Jack Lucey, of Milton MA, finished second in Men's Pairs. Patrick is shown above practicing with Duncan Farrell, a young-in-heart veteran NE bowler.



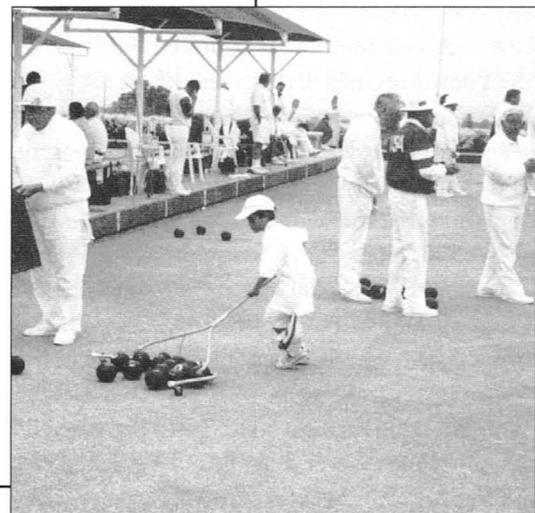
Frank Ransome doesn't let an arterial blockage in his leg slow him as he awaits his turn to present awards in the 2002 U.S. Championships his home club hosted in September.



25-year-old in National Open: Mae Canon-Fisk is in the age group Frank Ransome urges clubs to go after. She bowled on Kottia Spangler's team in Fours the first weekend of the 2002 National Open in Southern California. That was her only event because she had to get back to her job in Chicago. Her husband, Roby, also lawn bowls with her at the Lakeside LBC.



Little 8-year-old Jonathon Burnoski is the youngest bowler ever to bowl in a U.S. National Open, which he did this October. He bowled lead in Fours with his dad, Tom, from San Francisco, George West and Jim Webster. They did not finish in the money, but Jonathon more than carried his weight. In the photos above Jonathon shows excellent form both in delivering his bowl and in raking them in after the end was over.



“Is there carpet in our future?” many clubs ask

By Michael Maneilly
Associate Editor

Grass, Gravel or Carpet? In the United States we lawn bowl on all three. Which is best depends on whom you ask.

Traditionalists seem to prefer turf grass. But worldwide many clubs are building or considering switching to artificial surfaces. With advanced technology, artificial surfaces, commonly called “carpet” greens, are becoming more viable.

Traditional turf grass greens require expensive equipment and many man hours to maintain. Clubs attached to golf courses can use the same greens keepers, equipment and labor to maintain their lawn bowl greens. But clubs without such support face prohibitive cost increases. Replacing and repairing mowers and polishers, finding and retaining greens keepers, and fighting the bugs, blight and weeds all become more expensive each year.

Years ago some Florida clubs sought an artificial surface that would be less expensive to install and maintain than turf grass, and they built their greens with surfaces of Rubico or Har-tru. These are brand names for the gray gravel like substance that was developed for tennis courts.

A Rubico bowler will tell you that its draw is true and the green is fast. But an honest one will also tell you that the bowls get scuffed, your hands and clothes get dirty and if it rains the ball game is over.

Although maintaining Rubico greens is less labor intensive than for turf grass greens, they still require a greens keeper. The greens must be brushed prior to bowling, they must be watered daily to prevent fines from raising and blowing away, and they require periodic rolling with a weighted roller. At least once a year the surface must be scrapped and recharged with new Har-tru. It comes in 80-pound bags and you spread approximately 6 to 10 bags per rink. Hiring out this work is costly, so most clubs use member volunteers.

Today even bowling clubs in Australia, where the grass rinks are reputedly fast and true, are switching to some of the relatively new synthetic surfaces. The two basic types are synthetic bowls turf and the textile type surface.

Two companies that make these artificial surfaces are marketing them in the United States: Balsam Pacific Pty Ltd, an Australian company that produces a tufted grass-like surface, and Greengauge Group Limited of Scotland, which makes a bowling surface that looks and acts like conventional textile carpet.

Clubs contemplating the switch to an artificial green quickly learn that a big pocketbook is required. The initial cost can run as high as \$135,000. That’s expensive, but if you factor in

the consequent savings in maintenance costs, a club can “pay back” the initial investment over time.

Since the artificial greens are not affected by weather, you also gain many more hours of playing time. And the greens play the same early in the morning for the “social draw” as they do in the evening for the working people’s league. Clubs in the north may be able to play a month or so longer in the spring and a month or so longer in the fall.

The “supergrasse ProMaster” system from Balsam Pacific uses a mineral infill (sand) to produce a realistic natural grass-like playing surface. They lay the surface material on a diagonal so that the greens play in both directions. The speed of the green is adjusted by the amount of mineral infill used. ProMaster can be tuned to a pace from 14 to 18 seconds. The initial installation is guaranteed for seven years (this seems to be an industry standard). Balsam, however, has a green in Australia that is eight years old

and plays like new.

The first installation of the ProMaster system in the United States is at the Santa Maria Lawn Bowling Club in California. After a year of play on the new green,

club members seem to have no regrets. “It’s wonderful!” says club leader Jim Graham. The yearly maintenance cost is negligible. The members are getting spoiled with the 15-second speed and the true draw both forehand and backhand.

The Cambria (CA) LBC is ready to follow Santa Maria, but installation was delayed by the dock strike on the West Coast that held up delivery of the necessary product. They expect to complete the installation in December of this year.

Although they have yet to crack the U.S. market, the Greengauge firm’s “Classic Bowling Surface” has been preferred by 70 percent of the clubs in the United Kingdom that have put in carpet greens. The Greengauge textile type surface differs from that of the synthetic turf in that it does not require any infill. It is carpet like in appearance and lends itself to both indoor as well as outdoor installations. Greengauge is normally played in one direction only, over the seams. The 8 panels of Greengauge are laid at right angles to the direction of play. It is possible to play with the seams and clubs do, but there is a small chance that the bowls will pick up the seams and go with them. Greengauge adjusts the speed by tightening the carpet, which may require yearly adjustment. The equipment required for maintenance of the green consists of a leaf blower and a vacuum cleaner.

We cannot tell you which surface is best for your club. We only know that better greens breed better players. If we want to attract more younger players to the sport of lawn bowls, we had better be prepared to provide them with best playing conditions possible.

How does one convince a city or county parks department to spend such a large sum on an artificial surface when the club membership is in a decline? But are better greens with less maintenance the spark we need to ignite the public’s interest in our sport?



Major Tournament Calendar 2002-03

Dates	Event	Contact	Phone
Dec. 6-8	Holiday Bowl Mix Triples, Mount Dora FL	Bill Bish	325/343-6244
Dec. 7-8	Kragh Men's Pairs, Sun City AZ	Bob Lane	623/214-6973
Jan. 18-20	AZ Mixed (2x2) Fours, Sun City	Bob Lane	
Jan.21-23	Thomson-Zivic, Sun City AZ	Bob Lane	
Jan. 24-25	Salisbury Singles (Invitation only), Sun City AZ	Donna West	623/974-1327
Feb. 1-6	South Central Open, Women at Sun City W., Men at Sun City West	Joan Cameron Bob Lane	623/977-7451 623/214-6973
Mar. 1-6	USLBA Senior (70 plus) Open	Bob Lane	
Mar. 1-7	Southeast Open, Women at Lakeland, Men at Clearwater	Jo Butterfield	941/755-8894
Mar. 8	SE Open Mix Triples, Lakeland	Jo Butterfield	
Mar. 9	Chet Wintsch Mixed Triples, Mount Dora FL	Judy Wintsch	352/383-2971
March 29, 30,31	NC Open Triples, Pinehurst	Burl Roller	727/669-9192
April 26-27	East Coast Challenge, Pinehurst	Tom Kees	910/295-2831
Sept. 4-6	North American Challenge, Vancouver CAN	Adele Patterson	707/537-0943
Sept. 5-12	PIMD Open, S.F. Bay area	John Chinn	510/658-3462
Sept. 21-25	U.S. Championships, Pinehurst	Tom Kees	910/295-2831
Oct. 11-16	U.S. National Open, Irvine CA,	Heather Stewart	949/495-2484

By Shirley Cam • 100 Bay Place #1810, Oakland CA 94610 • Tel 510/891-8406 • email: shircam@attbi.com



"We've tried both. Winning is better!"

This cartoon by Fran Goodwin first appeared in her club newsletter, *The Mount Dora Lawn Bowler*.



A Job Well Done! Shirley Cam of Oakland CA is winding up two years as the first treasurer of USLBA. She got a standing ovation from the National Council in October for getting the finances of the merged association off to a great start.

Help get ads for your magazine!

USLBA now spends \$18,000 a year putting out *Bowls USA*. More advertisements would cut that stipend, and allow more of your \$10 a year dues to be spent on helping affiliated clubs, recruiting new members and doing a better job for U.S. lawn bowlers.

If you have a business, or you know a person or company that may be willing to advertise in this publication, please contact Ron Buck, Advertising Manager, *Bowls USA*:

(Nov. 1-April 30) 5352 Charmes Ct., Sarasota FL 34235 941/378-4596

(May 1-Oct. 31) 101 Shipley Road, Wilmington DE 19803 302/762-4481

Also, please support our advertisers and tell them that their ad in *Bowls USA* directed you to that company or product. We not only want to sell advertising, we want our advertisers to be pleased they chose our magazine. Thanks.

Strategy pays off for Team USA in win over Canadians

By Gene Goodwin, *Editor*

PINEHURST NC -- A strategy devised by the selectors and managers of Team USA paid off, at least in the short run, at this year's North American Challenge held here Sept. 5-7.

We won the overall victory for the third time in the seven years the U.S. and Canadian teams have competed in this annual event. We did it by putting our 10 most experienced and talented players (five men and five women) on our "A" squad, with the other 10 assigned to the "B" group.

This was designed to give us a better chance of winning at least one of two new trophies awarded for the first time this year - the Jarvis trophy for the "A" squad turning in the best record and the Folkins cup for the best "B" squad. The idea for awarding trophies by A and B squads came from U.S. officials, but was agreed to by their Canadian counterparts. The trophies honor Graham Jarvis of British Columbia, Canada, and the late Dick Folkins of the Southwest Division of USLBA, both international bowlers in their time.

Well, our "A" squad won the Jarvis, mostly because of the performance of our men bowlers, who won 10 of their 12 games. The Canadian B squad took home the Folkins, as well as the awards for the best record for A squad women and for B squad men and women. The U.S. won for best A squad men.

Overall, the competition could not have been closer. Each national team won or tied the same number of games. So the overall winner had to be decided on total points scored, which gave the victory to the U.S., 886 to 870. Our B squad points, even in losing efforts, made the difference.

But the long-range effect of the U.S. strategy concerns some officials. Will some of our regular national team players turn down the personally expensive opportunity to bowl on Team USA if they are put on the B squad? What if the Canadians adopt the same strategy at the next North American Challenge to be held in Vancouver B.C. Sept. 4-6, 2003?

On our B squad this year were five first-time National Team members: Ron Buck and Colin Smith from the Northeast, Lorraine Hitchcock of South Central, and Barbara Roller and Mike Maneilly of the Southeast. Colin and Mike were last-minute substitutes

Other B squad members were: Jim Copeland of Central, Dora Stewart and Doris Leibbrandt of South Central, Katy Stone of the Southwest, and Richard Broad of the Northwest.

The A squad was made up of Neil Furman of the Pacific Inter-Mountain division; Ivan and Maryna Hyland, Bob Nunes, his daughter, Anne, Kottia Spangler and Kathy Vea of the Southwest; and Irene Webster, Jack Behling and Doug McArthur of South Central. Neil and Ivan, who bowled in Pairs and Fours, won all six of their games.

The NAC format pairs the two national teams in Pairs and Triples for three rounds and in Fours and Singles for another three rounds.

Frank Souza, Roberta Lane and Virginia Marler managed this year's Team USA. PIMD Councilor Adele Patterson is NAC chairwoman for USLBA.

The U.S. took the first NAC in 1995, and then won the overall victory again in 1988.

New selectors for men's and women's national teams

The USLBA Council in October elected Bill Farrell of Dunedin FL to another three-term and Andre Banares of Palo Alto CA to a one-year term as selectors for the men's national team. Continuing as men's team selectors are Sam DeLisle, John Stewart and Ken Degenhardt.

Women's team selectors elected were: Donna West, Shirley Cam, Roberta Lane, Mary Terrill and Barbara McCowen.

The women Councilors at the meeting Oct. 10-11 dissolved the old National Review and Selection Committee and adopted a system similar to what men selectors have been using of awarding points for achievements in national and division tournaments. The new women selectors will also try to implement the proposed USLBA Selection Manual drafted by a committee that was charged with integrating the men's and women's separate selection processes. At a camp to be held in Sun City AZ in February, the new selectors will pick women players for the 2003 North American Challenge and Pacific Rim Games.

Selectors issue call for more national team applicants

With three events on tap in 2003, the selectors for the Men's National Team hope the U.S. victory over Canada in September will encourage more applications before the Dec. 31 deadline.

Five of the 20 men and women on Team USA this year were freshmen.

The three events facing the 2003 men's National Team are: the Centenary Invitational in England, July 27-Aug. 12; the North American Challenge in Vancouver, Sept. 4-7, and the Asian Pacific Games, Nov. 1-15.

Men who applied for the 2002 team automatically get reconsideration as applicants for the 2003 team, but others need to get application forms from John Stewart, chairman, National Team Selectors, 15609 N. 99th Dr., Sun City AZ 85351, email <Emohruo@aol.com> or phone (623) 875-1211. Applications must be submitted before Dec. 31, 2002.



Photo by Lewis Leibbrandt

2002 TEAM USA MANAGERS AND PLAYERS, from left, kneeling: Bob Nunes, Jack Behling, Mike Maneilly, Kottia Spangler and Jim Copeland; front row, women standing: Roberta Lane, Virginia Marlar, Irene Webster, Anne Nunes. Katy Stone, Dora Stewart, Lorraine Hitchcock, Maryna Hyland, Doris Leibbrandt, Kathy Vea and Barbara Roller; back row, men: Ivan Hyland, Doug McArthur (face partially hidden), Frank Souza, Richard Broad, Neil Furman, Colin Smith and Ron Buck.

Southern Californians dominate U.S. Championships second year running

By Gene Goodwin, *editor*

WALNUT CREEK CA---Whether it's the ability to lawn bowl year-round, the numerical superiority of competitive lawn bowlers, or something in the water, whatever, the Southwest Division (Southern California) has dominated the U.S. Championships two years running.

This year, with only two returnees from the 2001 Southwest triumph at Buck Hill Falls PA, the Southern California teams again captured all four events - Men's and Women's Singles and Pairs - at the 2002 U.S. Championships at the Rossmoor LBC, Sept. 22-25.

Bob Nunes of Newport Harbor repeated as Men's Singles Champion, mowing down all six of his opponents. South Central's Tom Stirrat and Central's Joe Zinna tied for second, each with four wins.

Pat Gonzales of Long Beach, who skipped the 2001 Women's Pairs Championship team with Robin Olsen of San Diego at lead, won Women's Singles this year. Pat's five out of six victories earned her the crown. Runners up Barbara Roller of the Southeast and Nancy Nishikawa of the Northwest had four wins each.

A five-one record was also good enough to win the Women's Pairs crown for Kottia Spangler of Riverside and Anne Nunes, Bob's daughter. Second-place went to the Southeast's Jean Bonhaus and Jeanne McLaughlin, with four wins and a tie.

The Men's Pairs championship was won by Neville Sacks and Joe Siegman of Beverly Hills, who lost their first two games but took the remaining four. Runners-up were the Northeast's Jack Lucey and the youngest competitor in the field, 24-year-old Patrick Duffy, with three wins and a tie.

When the SW swept all four events last year, it was the first time in the history of the U.S. Championships that one division had so dominated the tournament. Next year when this premier event will be played at Pinehurst NC, the SW will be allowed to field two teams in each event, by action of the USLBA Council in recognition of the larger number of bowlers in the SW compared to the other six divisions. The Council stipulated, however, that the teams had to come out of two separate SW playdowns.

So no byes will be needed in the 2003 U.S. Championships Sept. 21-25 at Pinehurst because an eight-team field makes for a perfect round robin.

Pinehurst will have to go some to top the hospitality and efficiency of this year's host club, Rossmoor, with its beautiful setting and well kept greens. (For a report on the Rossmoor effort, see PIMD club reports P. 22).



New U.S. Champs: Winners of this year's U.S. Championships, all from the Southwest division, are, from left: Joe Siegman and Neville Sacks, Men's Pairs; Bob Nunes and Pat Gonzales, Men's and Women's Singles; and Anne Nunes and Kottia Spangler, Women's Pairs. PHOTO BY SALLY ROBERTS



Leg Brace changes dress code: Jack Lucey of the Northeast shows the leg brace that caused officials first to exempt him from the U.S. Championship dress code calling for long trousers and then, as temperatures soared, they waived the requirement for all the other men in this year's event at Rossmoor LBC.

The U.S. Championships
is one of the
Major Lawn Bowling Events
regularly covered on our USLBA website:
www.bowlsamerica.org
You can also get reports there on our
National Opens and international
competitions involving Team USA.

U.S. Championships by Divisions

Here are the results of the full seven rounds of the 2002 U.S. Championships by divisions:

SOUTHWEST (SW): M. Singles: Bob Nunes def. C, NE, SE, PIM, SC and NW. W. Singles: Pat Gonzales def. NE, SE, PIM, C and SC, lost to NW. M. Pairs: Neville Sacks-Joe Siegman lost to PIM and SC, def. NW, C, SE and NE. W.Pairs: Kottia Spangler-Anne Nunes def. PIM, NW, SE, C and SC, lost to NE.

SOUTHEAST (SE): M. Singles: Burl Roller def. NE, and SC, lost to PIM, SW, NW and C. W. Singles: Barb Roller def. NW, NE, C and PIM, lost to SW and SC. M. Pairs: Mike Maneilly-Al Pelliccio lost to NW, NE, SE and C, def. PIM and SC. W.Pairs: Jean Bonhaus-Jeanne McLaughlin def. SC, NE, C and PIM, lost to SW, and tied NW.

SOUTH CENTRAL (SC): M. Singles: Tom Stirrat def. C, NW, PIM and NE, lost to SE and SW. W. Singles: Annette Schans def. PIM, C and SE, lost to SW, NW and NE. M. Pairs: Jack Behling-John Stewart tied NE, lost to PIM, SE and C, def. SW and NW. W. Pairs: Dora Stewart-Doris Leibbrandt lost to C, SE, NW and SW, def. NE and PIM.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN (PIM): M. Singles: Jerry Knott lost to NW, NE, SW and C, def. SE. W. Singles: Tanya Hills lost to SW, SC and SE, def. NW, C and NE. M. Pairs: Nick Christensen-John Luster def. SW, SC and NW, lost to NE, SE and C. W. Pairs: Jackie Purdy-Mimi Rodrigues lost to SW, SC, C, NE and SE, def. NW.

CENTRAL (C): M. Singles: Joe Zinna lost to SW and SC, def. NW, SE, NE and PIM. W. Singles: Carol Holberg lost to SC, NE, NW, SE, SW and PIM. M. Pairs: Carl Landgren-Steve Nelson def. PIM, SE and SC, lost to NW, SW and NE. W. Pairs: Nancy Davidson-Carolyn Nobbe def. SC, PIM and NW, lost to SW, SE and NE.

NORTHWEST (NW): M. Singles: Richard Broad def. PIM, SE and NE, lost to C, SC and SW. W. Singles: Nancy Nishikawa def. SC, NE, C and SW, lost to SE and PIM. M. Pairs: Its Nishikawa-Doug Bradley def. SE, C and NE, lost to PIM, SW and SC. W.Pairs: Debbie Tupper-Pam Edwards lost to PIM, C, NE and SW, def. SC, and tied SE.

NORTHEAST (NE): M. Singles: Ed Reynolds def. PIM, lost to C, SE, NW, SW and SC. W. Singles: Linda McDougall lost to SW, NW, SE and PIM, def. SC and C. Men's Pairs: Jack Lucey-Patrick Duffy def. C, SE and PIM, tied SC, lost to NW and SW. W. Pairs: Lois Saladin-Eileen Luba lost to SE and SC, def. PIM, NW, SW and C.

---copy and save---copy and save---copy and save---

Divisions and clubs, please note!

Here's how you should pay dues and report data on USLBA members to national

(please ignore previous instructions in Fall 2001 Bowls magazine):

Clubs:

- ✓ Prepare an alphabetical list of each active club member by last name, first name, gender, address, telephone number and email. Indicate which are new members.
- ✓ For snowbirds, show mailing addresses for February, June and November (months *Bowls USA* is mailed). But since our bulk mail permit does not allow us to mail outside our 50 states, foreign snowbirds will have to provide us a U.S. address for issues mailed when they are out of the country. They can use the club address or that of a friend who will hold the magazine for them.
- ✓ We want each and every USLBA member to receive a copy of *Bowls USA* at his or her residence. So we don't encourage clubs to ask us to mail a package of magazines to their club. But if you must do that, we will send your packet by UPS because it costs less than the postal service, so please send us an address where someone will be present to accept the UPS packet. Please do not give us a PO box number or the address of a club unless someone is there during normal business hours.
- ✓ Send your list to the appropriate division officer with payment of division and national dues for each name on your list. Note deadlines below!

Divisions:

Collect club membership lists and send:

- ✓ One copy with dues to USLBA Treasurer
Judith A. Patrizzi at
(Oct.-April) 10867 W. Coggins Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351
phone 623/977-9031
(April-Oct.) 1022 Crestwood Pl., Santa Barbara CA 93105
phone 805/682-1033.
- ✓ One copy to *Bowls USA* circulation manager
Bob Lane
17412 N. Conquistador Dr., Sun City West, AZ, 85375;
phone 623/214-6973.

DEADLINES:

Lists and dues to Patrizzi, lists to Lane by:
March 15: Especially SE, SW and SC whose June addresses are needed for mailing the magazine.
June 15: For northern divisions inactive in winter.
Oct. 15: Mostly for new members.

---copy and save---copy and save---copy and save---

Honor a Friend ♥ Remember a Friend

What better way to honor or remember a friend than to make a contribution in their name to the **USLBA Memorial Foundation**? Gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible, and are acknowledged in **Bowls USA**. Make out your checks to the **USLBA Memorial Foundation**, with a note instructing us that the gift is made "in memory of" or "in honor of" that special person. General donations will be recognized and greatly appreciated.

Send them to: **John Phillips**
703 Ojai Avenue
Sun City Center FL 33573

We are pleased to acknowledge the following persons for their contributions:

Name of Donor	In Memory of	Name of Donor	In Memory of
Mr./Mrs. Gordon Lockhart	Bert MacWilliams	Wanda Becker	Roger Kelsey
Jack & Beverly Phillips	♥	Frank Roddy	♥
June & Peter Pattison	♥	Glorianne Mather	♥
Champ & Peggy Salisbury	♥	John & Dora Stewart	Ralph Spalding
Gene & Fran Goodwin	♥	Champ & Peggy Salisbury	♥
Joyce Schindler	♥	Champ & Peggy Salisbury	Bernard Campbell
Jo & Jack Gilbert	♥	John & Dora Stewart	♥
Kate & Michael Maneilly	♥	Joan & Ed Douglas	Champ Salisbury
Elizabeth Duncan	♥	Bill Farrell	♥
John & Dora Stewart	♥	Woodruff Ogden	♥
Patti & Joe Grabowski	♥	David & Leah Close	♥
R. Gil Stephan	♥	Eddie MacWilliams	♥
Joan & Ed Douglas	♥	Leif Andresen	♥
Estelle & Russ Tees	♥	Hank & Eileen Luba	♥
Bill Farrell	♥	Jack & Beverly Phillips	♥
Gene & Fran Goodwin	Cy Stephan	Phyllis & Leon Sullivan	♥
John & Dora Stewart	♥	Peggy & Peter Corrado	♥
Glorianne Mather	♥	Patti & Joe Grabowski	♥
Patti & Joe Grabowski	♥	Lakeview LBC, AZ	♥
Leif Andresen	♥	Donna Binger	♥
Eddie MacWilliams	♥	Ray & Marianne Turman	♥
David & Leah Close	♥	R. Gil Stephan	♥
Woodruff Ogden	♥	Gene & Fran Goodwin	♥
Jack & Beverly Phillips	♥	Joan & Bill Cameron	♥
Wanda Becker	♥	Milwaukee lake Park LBC	♥
Mr./Mrs. Roger Binger	♥	Tom & Grace Montgomery	♥
Joan & Bill Cameron	♥	Bill & Beth Forbes	Chet Wintsch
Ed & Joan Douglas	♥	Patti & Joe Grabowski	♥
Mr./Mrs. Bill Harrington	♥	Bill & Beth Forbes	Ash Little
Graham Jarvis	♥	R. Gil Stephan	Gwen Thomson
Jeanette Zivec	♥	William Todd	Bob Innis
Rosetta Johnson	♥	William Todd	Berneice Malthy
Milwaukee Lake Park LBC	♥	Gordon & Ginger Lockhart	Lora Hawley
Champ & Peggy Salisbury	♥	Bridgeport LBC	Frieda Mixon
Marianne & Ray Turman	♥		
Phyllis & Leon Sullivan	♥		
Hank & Eileen Luba	♥		
Virginia Wolf	♥		

Other ways to support the future of lawn bowls include trust arrangements, will bequest, and other specially designed legal instruments. You should consult your financial or legal advisor, as well as Jack Phillips, Treasurer, USLBA Memorial Foundation at (813) 634-7489.

BETTER BOWLS

Tips and tidbits for improving and enjoying your game

By Conrad Melton

(Conrad Melton is Chairman of the Southwest Division's Instruction Committee, a USLBA umpire, and for two years was author-editor of Better Bowls, the Skills Improvement Bulletin of the SWD. Most of these articles first appeared in that publication and are reprinted here with permission.)

Rules Refresher

Teams A and B are playing triples. Skip B is on the mat, about to roll the last bowl of the end. He asks his vice, "Are we holding shot?"

"Yes," answers the vice.

"OK, we'll take it," says the skip, and he casually rolls his last bowl toward the head. Immediately, vice B kneels down and begins to measure to see if their team has second shot also. Vice A just stands there, watching and saying nothing.

"Oh no!" says Skip A, "You said you'd take one, so that's all you can have. If you said 'count the head' you could have all the points you earned. But you didn't, so now it's a done deal."

Skip B replies: "There's no law that proscribes any such penalty for not using the exact words of Law 7G3. The words I used meant no more bowls would be rolled and the head should be examined, then points awarded, however many there are!"

If you were the ump, how would you rule?

A Way to Help Your Skip:

Try to duplicate his or her emotional energy. If the skip is talkative, happy and outgoing, (you must not disturb people on adjacent rinks, but) join the party! If your skip is quiet, focused and reserved, get serious. It demonstrates that you're "connected and on the same page." Thus comforted and reassured, your captain is freed from distracting "personnel issues," and may then focus his/her intellect and energy on strategy and shotmaking. (TY, E.Q.)

Do You Really Want to Bowl Better?

Some people are quite content just wishing they could bowl better. They know wishing won't make it happen, but they secretly hope that by publicly affirming their desire, "the Gods" will notice, and kindly send more good luck their way.

Bowls is mostly a mental game. So the first actual step to getting better is the mental decision to incorporate something different into your delivery.

Step two is to explore the options that are available. The component you choose could be your aiming system, pace, rhythm, balance, stance, step, grip, back swing, downswing,

follow through, or even your mental attitude.

Remember, you don't have to commit to changing everything forever, this is an experiment where you will temporarily incorporate one thing different at a time.

Ask a buddy to observe your pace or arm-swing and tell you what they see. Ask any good bowler what s/he thinks is the most important part(s) of his or her delivery. Study the back swing and downswing of good players at your club. Ask your friends how they aim, and how they make adjustments.

Step three is to actually try out some of those possible alternative components. There's no guarantee you'll get better, but you can always try something else, or go back to your previous style. The bottom line is that if nothing changes, nothing will change. By definition, if you want to bowl better, something different must occur. Every new bowler is told, "if you keep trying to get better, you will!" That's true for experienced bowlers, too.

Four Fabulous Fixes for a Better Delivery:

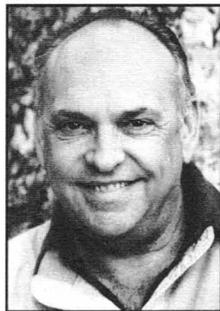
1. Focus on your aiming point, not the target.
2. Follow-through until your arm is horizontal.
3. Scrutinize the first 12 feet of your delivery to determine if an adjustment of your aiming line is necessary.
- And 4. Feeeeeel the energy your body expends on each delivery, so you can adjust or duplicate that weight on your next shot.

Skip Tip

When changing ends, before you get to mid-rink, stop and look back at the head. This "new" perspective allows you a valuable opportunity to get a second set of visual bearings, and to reconsider the intention you developed while you were standing in the head. (TY, B.K.)

Rules Refresher Answer:

The skip with the last bowl saying "I'll take it," or "we'll take the one" is conceding the position of the head and is stating his/her willingness to take whatever shot(s) the team is entitled to, per Law 11 E. It helps avoid confusion if skips use the standard language of Law 7G3, but there is no penalty if they don't. [Thanks to USLBA Umpire-in-Chief John Stewart for reminding us that page one of the Laws of the Game says that "in the absence of a specific rule, good judgment and common sense will find a way to an equitable solution."]



Conrad Melton

*Happiness is
Lawn Bowling!*

U.S. bowlers bat .500 in National Open, winning Pairs and Women's Fours

By Gene Goodwin, *editor*

The "foreign" bowlers you face are part of the fun of bowling in the U.S. National Open. But U.S. bowlers have had to get used to the fact that the foreign entries are among the top bowlers in their countries, and their wins in our Open are out of proportion to their numbers.

Although foreign entries have gone down the past two National Opens because of the 9/11 tragedy, our bowling friends from Canada and abroad still ended up on top of half the events on Oct. 11-17 this year in Southern California.

U.S. bowlers finished first in Men's and Women's Pairs: Kottia Spangler of Riverside CA and Anne Nunes of Yorba Linda CA took the women's crown, while Neil Furman of Aspen CO and Frank Souza of Fremont CA won the men's event.

The third victory by a U.S. team came in Women's Fours, won this year by Mary DeLisle of Santa Barbara CA, Regina Banares of Palo Alto CA, Marie Taylor of San Diego and Patricia Cronshaw of Santa Barbara.

Men's Fours was won by a crackerjack South African team made up of Eric Johannes, Gerard Holvec, Alastair Wilmot and Sandy Paterson, all of Capetown. In the finals they defeated a team of two Hong Kong bowlers, Adam Poynton and James Cheng, teamed with Sam DeLisle and Stan Bloom of Santa Barbara. Poynton and Cheng were in the Open as special guests of the host Southwest Division.

Two Canadians from Regina, Saskatchewan, Keith Roney and Laura Dewald, captured first in Men's and Women's Singles. For Keith, this was his second straight win in National Open Singles. He had to beat fellow countryman Mark Sanford of Toronto in the finals this time.



Laura Dewald



Keith Roney

Two Canadians who carried home to Regina the Singles crowns from the U.S. National Open, Keith for the second straight year.

Runner-up in Women's Singles was Heather Stewart of Laguna Niguel CA, the overall manager of this year's Open. She also finished third, with Ann Barber, in Pairs.

About 150 men and 75 women participated in this tournament, bowled on excellent greens at Laguna Beach, Leisure World, Casta del Sol, the Groves, Newport Harbor and Long Beach. The Southwest Division will again host the 2003 National Open Oct. 11-17. It will move to the Sun City AZ area in 2004.

Results 2002 National Open Men's Singles

Champion: Keith Roney, Regina, Sask., CAN
2nd: Mark Sanford, Toronto, Ont.
3rd: Doug McArthur, Sun City West, AZ
4th: Rajnish Lal, Riverside, CA

Winners of 2nd Flight: Adam Poynton, Hong Kong, China; **of 3rd Flight:** Eric Johannes, Cape Town, South Africa; **of 4th Flight:** Lyall Adams, Edmonton, Alta., CAN; **of 5th Flight:** Simon Meyerowitz, Irvine CA; **of 6th Flight:** David Anderson, Milton, Ont., CAN; and **of 7th Flight:** Sam Benjamin, Santa Monica CA.

Winners 2002 National Open Women's Singles

Champion: Laura Dewald, Regina, Sask. CAN
2nd: Heather Stewart, Laguna Niguel CA
3rd: Dora Stewart, Sun City AZ
4th: Helen Culley, Toronto CAN

Winners of 2nd Flight: Jean Roney, Sask. CAN; **of 3rd Flight:** Robin Olson, San Diego CA; **of 4th Flight:** Maritha Vakasilimi, Santa Rosa CA; **of 5th Flight:** Katy Stone, Long Beach CA; and **of 6th Flight:** Ann Kirchberg, Long Beach CA.



Top U.S. player in Women's Singles at the 2002 National Open this year was Heather Stewart, president of the Laguna Beach LBC, who finished second. Heather also was overall manager of the well-run 2002 Open.



Doug McArthur of Sun City West AZ was the top-ranking U.S. bowler in Men's Singles, finishing third to Canadians Keith Roney and Mark Sanford. Doug's games were often interrupted by Golden Bias donors (see p. 7).



A Winning Foursome: National Open champion Fours team members are, from left, Pat Cronshaw, Regina Banares, Mary DeLisle (skip) and Marie Taylor.

Winners Men's Pairs in 2002 National Open

Champions: Neil Furman, Aspen CO, & Frank Souza, Fremont, CA.

2nd: Jack Behling & John Stewart, Sun City AZ.

3rd: Ed Quo, Fountain Valley CA, & Bob Nunes, Yorba Linda CA.

4th: Neville Sacks, Los Angeles, & Joe Siegman, Beverly Hills CA.

Winners of 2nd Flight: Steve Smith & Howard Harris, San Diego; **of 3rd Flight:** Ivan Hyland, Coto de Caza CA, & Michael Siddall, Oceanside CA; **of 4th Flight:** Keith Roney, Regina, Sask., CAN. & Chris Stadnyk, Niagara Falls, Ont., CAN; **of 5th Flight:** John Marks, Irvine CA, & Dudley van Rensburg, Laguna Woods CA; and **of 6th Flight:** Bob Ratcliffe, Alhambra CA, & Bill Lieberg, Los Angeles.

Winners Women's Pairs, National Open 2002

Champions: Kottia Spangler, Riverside CA, & Anne Nunes, Yorba Linda CA.

Runner Up: Eva Lee, Diamond Bar CA, and Annlia Hill, Laguna Beach CA.

3rd: Heather Stewart, Laguna Niguel CA, & Anne Barber, Encino CA.

4th: Maryna Hyland, Coto de Caza CA, & Irene Webster, Sun City AZ.

Winners of 2nd Flight: Mary De Lisle & Patricia Cronshaw, Santa Barbara CA; **of 3rd Flight:** Isabella Forbes, Long Beach CA, & Elise van Zyl, Laguna Woods CA; **of 4th Flight:** Pauline Hill & Heather Comba, Toronto CAN; and **of 5th Flight:** Pat Flagg, Long Beach CA, & Verna Wallace, Hemet CA.

Women's Fours (or Rinks), 2002 National Open

Champions: Mary DeLisle, Santa Barbara CA; Regina Banares, Palo Alto CA; Marie Taylor, San Diego, and Patricia Cronshaw, Santa Barbara.

2nd: Jean MacAuley, Laguna Woods CA; Erika Sistad, Riverside CA; Jo Mumma, Riverside CA, and Lillian Hardgrove, Laguna Woods.

3rd: Cecile Langevin, Long Beach CA; Verna Wallace, Hemet CA; Shirley Price, Long Beach, and Kim Heiser, Long Beach.

4th: Patricia Gonzales, Long Beach CA; Robin Olson, San Diego; Carrie Fossati, Irvine CA, and Jan Wessel, San Diego.

2nd Flight Winners: Laura Dewald, Merle Ackerman, Jean Roney and Harriet Pituley, all from Saskatchewan, CAN.

3rd Flight Winners: Elise van Zyl, Laguna Woods CA; Linda McDougall, Bridgeport CT; Isabella Forbes, Long Beach CA, and Dana Lum, Jackson Heights NY.

4th Flight Winners: Vanitta Olinger, Santa Rosa CA; Maritha Vakasilimi, Walnut Creek CA; Shirley Cam, Walnut Creek, and Tanya Hills, Santa Rosa.

Winners Men's Fours, 2002 National Open

Champions:

Eric Johannes, Gerard Holvec, Alistair Wilmot and Sandy Patterson, all of Cape Town, South Africa.

2nd: Adam Poynton and James Cheng, Hong Kong, China; Sam DeLisle and Stan Bloom, of Santa Barbara CA.

3rd: Malky Taylor, San Diego; Stu Sistad, Lake Elsinore CA; Bill Reidy, Whittier CA, and Brian Studwell, Los Angeles.

4th: Bob Forget, San Diego; Larry Brohammer, Sun City AZ; Gar Farnsworth, Irvine CA, and Phil Salt, Ramona CA.



South African Fours team won that event in this year's U.S. National Open. From left, Gerard Holvec, Eric Johannes (skip), Sandy Paterson and Alastair Wilmot, all of Cape Town.



Relaxing after finishing third in Men's Fours at the 2002 National Open were: seated, from left: Stu Sistad, Bill Reidy and Brian Studwell; skip Malky Taylor is standing. This was the top ranking all-U.S. team in the Fours event.

National Open photos by Gene Goodwin

Winners of 2nd Flight:

Jack Behling and John Stewart, Sun City, AZ; Ken Degenhardt, Milwaukee, and Jim Copeland, Ripon WI.

Of 3rd Flight: Mert Isaacman, Irvine CA; Neville Sacks, Los Angeles; Joe Siegman, Beverly Hills CA, and Simon Meyerowitz, Irvine CA.

Of 4th Flight: Tom Stirrat, Marty Schans, and Al Burdick, Sun City AZ; GordyShieck, Sun City West AZ.

Of 5th Flight: Bob Ratcliffe, Alhambra CA; Ron Williams, Lakeview Terrace CA; Larry Flanders, San Gabriel CA, and Bill Lieberg, Los Angeles.

Some other National Open prize winners

Here are some prize winners in this year's National Open Superdraw:

Bill Kagan of Joslyn Lake Hodges LBC, CA, two Cheap Seats round-trip tickets anywhere in USA; Sun City (CA) LBC, set of Henslite bowls; Nettie Robertson, The Groves LBC, CA, and Clare Donovan, Newport Harbor LBC, CA, Henselite bowling bags; Bob Forget, Joslyn Lake Hodges, Hornblower Dinner Cruise; Bud Wakeling, Holmby Park LBC, CA, two-person pass to Disneyland, and Jerry Knott of Oakland CA, Kayak trip for two.



2003 North Carolina Open Triples Tournament

New Dates!

March 29, 30 & 31, 2003

**More than \$5000 in prize Money with
\$1200.00 to the winning team***

6 preliminary games,
then flights to determine winners.
At least 12 Places will be paid*

Download your entry from our web page:
www.pinehurstmembers.com

A great Barbecue and The Gala Cocktail Party
Included with your entry.

Spring in Pinehurst is beautiful.
Join us next year for a great tournament.

**Proudly presented by
The Pinehurst Lawn Bowls Club**

*Assuming a minimum of 32 teams

CENTRAL DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

Central Division

Judy Arawinko

Staff Correspondent

2311 Maple St.

Cross Plains, WI 53528

(608) 798-3425

Email: <judy.arawinko@oci.state.wi.us



Central Division sometimes envies the other warmer weather divisions in the USLBA because they can bowl year round. CD clubs really take advantage though of the months when they are able to bowl and have packed a lot of tournaments and fun events into just a few short months.

For more in-depth information on the Central Division "news", please check out our website for a longer version of the articles from the various clubs within the CD:

<http://www.members.aol.com/uslbacentral/index.htm>

CHICAGO LAKESIDE

By Patricia Brown LeNoble

Tuesday evening lawn bowling under the lights has been a successful addition to our club this year. We have 12 new members and some of them have opted for the Tuesday night games to keep their weekends free. By offering more options we can meet the needs of more of our members and keep them "bowl-ing on the green."

Roby Fisk and Laurie Michael won our men's and women's Singles. In our Novice competition, Jerry Costello took the men's event and Kymberli King won the women's event.

Our Carolyn Nobbe took first place in Singles, Pairs and Triples at the Central Division Open this year. She bowled with Nancy Davidson in Pairs and Triples and with Annette Schanz in the Triples.

Senior Olympics opening day got TV coverage. Laurie and Tom Michael and Charlean Smith went to Garfield Park to give a demonstration of lawn bowling for a large crowd. We had many seniors competing on Sept. 10. Ernest Moorehead won the gold medal for men and Charlean Smith took gold for women.

MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK

By Buzz Althoen

We gained 11 new members this year, mostly from lessons given on Wednesday evenings at 7.

Two of our popular events went on all summer. The winners of the Friday Afternoon Frolics were Marv Summers, Nancy Rosenbaum and Dawn Mathews. The Thursday Morning Men's Pairs event was won by Jack Molloy and Roger Senn.

Winners of the Otto Hess and Sydney Steller tournaments held over the Labor Day weekend were: Charles Stone, Jim



Otto Hess winners at Milwaukee Lake Park, from left, Charles Stone, Jerry Mathwig and Jim Copeland.



Pat Mueller hugs the trophy she won in the Sydney Steller tournament at Milwaukee Lake Park. Pat bowled with Jennifer Reynolds, left, and Barb Hamm.

Copeland and Jerry Mathwig for the Hess, and Pat Mueller, Jennifer Reynolds and Barb Hamm for the Steller.

Our greens committee has worked especially hard this year. Long time member Ken Degenhardt especially deserves our thanks in this regard. Many bowlers do not realize all the work it takes to keep greens in great shape.

FOREST HILL (EAST CLEVELAND)

By Tom Basler

Our outdoor season ends with our annual Foul Weather Tournament the first weekend in October. November begins our indoor season, which lasts until April.

Indoors we bowl on Cleveland's professional soccer team's practice field. It has artificial carpet and we bowl the width of the field. It's a bit shorter than our green, but it provides a different sort of challenge. The winter bowling also provides a means of keeping the members in touch. If you are in the Cleveland area this winter and wish to join us, call Elizabeth Duncan at 216-481-2476. We bowl on Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

We welcome new club members Bill Muth and Ruth Powazki.



CENTRAL DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

FLINT

By Jack McGaugh

When the Flint club was established nearly 30 years ago, the Hamilton, Ontario, Lawn Bowling Club provided us with coaching and encouragement. To honor our friends in Hamilton, we named our annual inaugural tournament for them. Winners of this year's Hamilton Tournament were Jack McGaugh and Norm Valek.

The Canadian team retained possession of the Rizzo Cup for winning the International Freedom Festival. Teams from Flint and Westland represented the USA. The Windsor (Ont.) Lawn Bowling Club hosted the festival, and the Canadians won 9-4-1 in a mixed triples format. Westland will host the festival in 2003.

Among the lawn bowlers who participated in the Flint Olympian Games, Jack McGaugh and Ron Martin won gold medals, Norm Valek and Willie Triplett took silver and Frank Flynn and Joyce Gilmour won bronze.

Other Flint tournaments and their winners were:

Hal Nichols Memorial: Jerry King, Anita Flynn, Wilma Triplett.

Dick Niblack Memorial: Norm Valek, Ron Martin, Mary Niblack.

James Boys: Jack McGaugh, Sam Farah.

Lawn bowling was one of 16 sports in the Canusa Games, an annual competition between Flint and Hamilton, Ontario. This year the 45th straight Canusa Games was played in Flint, and the lawn bowling competition ended in a 6-6 tie.

Flint conducts two season-long leagues. Delmar Davis,

Norm Myers, and Ron Ware won the Triples League, while Frank Flynn defeated Delmar Davis in the Challenge League.

MILWAUKEE EAST- DINEEN PARK

By Clem Wisch

Our club's mixed pairs was won this season by Ann Wysocki and John Morrell, the mixed triples by Ann Wysocki, John Morrell and Henry Weimer, the men's pairs by John Morrell and Bill Melsheimer, and the singles by Gary Wisch for the men and Ann Wysocki for the women.

Winners 2002 Central Open

Women's singles:

Carolyn Nobbe, Nancy Davidson, Annette Schans.

Women's pairs: Carolyn Nobbe & Nancy Davidson, Carol Holberg & Jennifer Reynolds, Ann Howland & Marion Mueller.

Women's Triples: Nancy Davidson, Carolyn Nobbe and Annette Schans; Ann Howland, Marion Mueller and Deborah Humbach; Sally Tucker, Bitsy Hunter and Bonnie Bish.

Men's Singles:

Charles Stone; Steve Nelson; Ken Degenhardt.

Pairs: Leif Andresen & Ken Degenhardt; Marty Schans & Harry Howland.

Men's Triples: Jerry Mathwig, Ken Degenhardt & Jim Copeland; Marty Schans, Bill Davidson & Bob Patterson; H. Mueller, Warren Simon & Harry Howland.



PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

Pacific Inter-Mountain Division

Tay Wheeler

1932 Golden Rain Road
Walnut Creek CA 94595
Phone (925) 932-5413
Email: taysr@majornet.com



ROSSMOOR - Host to Champions

By Tay Wheeler

Exhaustive preparations over two and a half years for the 2002 U. S. Championships paid off big-time as the event Rossmoor hosted played out from Sept. 22 to 26. Sure, there were a few glitches, but nothing that couldn't be shrugged off and corrected.

The Opening Ceremony included a bagpiper leading the parade of the contestants, visiting dignitaries, and the rolling of a golden jack by the USLBA vice-president followed by the first bowl delivered by the president. (See pages 14 and 15 for the results of the competition.)

If I were to name all who had an integral part in these games, our editor would run out of paper! However, some people have to be recognized for major roles and contributions:

Shirley Cam chaired the whole program, with help from our Frank Ransome and from Woody Ogden of the Berkeley club. Laura Lewis of the Oakland LBC handled the reservations for two large dinners - an Italian spaghetti dinner and the final night Awards Banquet that our division hosted and that John and Maria Feeney did such a wonderful job planning.

Jeanne Lauritzen and Bob Harbeson supervised the markers and score flippers. David and Bette Johnson did so much out on the greens once play started. Our president, Jackie Purdy,



put together the accommodation information and map-work that was mailed to the contestants and served as event treasurer. Elsie Napoli hosted many overnight fund-raising trips to Reno.

Don Hazelwood, our greens master, supervised the cutting and grooming of the greens every morning at 6:30. Rennie Barretto and George Parnoff were our in-house umpires. Jim Towar and John Freestone designed and put together our new score boards.

Roe Hazelwood and Jessica Kinninger supervised the cadre of kitchen workers, and I got help from Don Hazelwood, Frank Martini & son, John Freestone and Steve Ringwood (of the Oakland club) in seeing that nobody got thirsty.

We even featured music furnished by our own D.J. Bob Sequeira following a fine Italian spaghetti dinner. A tune called "YMCA" inspired some very fancy footwork from Central's Joe Zinna and Carolyn Nobbe as well as Patrick Duffy from Northeast. All this after playing two 21-end games on a day that would make a Texan feel "right at home."

ROSSMOOR CLUB NEWS

Exactly 102 PIMD bowlers looking for riches and a good time found both on Oct. 5 in the club's annual Orville and Erma Artist tournament named for our late Hall of Fame member and his beloved wife. A continental breakfast was served prior to the start of bowling and a brown bag lunch complete with deserts and beverages was served between the two 18-end games. Our own Bob Harbeson and Jeanne Lauritzen hosted the event that was divided into three segments by the greens played on.

Green #1 produced winners from Sunnyvale, Joe and Tekla Shepard with Mike Overton. Second place went to the Palo Alto team of Bill and Bea McConachie with John Hickson. The Rossmoor team of Bob Sequeira, Bob and Mickie Remedios came in third.

On Green #2, another all-Rossmoor team of Dan Belton, John Freestone and Mariette Rozario finished first. Second went to the Oakmont team of Charlie Mesow, Rosemary Toby and Billie Cobb, third to Lionel and Lucy Guterres from San Francisco and Bill Soares of Rossmoor.

On Green #3, first place went to Jack Walton and Sandy Souza of Rossmoor and Judith Perkins of San Francisco. Jack was replaced by Steve Cooper from Santa Cruz in the afternoon game. In second place were Gil Padget, Myra Taylor and Jerry Leech from Berkeley. Coming in third were Oscar Collaco of San Francisco, Reggie Banares of San Jose and Jerry Knott of Oakland.

The Green #1 winning Shepard/Overton team took the overall grand prize for the third or fourth time, thus getting their names engraved on the perpetual trophy that hangs in our mat house.

Each year at this tournament, Erma donates a prize for each green in the form of a decorated lunch bag that contains a mixture of fruit and three \$20 bills. These bags travel up and down their designated green and when a team on a rink scores four or more points in one end, they keep the bag until someone else gets a four or more. The team holding the bag at the end of the game divides the goods among them.

Our club has bid a fond but sad farewell to Margo Potter, a long-time member who is moving back to New Hampshire to be nearer her family. She will be truly missed.



Money Gals! Elsie Napoli, left, was the major fund raiser for Rossmoor's hosting of the 2002 U.S. Championships. Rossmoor club President Jackie Purdy, right, was treasurer of and also bowled in the event.

SANTA CRUZ

By Nancy and Ernie Rideout

Bob Jackson is our new vice president, filling the spot vacated by Hugh Rideout, who took over as president. Bill Ranney is replacing Don Ryan on the governing board. Don was injured in a motorcycle accident, but expects to rejoin us next year.

RICHMOND

This Summer the Richmond Recreation Department used the Richmond greens to teach 20-30 youngsters how to lawn bowl. They were instructed by Frank Ransome, Norman Gammon and Howard Mackey. We were sorry when school began in late August and the young bowlers began other activities.

Also we have nearly a dozen disabled people come to our greens for play once a week. Great enthusiasm is displayed when their bowls hit the jack.

President Roy Coppla is getting a work party together to prepare the clubhouse roof for winter rains and give the greens a good conditioning with coring, verti-cutting, scarifying, weeding and seeding. It is that time of year when good lawn preparation pays off in the spring.



PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

SAN JOSE

By June Pattison and Millie Forster

We now have twenty-six new members, all very enthusiastic. Tuesday nights and Saturday bowling has proved to be very popular with everyone.

We hosted the California Senior Games on a blistering hot day in August. The heat was so unbearable that, by unanimous decision, the afternoon game was shortened to 12 ends. The Tom Mansfield/Hugh Huston Triples were played under better conditions with the team of Tom Burnoski, Oscar and Larry Collaco taking first place.

First in our McLaren Triples went to Bob Sequeira, Bob Remedios and Mickey Remedios.

In this year's PIMD Open, John Luster won the Singles and he and Nick Christensen finished second in the Pairs. In Women's Triples, Helen Brady, Bea McConachie and Dorie Mendoza placed second in the championship flight.

Murry Brunt has had successful knee surgery and we hope to have him back on the green in the near future.

OAKMONT

Ed Propper

Since Aug. 18 members of the newly organized Petaluma club have been guest bowlers on our green the third Sunday of each month. Oakmont members are assisting and playing along with them.

We hosted Rossmoor Aug. 20. Hosts and guests filled six rinks, with Oakmont winning seven games, losing four and tying one.

We are proud of our vice president, Tanya Hills, for winning the PIMD Women's Singles championship and performing well in the U.S. Championships in September.

SAN FRANCISCO

By George Scarpatto

Since Spring, the Club has added more than a dozen new members through its weekly Wednesday lessons, Summer evening lessons and "Aloha Thursday" sessions to introduce new bowlers to draw games. Credit instructors Bill Campbell, Robb Pawlak, Bill Ryan, Hugh Houston and Oscar Collaco.

Winners of club tournaments were:

I.W. Houston Mixed Draw Triples: Reggie Mattos, Sara Howald and Lucy Guterres.

Men's Handicap Pairs: Arnie Barros and Ingmar Eriksen.

Barretto-Midglèy-Nestor Mixed/Matched Triples: Arnie Barros, Laura Lewis, and Johnny Reyes.

Women's 4321: Judith Perkins.

Women's Draw Pairs: Bea McConachie and Judith Perkins.

Men's Handicap Triples: Jack Broadfield, Henry Leigh and George Scarpatto.

Men's Handicap Singles: Ed Guterres.

Women's Handicap Singles: Bea McConachie,

Women's Championship Pairs: Maritha Vasilikami and Laura Lewis.

Men's Championship Triples: Reggie Mattos, Kevin McCaffrey and Robb Pawlak.

Men's Championship Pairs: Ed Guterres and Bernie Brown.

Women's Championship Singles: Bea McConachie.

Men's Novice Singles: Ed D'Assis.

Women's Novice Singles: Sandy Souza.

President's Day Mixed Draw Triples: Lionel Guterres, Ed D'Assis and Cathy Remedios.

Men's Championship Singles: Lionel Guterres.

Granger & Virginia Hill Mixed Draw Triples: Bob Remedios, John Xavier and Marie Guterres.

The Centennial Cup Invitational Tournament, marking the Club's 101st anniversary, drew 92 bowlers from as far away as Dublin, Ireland. The team of Frank Souza, John Luster and Mimi Rodriguez was first, followed by Kevin McCaffrey, Jr., Robb Pawlak and De Doring. Third place was taken by Joe Shepherd, Michael Overton and Tecla Shepherd.

SUN RIVER - St. George, Utah

By Boyd Silver

After some dry weather and lawn maintenance problems, our green is up and running. With the continuing expansion in membership, Sun River will be training umpires and instructors to meet these needs.

Remember, if you are on vacation or just passing through, give us a call and arrange to bowl at the Sun River facility.

During October we hosted the pairs event for the Huntsman Senior World Games in St. George. The triples event was held at the green in Sunbrook. Results were too late for this issue but will be published in the next *Bowls USA*.

BERKELEY

By Ray Francis

An Open House on Aug. 10 attracted many who tried lawn bowling for the first time. Among the local dignitaries were the mayor of Berkeley and the local member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. The event was a success because of the hard work and contributions of the membership.

If you join the new **USLBA Golden Bias Club** before the end of 2003, you'll be a charter member and get some nice perks. For a fun and painless way to help fund Team USA, the U.S. Championships, and other good stuff in U.S. lawn bowling, see Page 7.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION & CLUB NEWS



SUNNYVALE

By Al Mendoza

Sunnyvale club tournament winners this season were: Mens Pairs: Frank Coelho, Al Rizzo. Mixed Triples: Mike Taylor, Dorie Mendoza, Michael Overton. Mixed Pairs: Irene Nakano, Al Mendoza.

Sunnyvale lost twice to Palo Alto in the 2001 and 2002 annual interclub Friendship Trophy Games.

In the California Senior Games, Mixed Triples was won by the Sunnyvale team of Al Camps, Tecla Shepard and Michael Overton.

Other winners: (1) Memorial Day Women's Pairs: Dorie Mendoza, Reggie Banares. (2) Championship Men's Triples: Larry Collaco, Oscar Collaco, Tom Burnoski.



Memorial Day Pairs winners at Sunnyvale were Reggie Banares, left, and Dorie Mendoza.

SANTA CLARA

By Ida Baker

The club men's singles April 27 was won by Pat Bayless. Our Invitational May 11 attracted 42 entries. After three 12-end games, the victors were Joe and Tecla Shepard and Michael Overton.

In the annual Luau games and buffet July 6, Phyllis Mills and Marguerite Miller grabbed first place. Winners of our "Wiener Roast" Sept. 21 were Tecla Shepard, Phyllis Mills and Tony Berberi.

On Sept. 28 we celebrated our 24th anniversary with three 12-end games of two bowls per player. Winners were Russ Biltoff and Sheila Stout. This tournament is named the "Pearle Patton" in honor of our founder, who is 94.

HONOLULU - Ala Moana Beach Park

By Sharon Legacy

Aloha again from Paradise! We have kicked off our usually busy winter season with a visit from the Tokyo Lawn Bowls Club, their second trip to Honolulu. They are good competitors and very nice people.

Their leader had the auspicious pleasure of becoming a member of our "Zero Club" for going scoreless for nine ends in a single game. He was very good-natured about receiving a famous "Zero" hat.

We have completed five tournaments: Club Open Doubles - Sam Takamura and Vivian Murakami. Men vs Women - 44 to 34 (the men all the way!!). Draw Pairs - Sharon Legacy and Jane Tanida. Mixed Doubles - Sharon Legacy and Warren Wong. First Annual Zero Club Tournament (for skips who managed to go scoreless for a minimum of 8 straight ends) - Sharon Legacy.

We used Marion Klos's cut-throat game with a few twists of our own for the Zero Club Tournament. It was one of the most competitive and vocal competitions we've had. With 4 skips and 16 bowls, it got very "lively". Thank you Marion and Rossmoor for the basic idea!

Remember, to all who visit Honolulu we extend a warm welcome. Please call me at: (808) 941-2291, or e-mail me at: SJLegacy@aol.com to set up a game of bowls.

PALO ALTO

By John Hickson

We honored Ed Arnold for his 19 years editing our monthly newsletter and for other contributions to the club at our July Chicken Bowl (bowling and chicken dinner).

We welcome these 14 new members since July: John Adle, Fran Adams Mike Ashworth, Max Capestamy, Grace Griffith, Joyce Evans, Ian and Ginger Harris, Tyson Hendrickson, Jim Hill, Chuck Krause, Charles Mickel, Sue Thomas and Ed Walker.

Worth repeating next summer were our experimental Wednesday pizza nights, which lured 12 to 18 bowlers to the green all this past summer.

In our annual matches against Berkeley and Sunnyvale, we retained both trophies. In club tournaments, our winners were Gordon Lockhart and Liz Hogan for men's and women's Singles, and John Hickson and Fred Hawley for Men's Pairs.

Sadly we note the death of Esther Baba on July 4. She and her husband, Walter, were active in our club until they moved to Santa Rosa in 1998, the year Walter died.

Lawn bowlers have more fun!



Northeast Division

George J. Schick
512 Peach St.
Avenel NJ 07001-1066
(732) 381-2027
Email: matmerri2@aol.com



NE MERGER UPDATE

The Northeast Division merger has been completed and we now are a single organization representing all Northeast USA lawn bowlers. At our 2002 Member Club Delegates meeting, the following Board was elected:

President: Colin Smith. Directors: Patrick Duffy, Jack Edwards, Eileen Luba, Jack Lucey, Dana Lum, Linda McDougall, George Schick and Lorraine Urquhart

At its initial meeting, the Board appointed Dana vice president, Eileen treasurer and George secretary.

FRICK PARK HOSTS 2002 NE OPEN

Frick Park LBC, which transferred from Central to NE just last year, was the site for this season's NE Open.

Officers and members of the Frick Park Club did a great job hosting, with the social highlight being a "Swim & Buffet" arranged by Jack and Beverly Phillips. We held a fund raising raffle with the winner receiving a handcrafted wooden perpetual calendar donated by George Zvanelich, a member of the Slater Park Club. Frick Park's own Eileen Luba won the calendar.

Colin Smith was named NE "Male Bowler of the Tournament."

NE OPEN TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Men's Triples First - Ron Buck (DuPont) Colin Smith (DuPont) Al Pellicio (Pinehurst); 2nd - Jack Lucey (Slater Park) Patrick Duffy (Brooklyn) Burl Roller (Pinehurst); 3rd - Dick, Bob and Josh Sayer (Slater Park); and 4th - Len Hitchcock (Sun City AZ) Sam Drevitch (Cunningham Park) Jack Edwards (Williamsburg).

Men's Pairs First - Len Hitchcock and Burl Roller; 2nd - Ron Buck and Colin Smith; 3rd - Dick Sayer and Bob Urquhart (DuPont); and 4th - Maurice Lafond and Paul Bucklin (Slater Park).

Men's Singles First - Jack Lucey; 2nd - George Tucker (Pinehurst); 3rd - Len Hitchcock; and 4th - Colin Smith.

Women's Triples First - Barbara Roller (Pinehurst) Lorraine Hitchcock (Sun City AZ) Dana Lum; 2nd - Lois Saladin Eileen Luba, Pat Goetz (Frick Park); 3rd - Linda McDougall (Bridgeport) Sonne Bucklin (Slater Park) Marge Traub (Bridgeport).

Women's Pairs First - Lorraine Hitchcock and Dana Lum; 2nd - Lois Saladin and Eileen Luba; 3rd - Linda McDougall and Sonne Bucklin

Women's Singles First - Linda McDougall; 2nd - TIE among Lois Saladin, Eileen Luba and Barbara Roller.

SAM DREVITCH HONORED

Sam Drevitch of Milton MA has received the NE's 2002 President's Award in recognition of his career-long lawn bowling efforts on the local, divisional and national levels. Ron Buck, our NE Men's past president, presented the award at the Dakers Memorial Triples event.

NE BOWLER OF THE YEAR

With her second place finish in the Dakers Memorial Open Triples, Linda McDougall tied for the 2002 NE Bowler of the Year award with Jack Lucey. All NE event participants earn points for placing in the NE's major events. The winning point's total was 53 points for the 2002 season; Dana Lum tied Colin Smith for third place with 47 points.

OTHER NE EVENT RESULTS

Paul Motta Memorial Open Pairs hosted by the Cunningham Park BGC, Milton MA: First - Duncan Farrell (Essex County) and Fred Howarth (Slater Park); 2nd - Ed Kenney and George Zvanelich (Slater Park); 3rd - Bob and Josh Sayer, father and son; and 4th - Sam Drevitch and Arthur Newton (Slater Park)

Dakers Memorial Open Triples hosted by the Slater Park LBC, Pawtucket RI: First - Jack Lucey, Patrick Duffy, Dana Lum; 2nd - Ron Buck, Colin Smith, Linda McDougall; 3rd - Ed Kenney, Ken Birch (Slater Park), George Zvanelich; and 4th - TIE: Between Sam Drevitch Larry Messier (Slater Park), Jason Dornhoffer (Cunningham Park); and Jim Murphy (Slater Park), Andrea Murphy (New York), Jean Lithgow (New York)

CLUB REPORTS

BUCK HILL FALLS, PA

By Ron Burry

We've had a number of new members join the club, and during the summer the first Junior Bowling Championship tournament was held for the children here. The Buck Hill Camp Club children (ages 7-16) were split into three groups, and had several sessions to practice before the tournament began. Once the event had been completed, the winners were presented with trophies; each of the participants received a ribbon for the commemorating the occasion.

On August 25, the Buck Hill Falls club bowlers won The Challenge Trophy. The event, which was begun in the 1930s, is played alternatively on the Buck Hill or Skytop greens. Each year, the clubs field six pairs of teams. This year, four of the six

NORTHEAST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS



NE Triples winners get shot: Professional photographer Dick Sayer took this shot of Bowls USA editor Gene Goodwin photographing NE Open Men's Triples champions, from left, Al Pellccio, Colin Smith and Ron Buck.

matches were won by the Buck Hill Falls club, allowing us to keep the antique etching (a Scottish lawn bowling scene) trophy for the second year in a row.

We had a number of competitive club matches played during our four month bowling season. Tony Burger won the Club Singles Tournament and Frank Phillips paired with Ernie Verso to win the Betty Nelson Memorial Tournament. Frank Phillips and Cora Kordowski won the Millwater/Wilson Singles Tournament. Tony Burger also won his second tournament for the



*NE Open Singles Champ
Linda McDougall.*



Pairs winners at NE Open Dana Lum, left, and Lorraine Hitchcock.



Championship smiles are what you get when Dick Sayer takes your picture, as he did of the above NE Open Pairs winners Len Hitchcock, left, and Burl Roller.

year. Begun three years ago, The Trumpet Vine is a rather different manner of play. Bowling through a number of obstacles scores points; the winner has the highest score. The same slate of officers was re-elected to serve over the next year. Nina Burger - President, Don Quillen - VP, Ron Burry - Secretary and Marie Fisher, Treasurer.

DUPONT - DuPont Country Club Wilmington, DE

By Tom Lawlor

Two visitations again highlighted our 2002 season. In June, the Frick Park Club visited us for 14 games of pairs. The DuPont Club won 10 games to 4. In September, we traveled to the Williamsburg Club for 25 games of Pairs, from which we emerged with a 13 games to 12 margin.

Congratulations to DuPont members Ron Buck and Colin Smith who were members of Team USA at the recent North American Challenge event hosted by the Pinehurst LBC. The US team won versus Team Canada for the first time since 1998.

Tournament Results

Handicap Singles	Peggy Lang
Men's Singles	Barry Gibson
Women's Singles	Peggy Lang
Guest Singles	Dave Ryer
Hein Memorial Pairs	Jim Michael and Patricia Flynn
Triples Championships	Colin Smith, Jack Montigney, Hal Cuprey

Come visit our Club if you will be visiting the Wilmington DE area. Winter bowling hours are 1 PM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and 1:30PM Sunday. Contact Jack Montigney at 302-478-2789 OR Tom Lawlor at 302-478-2276 to arrange a match.

ESSEX COUNTY - Watsessing Park Bloomfield NJ

By George Schick

The ECLBC Executive Committee has held a series of meetings with the Orange Lawn & Tennis Club regarding its future involvement in lawn bowling. They already have a lawn



NORTHEAST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

bowling green and a membership consisting of over 200 families. They are interested in becoming more active in our sport and we hope to add almost 1,000 USLBA members beginning with the 2003 season.

The Essex membership wishes to congratulate Colin Smith upon his election as the first NE President. Also, in recognition of his bowling record, Colin was named as a replacement player for Team USA in the North American Challenge versus Team Canada. Well-Done Colin!

I am also pleased to report Dana Lum will serve as NE vice-president, Lorraine Urquhart as one of the NE's Directors and, I will be serving as NE Secretary.

FERNLEIGH - West Hartford CT

By Ed Wood

The Fernleigh tournament season is well underway. In addition, we are working with the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce on a series of "Learn to Lawn Bowl" programs throughout the season. We expect to gain many new members. At our Club, we have a highly successful training program that is well received by all of our new members.

Tournament Results

- 1) Mid-Week Special John McNeil and Ed Wood
- 2) 20 teams participated in the weekly Monday Night Fernleigh/Thistle League
Winners: Ted Laski (Thistle) and Ed Wood
- 3) The Fernleigh Club's singles doubles and triples events are still underway at press time.

FRICK PARK - Pittsburgh PA

By James C. Cunningham

Every club has one or more special members who do more than their share to keep lawn bowling alive and well. Frick Park is fortunate in having many such members but four of our members are outstanding and our club has honored them. One of our greens is now the "Phillips Green" to honor Beverly and Jack Phillips while the other green has been named the "Luba Green" in honor of Eileen and Hank Luba. Without these devoted members, the Frick Park club would not be at its current level. Thank you Beverly, Eileen, Hank and, Jack!

Club Tournament Winners to Date:

First Half Wednesday Triples League

- "Thrushes" Lois Saladin/Hannah Wilson/Alice Mertz
"Blackbirds" James Cunningham/Greg McCormick
/David Feerst

First Half Tuesday Doubles League

- "Orioles" Lois Saladin and Charlotte Lang
"Larks" Hank Luba and Hannah Wilson

Our Club was pleased to host the NE's 2002 Annual Open Tournament. We hope the participants enjoyed their visit as much as we enjoyed serving as host, despite the hot weather. We hope to see our many new friends for seasons to come.

GREENWICH, CT

By Frances Novak

Warm fall weather has enabled good member turnout for Tuesday & Thursday evening bowling as well as Saturday afternoons. Our newest club members have joined play as well. Our photogenic green in Bruce Park surrounded by its white picket fence attracts guests. Posters have been placed around town in stores clubs and, other meeting places to attract new bowlers as well. We have also received several new members from our involvement in the Greenwich Board of Education's Continuing Education program.

Recently, we began a series of inter-club matches with the members of the Coverleigh Club that is based in Rye, NY. Since their green is closed for the winter, we expect many of their members to bowl with us.

Our last "Fun Day" was held on Oct. 5 at which lunch was provided by our club President. Our club's annual meeting and awards luncheon was held on Oct. 19. Bowling will continue at our club until the weather makes it impossible. We expect to open our 2003 season on May 3.

LEISURE WORLD - Silver Spring MD

By Roy Rosfeld

Our club recently hosted the lawn bowling competition for the Maryland Senior Olympics for the fourth consecutive year; 50 people played for medals in Triples, Pairs and Singles on Sept. 21-22. In all, some 62 medals were awarded in various categories.

This past season, our club conducted member tournaments in Rinks, Triples, Pairs and Singles. Members of our club have traveled to play against the Williamsburg Inn LBC and a team from that club visited us here in Maryland.

SKYTOP - Skytop Lodge Skytop PA

By J. Thomas Murphy

Our Club had a very pleasant summer bowling here at Skytop highlighted by the addition of several new members. In July, we were the guests of our neighboring club, Buck Hill Falls LBC, for a friendly mixed triples match. All participants were treated to wonderful refreshments after tournament play.

In August, we hosted the annual Buck Hill vs. Skytop competition for the "Ivy Picture" trophy. The Buck Hill Club retained the trophy by a 4 games to 2 victory. Once again, the tight finish was second to the camaraderie enjoyed among all of the participants.

NORTHEAST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

SLATER PARK

By Ed Kenney

Pawtucket's Park and Recreation Director Bill Mulholland opened our club's 2002 season. Another highlight from our playing season was a citation presented in person at our club by Pawtucket Mayor James E. Doyle.

Each year, our club plays a challenge event between a team captained by our Club President versus a team captained by our Games Committee Chair. This year, the President's team won by a score of 86 points to 85. Congratulations to the President's Team: Ed Kenney (Captain), Shirley Kenney, Ken Birch, Yvonne Balthazard, Vito Bart, Art Newton, Fred Howarth and, Edith Mathieu.

Tournament Results

Slater Park LBC Opening Day

First Maurice Lafond, Jim Grant, Red Melchin
Second Victor Ford, Art Newton, Pat Jones
Third Sam Drevitch, Al Letourneau, Greta Lafond
Fourth Ken Birch, Vito Bart, Susan Ford

Mayor's Day

First Larry Messier & Vito Bart
Second Maurice Lafond & Edith Mathieu
Third Victor Ford & Fred Howarth (Pat Jones)

Ken MacCaskill Cup

First Sam Drevitch & Red Melchin
Second Maurice & Greta Lafond
Third Leo and Edith Mathieu
Fourth Vito Bart & Pat Jones

Club Singles

First Maurice Lafond
Second Ken Birch
Third Leo Mathieu
Fourth Vito Bart

Club Pairs

First Ken Birch & Pat Jones
Second Larry Messier & Fred Howarth
Third Paul & Sonne Bucklin
Fourth Vito Bart & Al Letourneau

Club Triples

First Paul & Sonne Bucklin, Al Letourneau
Second Victor & Susan Ford, Josh Sayer
Third George Zvanelich, Vito Bart, Yvonne Balthazard
Fourth Ken Birch, Fred Howarth, Pat Jones

Archie Stevenson Day

First Sam Drevitch & Pat Jones
Second Maurice & Greta Lafond
Third Larry Messier & Fred Howarth
Fourth Ed & Shirley Kenney (Vito Bart)

Candalet Cup

First Maurice Lafond & Fred Howarth (Jim Grant)
Second Victor & Susan Ford
Third Ken Birch & Art Newton
Fourth Vito Bart & Greta Lafond

Green Appreciation Day

First Victor Ford & Vito Bart (Greta Lafond)
Second Maurice Lafond & Susan Ford
Third Fred Howarth & Pat Jones
Fourth Ken Birch & Al Letourneau

WILLIAMSBURG INN - Williamsburg VA

By Susan Berg

Five years in a row! That is the record our club holds for sending a member as the NE Men's U. S. Singles Championships representatives. Ed Reynolds won the 2002 play downs hosted by the DuPont Lawn bowls club.

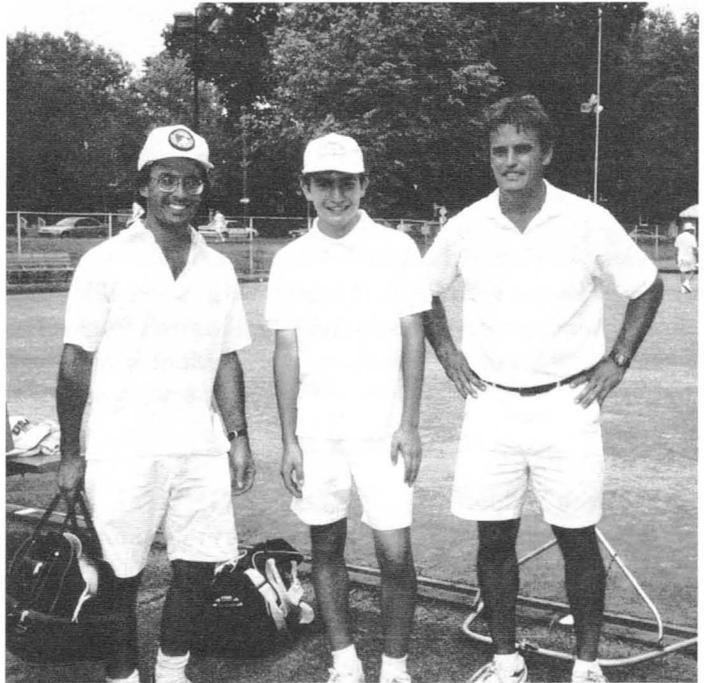
Dan and Susan Berg won the Club's Mixed Pairs tournament for the third consecutive year. In addition, our Club sent 10 bowlers to the Leisure World LBC for a tournament from which we emerged victorious.

Club Vice President Bill Holcombe instituted a weekly draw event to increase membership play. (Thanks to Bud Fickley of the Frick Park Club for his advice and assistance). The draw runs for twice weekly bowling over a six-week period followed by a single day three-game tournament.

Series A results: Dan Berg and Edith Edwards

Series B results: Lew Lecompte and Richard Corwin

This draw program was well received by all participants and we would recommend other clubs to try it, as it should increase member participation at the club.



THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION BOWLERS, from left, Dick Sayer of Meadville PA, his 15-year-old nephew, Josh, and Josh's father, Bob. They are the third and fourth generations of Sayers to bowl out of Slater Park RI.



Southwest Division

Jim Walker, staff correspondent
5754 Tilbury St.,
Lakewood CA 90713-3044
(562) 429-8962,
Email Aug101947@webtv.net



MACKENZIE PARK - SANTA BARBARA

By Ray Stone

At our four-day lawn bowling festival over Labor Day this year, we ran three separate Australian Pairs tournaments, which were won by: Bill Hiscock and Gordon Shieck, Mert Hill and Hugh Finlay and Sam DeLisle and Dick Rivera.

Our club again topped the Gold Coast League, made up of teams from Santa Barbara, Santa Anita and Oxnard as well as MacKenzie Park. Each club plays the other clubs four times, home and away in nine triples games per session. Based on 2 points per win, the final standings were: MacKenzie Park 135, Oxnard 111, Santa Anita 106 and Santa Barbara 80.

Club tournaments produced these winners: Peggy Singer and Joyce Trevillian, Women's Pairs; Steve Wayne, Mixed Singles; Myles Limburg, Novice Singles; Myles Limburg and Bill Hart, Novice Pairs; Pat Fagan, Mary DeLisle and Bill Joseph, George Cormack Triples; and Ed Russell and Bill Shultz, club Pairs.

SANTA BARBARA

By Dudley Miller

Our club has voted to install an artificial surface on one of our two greens to cut maintenance costs. Negotiations to cover the \$125,000 cost are in their final stages, and we hope construction will be underway as you read this.

Pearl Howe, with Jim and Eileen Morton, are this year's club Triples champions. Kathy Vea won Women's Singles, Jan Stahl and Bill Schultz, Men's Pairs, and Rich Monchamp, Men's Singles.

HOLMBY PARK

By Maureen Waldorf

Our club celebrated its 75th anniversary this summer, with special guests Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yarovslofsky and Manuel Mollinedo, general manager of the Recreation and Parks department.

After the ceremony, which Brian Studwell MC'd, 215 members and guests enjoyed a barbecue lunch as they were serenaded by the New Custer Brass Band.

After lunch came an Australian Pairs tournament with other clubs, won by Morris Jolly and Cecile Langevin of Long Beach.

Our recruiting drive brought us 14 new members.

Winners of club competitions were: Brian Studwell and Bea Simon, Bridwell Singles; George Alpern, Bud Wakeling and Helen Tan, Selected Triples; Bea Simon, Warren Gates and Mike Redjaian, Cella 666; Brian Studwell, Lionel Krisel and Dan Cirlin, Taylor Triples, and Helen Chung and Damian Anderson, Novice Singles.

OXNARD-JOSLYN

By Rosalie Hutton

We enjoyed bowling against visitors from Santa Barbara, MacKenzie Park, Holmby Park and Friendly Valley. Kottia Spangler of Riverside won our Ralph Ecton tournament in August.

Through the generosity of our Harry Saperstein, we sent out Open House invitations to 35,000 Oxnard residents as inserts in their water bills. This resulted in 58 showing up and 20 potential new members.

CASA DEL SOL

By Don Lloyd



Folkins Mixed Triples winners, from left, Kottia Spangler of Riverside, Ian and Eva Ho of Laguna Beach.

Fourteen teams entered our only club invitational, the Folkins Mixed Triples, held this year in August heat.

The winners were Ian and Eva Ho of Laguna Beach and Kottia Spangler of Riverside. Second were Marie and Malcolm Taylor of San Diego and Chuck Spangler of Riverside. Finishing third were Bill Kagan, Al Ogle and Nora Winkel of the Oaks North and host clubs.

We have bid farewell to George Sweet, a good bowler, polite and humorous, who moved to Long Beach to be nearer his family.

REDLANDS

By Peg Bennett

We took in 12 new members this year, the most recent being Pat Leonhardt, Shirley Niday, Donald Krause, Larry Dolan and Wanda Webb.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

One of our newcomers, Joyce Bush, teamed with Pat Oesterlein in the Vet/Novice Pairs at Laguna Beach in July. They had fun, and Joyce got her feet wet in a competitive tournament.

LONG BEACH

By Jim Walker

Our club president, Pat Gonzales, won Women's Singles in the U.S. Championships at Rossmoor in September. Last year she won the U.S. Championship Women's Pairs. Awesome!

LAGUNA BEACH

By Patty Cutkomp

Club tournament winners this season are: Mert Hill and new member Bill Levisoh, Men's Pairs; Tom Cutkomp and Brad Sussman, Club Pairs; Mert Hill, Larry Good and Bill Harper, Triples; Bill Brown and Ev Glazer, Mixed Pairs, and Mert and Annlia Hill, Bowl with your Spouse tournament.

Two Laguna Beachers, Mert Hill and Ian Ho, took top prize in the Cary MacDonald Pairs at Long Beach in July.

The 31 club bowlers who bowled for us in the Coast League this year won us a second and a third place.

We owe thanks to our new bowler instructors, Terry Baade, Jerry Stewart, Norm Bender, Carrie Fossati and Reine Butnik.

We helped our oldest member, Grant Valentine, celebrate his 90th birthday on Sept. 11.

Come see the new fence around our greens — like icing on an already beautiful cake.

THE GROVES - IRVINE

By Roma Bunch

President of our 74-member club this year is Shirley Hess. Paul Young is vice president, Bill Brown is secretary-treasurer, and Kay May and Jim Emerson are Games co-chairs.

Gar Farnsworth and Ed Quo placed first in our Bill "Mad Dog" Meierstein Open, which attracted 64 players last March.

Winners of our recent club tournaments were: Joe Molleta, Royal Spurrier and Bonnie Allen, **Triples**; John Cutajar, Novice; Glenna Weber, **Women's Singles**; and Barbara McCowen and Fanchion Michaelson, **Mixed Pairs**.

A special program on bowling etiquette and duties of skips, vices and lead was put on at our semiannual meeting in June by Shirley Martin, Barbara McCowen, Sybil Bernash and Bob Burroughs.

HERMOSA BEACH

By Carol Tanner

Our club's favorite tournament pits members born in the United States against our foreign-born members. The foreign-born teams triumphed this fifth year of the competition, giving them an overall lead of 3 to 2.

After the bowling ended, Lucio and Lolly Arce and Nancy

Stanek served up a wonderful Argentinean barbeque.

We continue to offer lawn bowling classes through the Hermosa Beach Recreation Department, and this summer we taught our game to 18 youngsters from the local Summer Teen Camp.

SANTA ANITA

By Gene Plunkett

Our Guys and Dolls Pairs was won this year by Marion Compton and Marinko Tudor.

In the City of Hope Triples, all entry fees go to that charity. This year the fees added up to \$3,800. In the competition, winners on number one green were Bob Hill, Gene Plunkett and Bob Schmalholtz. On green four, the Laguna Woods team of Ken and Jean MacAuley and Marinko Tudor took first place.

Marinko had another win in the Pairs event of the Crown Valley Senior Olympics held on our greens. This time she teamed with Bob Padgett of Santa Anita. A trio from Holmby Park - Don Hedge, Edna Stone and Sylvia Mizraki - won the senior Triples.

We have started a Bowlers of the Month competition, the awards based on wins and points in weekly matches. The inaugural awards for July went to Arne Mortenson for skip, Brian Eccles for vice and Ed Sylvis for lead.

SAN DIEGO

By Christine Ludwig

Our bathrooms finally got their long awaited face lift, and our club Board voted twice to stick with whites as our normal dress code (except for shoes and except that multi-colored shirts will be allowed for special occasions).

On the bathroom project, credit Margaret Cooper for organizing it and swinging the paint brush as well.

The Taylors, Marie and Malcolm, claimed our club championships in women's and men's Singles this season.

Other club tournament winners: Bob Knoth and Pete Zachinno, Bill Young Doubles; Marie Taylor, Grace Boardman and Jay Robbins, Arthur Crowe Triples; Bob Knoth, Jim and Robin Olson, Ruth Erickson Triples; and George Gottlieb and Jeanette Exter, Fox Mixed Pairs.

Our club won the 2002 South League championship.

In July and August, we started a Monday and Wednesday aggregate league, which resulted in these winners: Steve Smith for skips, Christine Ludwig for vices and Steve Bates for leads. Howard Harris provided the Wednesday barbeque.

Howard and Christine also organized the Labor Day barbeque, which attracted 52 bowlers. While we were enjoying that holiday at home, some of our bowlers celebrated in Santa Barbara: Bill Hiscock skipped the winning Australian Pairs team, while Bob Knoth, Jim and Robin Olson won the Joe Duran Triples.



SOUTHWEST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS

By Lionel Trayne

Beverly Hills hosted members of the Santa Monica club during the summer while green was closed for repairs. It was nice to see our greens so busy.

We are proud that two of our members, Neville Sacks and Joe Siegman, have won the Men's Pairs at the U.S. Championships at Rossmoor in September.

We welcome two new members, young Matthew Jennings and veteran bowler Bud Wakeling.

With conditions necessitating a juggling of the SW tournament calendar, our annual Maccabee Pairs tournament was changed from September to October, from pairs to fours and from two or three days to one day. The division asked us to experiment with a Fours (or Rinks) event, which is now played at the National Open instead of triples.

ISAACMAN AND MEYEROWITZ WIN DISNEY

By Joe Siegman

The pairs tandem of Mert Isaacman and Simon Meyerowitz, both of Irvine, won the 33rd annual Walt Disney Tournament at Beverly Hills Memorial Day weekend.

The Orange County champions edged Oxnard's Amador Martinez and Amand Escalante for top honors. The two teams finished regulation play in a dead heat, requiring a one-end playoff to determine the winner.

The win was Isaacman's fourth Mickey Mouse triumph, the other three singles victories dating back to 1992 when the Disney was a singles competition.

Ray Santini and Stan Bloom finished third; Harry Dickenson and Alan Power were fourth.

The champions and six other finalists took home generous cash prizes, and the champions also got traditional Disney crystal mugs.

Twenty-two pairs teams competed, playing four matches each of the three days of the long weekend. Joe Siegman directed the tournament and the draw. Allen Grossman and Len Zvonkin headed the hospitality committee.

NEWPORT HARBOR

By Clare Donovan

Our club has received a \$1,000 gift from two members, Theresa and Joseph "Cas" Casanova, who presented their check "with love and best wishes" for the Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club to "continue forever." Theresa has been a club member since 1985, Joe since 1995.

Nine club members who participated gave rave reviews to a skills improvement clinic put on by Pat Gonzales of Long Beach, assisted by Wayne Bowbeer, and Mert and Annlia Hill. The clinic was sponsored by our club and the SW-USLBA.

Our club Mixed Fours tournament ended up with a tie

between (1) Shirley Kahan, Joan Klein, Jay Coons and Harvey Miller, and (2) Joyce Novak, Maryna Hyland, Jim Altobelli and Ivan Hyland.

In club Pairs, Jan Hargraves and Shirley Kahan took the 2002 women's title, while Jim Altobelli and Phil Ronis won the men's. Jim also won men's Singles. Club Triples was won by Jerry Grady, Jan Hargraves and Joseph Casanova.

Newport Harbor also won the Coast League this year, ending Laguna Beach's five-year reign.

We are proud of the three Newport Harbor members who played on Team USA this year: Maryna Hyland and Bob Nunes and his daughter, Anne. Bob and Anne also won their events in the 2002 U.S. Championships.



Bob Nunes relaxes at Rossmoor after winning the U.S. Championship Men's Singles for the second year in a row.



Banner year for Anne Nunes, left, and Kottia Spangler. Here they are shown at the 2002 U.S. Championships, where they won Women's Pairs, which they also won in the 2002 National Open. And they also bowled on Team USA, which defeated Canada this year.



Northwest Division

Larry Edgar

PO Box 286

Corvallis OR 97339-0286

(503) 752-4137

Email <lare@proaxis.com>



JEFFERSON PARK - SEATTLE

By Ed Pina

Our new grass green, built to international standards, was dedicated on Aug. 30, with Superintendent Ken Bounds of the Seattle Parks Department rolling the dedication bowl.

Jefferson Park Club members did well in the NW Summer Open and the Playdowns for the U.S. Championships:

In the open, Bill Craig was a member of the first-place men's pairs team. Howard and Jean Syder and Fermin Cabico won the triples, and Its and Nancy Nishikawa and Richard Krueger came in second. In singles, Richard Krueger placed first and Nancy Nishikawa second.

In the NW Playdowns, Its Nishikawa and Doug Bradley won the right to represent the NW in the U.S. Championship Men's Pairs, while Nancy Nishikawa advanced to the U.S. tournament in Women's Singles.

Thanks to the efforts of Chuck Caddy (Jefferson Park's 2002 president), this has been an excellent recruiting year - resulting in 12 new members. His focus on local community members has opened new recruiting channels.

TACOMA

By Jack Moore

New members added this year were: Jerry Mowery, John Perry, Bob and Evelyn Gower, and Adrian Pragnell.

In our local competition the winners were:

Women's Singles, Rosetta Johnson; **Men's Singles**, Warren Townsend; **Men's Pairs**, George West and Von Armstrong; **Novice**, John Perry; **Mixed Pairs**, Warren Townsend and Donna West; **John Kern Memorial Singles**, Warren Townsend; and **Draw Cutthroat**, Mary Scoggin and Van Armstrong.

We are looking forward to 2003 with the same Officers.

SPOKANE

By Dave Robb

New members include Mary Whiting, Deni Perry, Gladys Elmquist, Charlotte Batchelor and Richard Broderhausen. All display verve and skills and are most welcome.

Officers and Board members for 2003: President Deni Perry, Vice President Gladys Elmquist, Secretary Olivia Kissin and Treasurer Bob Williams. Board: Lowell Brooks, Derek Ware, Candee Compogno, Frank Frampton and Dave Robb.

Tournament results: **NW Spring Open Mixed Triples**: 1. Its Nishikawa, Nancy Nishikawa, Dave Robb; 2. Betty Arthur, Joan Walker, Graham McDonald; 3. Ron Adkins, Dorothy Nakielny, Howard Syder.

Club tournament winners: **Mixed Pairs**: Jean Wren and Rich Gaffey. **Mixed Triples**: Dave Robb, Dorothy Nakielny, Dean Ferraby. **Men's Pairs**: Sam Compogno and Dave Robb. **Women's Singles**: Jean Wren. **Men's Singles**: Bob Williams. **All Events**: Dorothy Nakielny. **Yardstick**: Dave Robb. **Cutthroat**: Marian Wertz.

Two Spokane teams made the August trip to the Invitational Mixed Pairs in Penticton, British Columbia. No prize money made it back to our country but the hospitality was great. A team of Frank Frampton, Dorothy Nakielny and Dean Ferraby and another of Rich Gaffey, Jean Wren and Bob Miller represented Spokane.

Olivia Kissin announced she will give up chairing the club tournament committee. Thanks go to her for her years of able service.

Evening play on Monday and Wednesday continues to be very popular. Lowell and Betty Brooks' contribution in 1998 that gave us lighting has done much to bring in new members.

WOODLAND PARK - SEATTLE

By Roy Scully

New officers are: President Rand Coburn, Vice President Richard Broad, Treasurer Ian Fyfe, Secretary Lucy Hart, and Board members Carl Uhlman and Colin Southcote-Want. Besides being good bowlers, they are all enthusiastic supporters of lawn bowling in general and our club in particular.

This season we have had success at recruiting new members by emphasizing two evening bowling sessions each week aimed at demonstrating to potential bowlers what a great sport we have. Adding a barbecue to some of the evenings provided an incentive for newcomers to attend. This idea was the brainchild of our new president, Rand Coburn, who has dedicated a lot of time and effort to expand our membership. Currently several new members have joined our ranks, and hopefully, many more are expected to join us in the spring.

KING CITY

By Ed Otte

Our schedule of events this year included some club championship tournaments for the first time in quite a few years. The Women's Singles competition was won by Lu Blunk with Marie Perry placing second. Ed Otte won the Men's Singles, and Herb Rooper placed second. The Mixed Pairs tournament was won by Rose Stunkard and Ben Goodling. Bill Baxter and Bud Meathe, a visitor from Palm Desert, won the Men's



SOUTHWEST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

Pairs tournament, and Bob Campbell won the Cutthroat competition.

We enjoyed bowling with Bud and Evie Meathe from Palm Desert during the month of August while they were visiting family members in the area.

The Fall Fun Invitational Sept. 1 was a great success with more than 20 bowlers from Portland, Tacoma, and King City participating.

We were saddened by the death of Clif Baxter in April at the age of 94. Clif was a long time member, a great instructor, and one of best bowlers, even after the age of 90. His regular presence on the green is greatly missed.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members this year: Peg Beckwith, Virginia Chapman, Ben Goodling, Stan Halpin, Lucille Hess and Margalee Schrack.

PORTLAND

By Larry Edgar

Our club tournament schedule began in June with the Cutthroat competition in which Larry Edgar, Jessie Goett, and Ron Maclean took the top three spots.

Next came our club Singles. Larry Edgar was the winner with Jessie Goett and Bob Campbell tying for second.

Debbie Tupper and Pam Edwards won the Self-Select Pairs tournament. The Club Select Pairs tournament was won by Larry Edgar and Bob Campbell.

Debbie Tupper and Pam Edwards won Women's Pairs in the NW Division Playdowns and ably represented our division in the US Championships. It's the first time in many years that a representative from outside the Seattle area has gone to the Championships. They did not win it but they made many friends for the Northwest.

During our division's Summer Open in Seattle, Debbie and Jim Tupper won the Mixed Pairs tournament, and new member Roland Hanselmann, who joined us after learning about our game in Santa Monica CA, won the Novice competition.

Our slate of officers was reelected during our annual meeting following the work party Oct. 5. President is Jim Tupper, vice president Larry Edgar, secretary Pam Edwards and treasurer Debbie Tupper.



SOUTHEAST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

Southeast Division

Beth Forbes, staff correspondent
100 S. Tremain St. # E-3
Mount Dora FL 32757
(352) 383-4198
Email: Bethforbe@hotmail.com



An artificial green has been laid in Asheville NC. An inquiry from Kissimmee FL about an artificial green has been received. The Kissimmee area attracts visitors from the U.K because of Disney World, so installing a lawn bowling facility could be a natural fit. Interest in lawn bowling has also surfaced in University Park in the Sarasota area of Florida.

We are fervently hoping the lawn bowlers in Vero Beach FL are ready to affiliate with us. Potential lawn bowlers are considering membership in the Naples club.

On one of his trips throughout the country, Frank Ransome, chairman of the USLBA Membership and Instruction Committee, made stops in Lakeland and in Mount Dora. While in Mount Dora, he met with representatives from the Daytona Beach, DeLand and Mount Dora clubs to discuss membership issues throughout the North Central Florida area.

Lawn bowling is again featured in the 2002 Florida Senior

Games State Championships. The Lakeland Lawn Bowling Club is once more hosting this one-day event on Dec. 12. Next year the lawn bowling part of the games will be held at Mount Dora.

Southeast clubs are reviewing a proposal to participate in a co-op membership advertising program.

Chuck Mather of Sun City Center operates a web page at: <http://www.lawnbowlingnews.com> on which he emphasizes Southeast lawn bowling news.

Last but not least, my husband and I had a wonderful month-long visit to Scotland again this summer where we bowl at a number of clubs. Many of the Scottish bowlers are surprised to learn that there is lawn bowling in the U.S. We told them we have numerous clubs throughout our great nation and will be sending our National Team to World Bowls in Ayr, Scotland, July 23-Aug. 7, 2004.

SUNCOASTERS & PEBBLE BEACH

By David Burbery

The hot, summer weather has not deterred members of the Sun Coasters and the Pebble Beach clubs at Sun City Center from turning out. The only concession to the temperature was that 12 ends were played instead of 14.

Green 3 has been relaid and is bowling very well. Work on the new clubhouse was scheduled to commence this fall. The utilities work is virtually complete. Fund raising activities to support this ambitious project continue.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS



CLEARWATER

By Jim Calhoun

The Clearwater Lawns Bowls Club is saddened by the passing of Bert MacWilliams, a past club president and a member of the USLBA Hall of Fame.

Well known by lawn bowlers throughout the U.S. and Canada, Bert and Edith were familiar figures on our greens after joining the Clearwater club in 1984. Bert and Bill Farrell brought considerable recognition to our club with their many appearances in the U.S. Men's Pairs Championships and twice they brought home the trophy.

We are also heavy-hearted about the passing of William Kasson.

Our greenskeeper, George Scott, struggled with a fungus infection on our larger green brought on by the wet summer. The City of Clearwater worked with us to help eradicate the pesky growth.

MOUNT DORA

By Gene Goodwin

Several improvements on our playing rinks were made over the summer by Grounds Director Mac McKean and numerous volunteers.

A new sprinkler system has been installed, benches have been painted white, scoreboards have been cleaned up or replaced, "whiskers" have replaced white plugs to mark hog lines and two-meter spots, and the surfaces are faster and draw well.

No wonder the club Board at its first meeting this Fall authorized Mac to buy a \$6,300 600-pound power roller.

The Board also authorized former market researcher Dick Tucker to study our membership so we can do a better job recruiting and retaining new members and planning activities. Dick, who is also vice president, plans to use paper and phone interviews and focus group discussions to do his study.

We have created a new "Ralph Knight Pill Bowler of the Year" award to recognize bowlers who participate fully and often in our daily draw games and demonstrate sportsmanship, enthusiasm and a spirit of camaraderie. Ralph Knight is the model for future award recipients. We mourn the death of Chester Wintsch, father of Herb and Judy Wintsch.

SARASOTA

By Ron Buck

While our northern clubs wind down their activities for the winter months ahead, Sarasota is preparing for a very active winter of lawn bowling and social activities. In addition to our club's 75th anniversary, the City of Sarasota is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

We are planning special activities at our annual International Day in late January when we field at least 24 triples teams: Canada vs. England vs. Scotland vs. U.S.A. (6 teams per country). We dress in patriotic attire and wave our flags. It is not uncommon to see a Polish, Italian or Welsh flag waving among the bowlers.

Kudos are extended to Dick LaBrie our vice president who has directed the effort required to get our greens into playable shape while most of us were away during the summer.



SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

South Central Division

Myra M. Wood, staff correspondent
10331 W. Sierra Dawn Dr.
Sun City AZ 85351
(623) 977-6559
Email: myrawood@juno.com



Sun City West AZ has been awarded the honor of hosting the U.S. Championships at the R.H. Johnson Club in October 2004. And the South Central Division will host the 2002 USLBA National Open Oct. 29-Nov. 4.

News from our clubs is always sketchy at this time of year, before our season is fully underway. But here are some items:

Largely because of the "Boosters," led by Jerry Cobb, summer bowling has increased dramatically at **Lakeview**. Jerry's "Teach a Friend" program has brought in 25 new members.

Yardstick competition also was very popular at Lakeview and at Fairway/Mt. View this summer.

The heart of every club are its volunteers. We wish to recognize some of the people who set up our daily games:

Chris Haas, Sharon Harter, Bill Laslo, Dot Morrison, Wayne Parker, Kent Wells and Don Wood.

Sun City bowlers thank Scott Herrington and his crew for the exceptional quality of all their greens. Jim Webster, president at **Oakmont**, says their green is running 12-13 seconds now, which bodes well for the dormant speed this winter.

Visiting bowlers may make arrangements to bowl at the following clubs by calling the contact person listed (all area code 623):

Bell: Jerry Cobb at 583-0689.

Fairway/Mt. View: Merlene Putnam at 977-8458.

Lakeview: Chet Towle at 977-3082.

Paradise RV Park: Marge Woodward at 815-1047.

Sun City: Jim Jones at 876-1167.

Sun City West: Doris Leibbrandt at 546-5644.

Top Ten Rules Every Bowler Needs to Know

By Conrad Melton

Chairman, SW-USLBA Instruction Committee

For my workshops I have developed a handout called "The Top Ten Rules that Every Lawn Bowler Needs to Know." How would I know which are the top 10? you ask. Well, I didn't, I just chose some. But then I offered 13 umpires the opportunity to debate my choices, and every one of them chose, for whatever reasons, not to respond. Given that a good argument about the rules is as much fun as many of us are able to find most of the time, I was left to assume that my choices are generally acceptable.

An honored tradition of Bowls is that the players know and apply the rules themselves. In recent years, the observance of this tradition has declined. For any player to be "burned" because he or she doesn't know a rule, or because it is misinterpreted, can be extremely upsetting. But an even bigger problem is that frequently dishonoring the rules gives everyone the message that "it's OK to violate rules at this club, because nobody really cares and nothing will be done." As violations become increasingly "normal," the sport is inched ever-closer toward some "do whatever you want to" game that isn't Bowls. It takes a lot of time and effort to learn all the rules. But for those who are willing "to take the first step," here are 10 rules that are especially important to know:

Law 3 E: Equipment; FOOTWEAR

Players, Umpires and Markers shall wear smooth-soled, heel-less footwear of any color while playing on the Green or acting as Umpires or Markers.

Law 4 D: The Team; DUTIES OF TEAM MEMBERS

(1) **CAPTAIN or SKIP** (a) To act as Director except when bowling. (b) To decide, with his opponent, any dispute or to refer it to the umpire. (c) To sign both score cards at the end of the Match. (d) To act as scorer in a Pairs Match. (e) To have complete control of the Team and actions of Team Members at all times. (2) **MEASURER** (a) To act as Director when his Captain or Skip is playing or absent. (b) To advise his Captain of the result of the end. (c) To direct his Captain only when necessary. (d) To determine, with his opponent, the result of an End, or to refer it to his Captain or Skip. (e) To act as scorer in a Triples Match. (3) **SCORER** (a) To enter the players, names on the score card. (b) To record the score at each End and check total with his opponent. (c) To hand the score card, signed by both Captains, to the proper official at the end of the Match. (d) To act as measurer in a Triples Match. (4) **LEAD** (a) To place the mat as directed by the Captain. (b) To deliver the Jack as directed by the Captain. (c) To have the Jack aligned. (d) To act as measurer in a Pairs Match. (5) **DIRECTOR** -- In addition to his other duties as a Team member, the player acting as Director should: (a) Prevent any disturbance of the Head

by an outside object or by a Dead Bowl. (b) Chalk his Team's Touchers. (c) Remove the Chalk mark from an opponent's Bowl when it is not a Toucher. (d) Have the Front Ditch guarded to prevent entry of a non-toucher Bowl whenever the Jack and/or one or more Toucher Bowls are in the Ditch. (e) Have all Dead Bowls removed to the Bank at once.

Law 6 J: Play During an End; LOCATION OF PLAYERS ON RINK

(1) All players at the Mat end of the rink shall be not less than 1 M behind the Mat Line, except the player in possession of the Rink. (2) All players at the Head end of the Rink shall be not less than 2 M behind the Jack, except the player in possession of the rink. (3) All players at the Head end of the Rink on both Teams shall remain motionless from the time an opponent takes his stance on the Mat until the Bowl is delivered.

Law 7 A: Playing the Bowl; POSSESSION OF THE RINK

The player whose turn it is to deliver his Bowl and his Director shall have possession of the Rink after the previously delivered Bowl has come to rest, except for time to mark a Toucher. The player in possession of the Rink shall be allowed to receive instructions and to deliver his Bowl without interference. Any communication between the Head end and the Mat end of the Rink by opponents during this period shall be deemed interference. See Law 15 B 3 for correct action if infringement exists.

Law 7 D: Playing the Bowl; FOOT FAULTING

A player at the moment of delivering the Jack or Bowl, shall have one foot entirely within the confines of the Mat. Any delivery not in accordance with this Law shall constitute Foot Faulting, in which case: (1) If an Umpire be of the opinion that a player is foot faulting, he shall warn the player so offending. The Umpire shall, after having given a warning, have the Bowl stopped and declared dead. (2) If such a Dead Bowl is not stopped and, while in course touches any portion of the Head, the opponent shall immediately remove the Dead Bowl and decide whether the Head shall be reset, shall remain as disturbed, or whether the End shall be Dead.

Law 7 J: Playing the Bowl; PLAYING OUT OF TURN

(1) If a player delivers a Bowl out of his turn, it should be stopped by either Director or buy the Marker only on the request of the opponent and be replayed in its correct order. (2) If it is not stopped and comes to rest without having touched any portion of the Head, the opponent shall then play two successive bowls to restore the correct sequence. (3) If it is not stopped and while in course, touches any portion of the Head, the opponent shall immediately decide whether the Head shall remain as disturbed or whether the End shall be Dead. If the Head remains disturbed, the opponent shall play two successive Bowls to restore the correct sequence. (4) If, after the mis-

Top Ten Rules Every Bowler Needs to Know

take is noticed, a Bowl has been delivered in the reversed order, the opponent shall play two successive Bowls to restore the correct sequence.

Law 7 K: Playing the Bowl; BOWL IN COURSE OUTSIDE THE RINK

(1) A Bowl in course, delivered on the WRONG BIAS which leaves the Rink over a side boundary shall be Dead regardless of where it comes to rest. (2) A Bowl in course, delivered on the CORRECT BIAS which leaves the Rink over a side boundary shall: (a) Continue in play, if it comes to rest on the Rink from which it was delivered without touching another object while in course outside the rink. (b) Be Dead, if it comes to rest wholly outside the Rink from which it was delivered without touching another object while in course, or if the bias prevents it from re-entering the Rink. (c) Be replayable if it collides with any person or object, or be stopped to avoid such collision while in course outside the Rink from which it was delivered.

Law 10 A: Head Disturbed; DISTURBANCE BY A PLAYER.

(1) If the Jack or Bowl is interfered with or disturbed by any player while it is in motion or at rest on the Green or in the Front Ditch, the opposing Captain shall have the option to: (a) Have the Jack or Bowl replaced as nearly as practicable to its former position or replayed. (b) Permit the Jack or Bowl to remain in the disturbed position and continue to play. (c) Declare a disturbed Bowl Dead, remove from the Green and continue to play. (d) Declare the End Dead. (2) The chalking of or removing of a chalk mark on a Bowl shall NOT constitute a disturbance thereof. See Law 8 B 2 and Law 8 D 1 & 2. (3) A Bowl which is at rest and is likely to be disturbed by a Bowl from an adjoining Rink may be lifted by the Marker or any player at the Head to allow a bowl to pass, providing such action would not influence the outcome of the Head so moved. This action shall NOT be deemed a deliberate disturbance.

Law 10 B: Head Disturbed; DISTURBANCE BY PLAY

(1) If the Head towards which the Bowl is delivered is dis-

turbed by the Bowl in course, the Head shall remain as so disturbed except where Law 10 B 2 applies. (2) If the Head is disturbed by a Bowl in course which has been deflected by outside influence, Apply Law 10 C 2. (3) If the Head is disturbed by the Jack or a Toucher Bowl entering the Front Ditch or rebounding from the face of the Bank back onto the Green, the Head shall remain as so disturbed. (4) If the Head is disturbed by a non-toucher Bowl entering the Front Ditch or rebounding from the face of the Bank back onto the Green, the Jack and/or Bowl(s) so disturbed shall be immediately replaced by the opposing Director or Singles player, whose decision is final. In a Singles Match, the Marker may assist the opposing player in replacing the disturbed Jack and/or Bowl(s) but the final decision rests with the player.

Law 10 C: Head Disturbed; OUTSIDE DISTURBANCE

(1) If the Umpire or Marker, when measuring to determine the result of an End, moves either the Jack or Bowl being measured, he shall replace either the Jack or Bowl to its former position....if unable to do so, shall declare that particular measurement a tie. (2) If any part of the Head is moved or interfered with by any neutral person or by any object from outside the Rink, the Jack or Bowl(s) shall be replaced by agreement between the opponents or failing an agreement, the End shall be Dead. (3) If the measurers have already agreed on one or more points for a particular Team and are in the process of determining the next point, then that agreement on points shall stand.

* * * * *

We all understand that most lawn bowlers play only at their Clubs, and are not anxious to have the daily draw games rigidly policed. But even at Clubs, when it's tournament time, clear, definitive rules that objectively guide and govern the vast range of strange things that could possibly happen in a match and is indeed wanted, needed, and appreciated.

Violations can't be prevented by Clubs, Divisions, Umpires, or the USLBA.

Only YOU can make a commitment to honor and follow the rules.

Hall of Fame processes integrated by gender

The USLBA Council had voted last March for a single Hall of Fame even though separate selection processes for men and women would continue.

Now the processes have also been integrated, by action of the National Council at its recent October meeting.

The 14 Councilors will now constitute the selection committee, meeting on the eve of Annual Council meetings in October.

Pins and plaques will be awarded to all past and future inductees in the USLBA Hall of Fame.

At its October meeting, the Council elected four men and two women to the Hall of Fame:

Bill Farrell of Dundedin FL, former president of ALBA and the Eastern and Southeastern divisions. **Vanitta Olinger**, vice president of the Pacific Inter-Mountain division. **Joseph Siegman**, editor of *Bowls Magazine* for 10 years, current U.S. Men's Pairs champion. **Cy Stephan**, who died just last May, a respected leader in the selection of the women's National Team.

Michael Ashton-Phillips, former USLBA marketing director and SW Councilor.

Harry Furze, ALBA president in 1928-29, who co-chaired the World Bowling Tournament held in Los Angeles concurrent with the 1932 Olympics.

The Last Shot

belongs to
Gene Goodwin, *Editor*

Attitude! That's one of the chief obstacles in our efforts to get more young people into lawn bowling.

Attitude, as in the remark by a vacationer when a waitress starts to seat him next to a family with a noisy batch of kids: "I love kids, but not when I'm on vacation!"

Attitude, as in the decisions by numerous retirement communities in Florida, Arizona, California and elsewhere to prohibit younger residents.

Attitude, as in the cold shoulder many lawn bowling clubs give to changes that might attract younger bowlers.

I understand why so many senior lawn bowlers have that attitude. They have reached the "Golden Years," which to them translates into fun without responsibility, adult fun without having to worry about or compete with younger bodies and minds.

Sure, I understand that attitude. But it's killing us in U.S. lawn bowling!

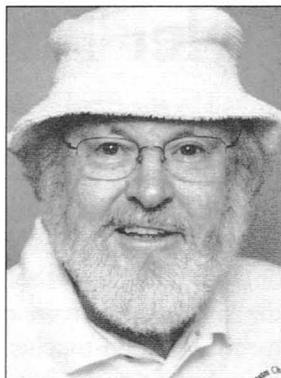
Our membership nationally is declining dramatically. As clubs take on the look of nursing homes, it becomes difficult to lure in older members, let alone the younger ones we need to keep the clubs and the game alive.

Before it's too late, let's work on changing our "Golden Years" attitudes.

About Donna: Donna West is a modest person who would not make the claim that I am about to state here, but her calm leadership of the first two years of the newly integrated USLBA probably prevented splitting U.S. lawn bowlers into two warring camps.

When the male leadership of the Southwest division, piqued over their failure to block the merger of ALBA and AWLBA, encouraged hundreds of SW men to drop their membership in USLBA (see page 4), hotheads on both sides of that issue were ready to rumble. We came very close to actions that would have forced the SW to secede and form their own "Los Angeles Area Lawn Bowls Association."

But Donna kept her cool and led us to more calm and reasoned actions, such as giving larger divisions more votes on the Council and giving the SW two teams instead of one in each event in the U.S. Championships. In other words, we admitted past injustices to the SW, smallest of our divisions geographically, but largest by far numerically. For example, ALBA had no officer (president, vice presidents, or secretary-treasurer) from the SW between 1994 when the late Brig. Gen. Jack Williams of San Diego completed his term as president, until the merger in 2000. We took the actions recognizing the greater numbers in the SW not because the SW was pushing us



to do so, but because it was the right thing to do.

Donna's leadership style - democratic, patient and wise - got us through our first two years without a major split-up and with a greater understanding of our regional differences and samenesses. We all owe her.

To all USLBA-affiliated clubs: You have a right for reasonable space in *Bowls USA* to report on activities in your club that are of interest to bowlers outside your club. But it is not economically possible for this magazine to be your club newsletter. So you must find other ways - websites, newsletters or even bulletin boards - to report your local chit chat, your second, third and fourth-place finishers in club tournaments, your thank you's to volunteers who serve your club, etc. USLBA now subsidizes this magazine about \$150 per page. Surely you can find cheaper ways to get your minor news out to your members.

Bad photos again: I am saddened by the number of photos I had to reject for this issue for poor quality, mostly because faces were shaded out of recognition by hats or tall guys on the sunny side or just lousy placement of subjects. Please, photographers, use flash at all times, and watch how the sun falls on faces.

SUPER SHOTS CLAIM FORM

I/WE wish to claim _____ entries to the SUPER SHOTS CLUB. Our signed scorecard(s) is enclosed.
Enclosed is \$5 per person (total of \$_____, check made payable to USLBA Super Shots Club), for which I/We are to receive a pin, certificate, and set of bowls markers per entry.
This is to certify that (Please Print)

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Scored a maximum of (circle numbers) shots:

7 8 9

In (circle event): Pairs Triples Fours

At (club) _____

Tournament _____

(if Applicable) _____

Date: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Verified by _____

Send To: _____

Jack Phillips
703 Ojai Ave
Sun City Center FL 33573

Super Shots Club

7 SHOTS PAIRS

Holmby Park LBC, CA	
Gary Waynessmith, Marcellia Krisel	3-21
Kings Point West LBC, FL	
Darlene Gray, Glenn Baumann	4-22
Newport Harbor LBC, CA	
Jo Feeney, Theresa Casanova	5-1
Jefferson Park LBC, WA	
Its Nishikawa, Nancy Nishikawa	5-5
Holmby Park LBC, CA	
Silvia Mizraki, Harry Dickinson	5-6
Holmby Park LBC, CA	
Susana Camejo, Lionel Krisel	6-6
Spokane LBC, WA	
Gladys Elmquist, Merwin Wade	7-1
Sun City Center, FL SE Mixed Pairs	
Ella Fraser, Dave Barrett	3-9
Berkley LBC, CA Women's Doubles	
June Browne, Barbara Mackey	6-11
Jefferson Park LBC, WA Twilight League	
Its Nishikawa, Nancy Nishikawa	7-18
Pinehurst LBC, NC	
Pat Zimmerman, Burl Roller	8-12
Jefferson Park LBC, WA	
Its Nishikawa, Jo Ann Forrest	9-11
DuPont LBC, DE	
Jack Montigney, Dick Schiefelbein	9-26
Hemet Joslyn LBC	
Jackie Depizol, Don Goodrich	10-3
Hemet Joslyn LBC, CA Vet-Nov Prs	
Roland Schneider, Clair Ott	10-5

8 SHOTS PAIRS

Newport Harbor LBC, CA	
Luetta Gebhart, Theresa Casanova	4-23
Pinehurst LBC, NC	
Anne Fortman, George Tucker	5-25
Jefferson Park LBC, WA	
Nita Burdick, Rosie Johnson	8-10
Hemet LBC Oldympics	
Fred Bertsch, Dee Kessler	10-3
Sun City LBC, CA Oldympics	
Boyd Jordan, Evelyn Tiel	10-3
MacKenzie Park LBC, CA SW Vet-Nov Prs	
John Holt, Patricia Cronshaw	10-5

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Holmby Park LBC, CA	
Carol Eglin, Sid Handler, Silvia Mizraki	3-21
Pinehurst LBC, NC	
Jim Monkman, Linda Alpin, Burl Roller	4-20
Pinehurst LBC, NC	
Rosemary Clear, Jim Monkman, George Tucker	4-13
Pinehurst LBC, NC NC Open	
Margo Pelliccio, G. Goodwin, M. Maneilly	4-24
Hemet Joslyn LBC, CA	
Fred Swank, Ken Peterson, Paula Bellone	5-17

Leisure World LBC, MD

Lois Brown, Kevin Moran, Ray Rosfield	5-8
Holmby Park LBC, CA	
Silvia Mizraki, Warren Gates, John McManus	6-8
Mt. Dora LBC, FL	
Carol Fife, Barb Smith, Brian Smith	5-29
Hemet Joslyn LBC, CA	
Fred Swank, Marilyn Ball, Paula Barrone	6-26
Hemet Joslyn LBC, CA	
Joyce Johnson, Lois Harmon, Leon Adams	7-3
Mt Dora LBC Cent Div Open	
Charlie Hunter, Dick Tucker, Bill Bish	7-17
Rossmoor LBC, CA Orville Artist Mem.	
S. Sousa, S. Cooper, J. Perkins	10-5

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Pinehurst LBC, NC	
Don Fifield, John Wistrand, Patt Cawley	4-13
Pinehurst LBC, NC NC Open	
Joe Coleman, George Tucker, Al Pelliccio	4-22
MacKenzie Park LBC, CA	
Val Bromley, Julie Unger, Don Pisciotta	5-1
Jefferson Park LBC, WA	
George Gilmour, Ruth Barrett, Fermin Cabico ..	4-20
Hemet Joslyn LBC, CA	
Fred Swank, Bob Raugust, Greg Lill	5-20
Oakmont LBC, CA	
Lee Owen, Rosemary Toby, Al Thomas	5-27
Oakland LBC, CA Inv Mixed Triples	
Judith Perkins, L. Murphy, B. McConachie	6-2
North Burnaby LBC, Can	
Jo Ann Forest, Richard Kruger, Its Nishikawa	6-8
Hemet Joslyn LBC, CA	
Ed Kearns, Ken Peterson, Rita Raugust	5-25
Flint LBC, MI	
Tom Donaldson, Jo Nichols, Jack McGaugh	6-18
Sun City West, AZ	
Grahame Ridley, Larry Brohammer, Jim Obrock	4-7
Sun City, CA	
Ray Finch, Ruth Duffie, Bob McGee	8-13
Jefferson Park LBC, WA	
Richard Krueger, Nancy Nishikawa, Its Nishikawa	8-16
Hemet Joslyn LBC, CA	
Bob Raugust, Terry Sharp, Wen Mowrey	8-16
Laguna Beach LBC, CA Mixed Triples	
Gene Plunkett, Shirley Price, Peter White	9-14
Mt. Dora LBC, FL	
Barb Smith, Tom Heneghan, Bud Riccucci	9-19
Santa Clara LBC, CA	
David Romasko, Tony Barbari, Stephen Cooper	10-2

9 SHOTS TRIPLES

Newport Harbor, CA	
Gloria Montes, Hugh Hughes, Ernest Mauders ...	6-5
San Diego, CA	
Shirley Price, Marie Taylor, Malcom Taylor	8-10

Bowls USA – Autumn 2002

P.O. Box 562

Mount Dora, FL 32756

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Mount Dora, FL
Permit 120

To subscribe to Bowls USA:

1 Year – USA \$12

1 Year – Canada \$18

1 Year Elsewhere \$22

2 Years – USA \$22

(No charge for USLBA Members)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

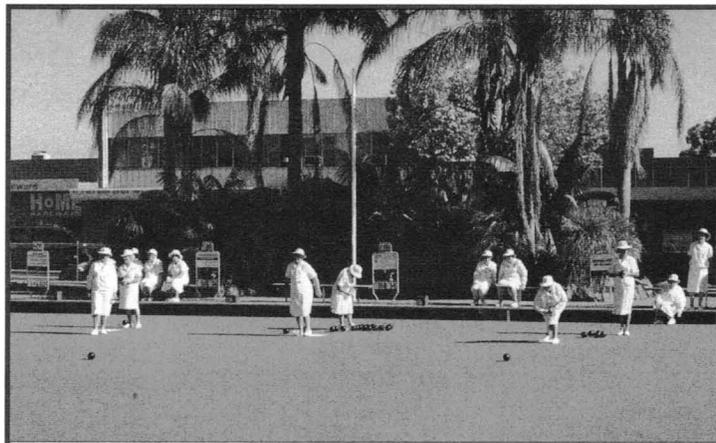
Mail form & check in U.S. dollars payable to "Bowls USA" to:

Bob Lane, 17412 Conquistador, Sun City West, AZ 85375 (623) 214-6973

SUPERGRASSE
Pro
Master
Bowls System

Now available in the USA!

The Unique
"Pro-Master Super Cushion"
World Bowls Board Approved
Artificial Bowling Greens



FEATURES

- Minimal maintenance
- Low glare – comfortable
- Water drains away
- No fertilisers or mowing
- Stays green year round
- Can produce constant speeds – adjustable from 12 sec. to 16+sec.
- Warranty against UV degradation
- Technical advice available
- Even draw
- Long life

Manufactured by:

 **Balsam Pacific**

Dunlopillo Drive Dandenong Victoria 3175, Australia
Tel: +61 3 9794 9888 Fax: +61 3 9794 7104
www.balsam.com.au

A division of


ADVANCED POLYMER TECHNOLOGY

109 Conica Lane, P.O. Box 160
Harmony, PA 16037, USA
Tel: +1 724 452 1330 Fax: +1 724 452 1703

Installed by:

abs SURFACES

Accredited Construction for USA
Tel: +61 3 9802 1331 Email: denmorgan@ozemail.com.au