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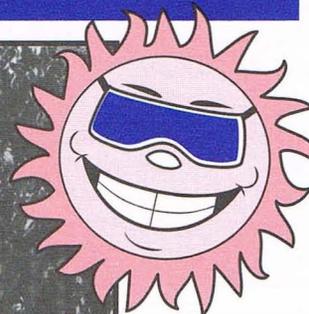
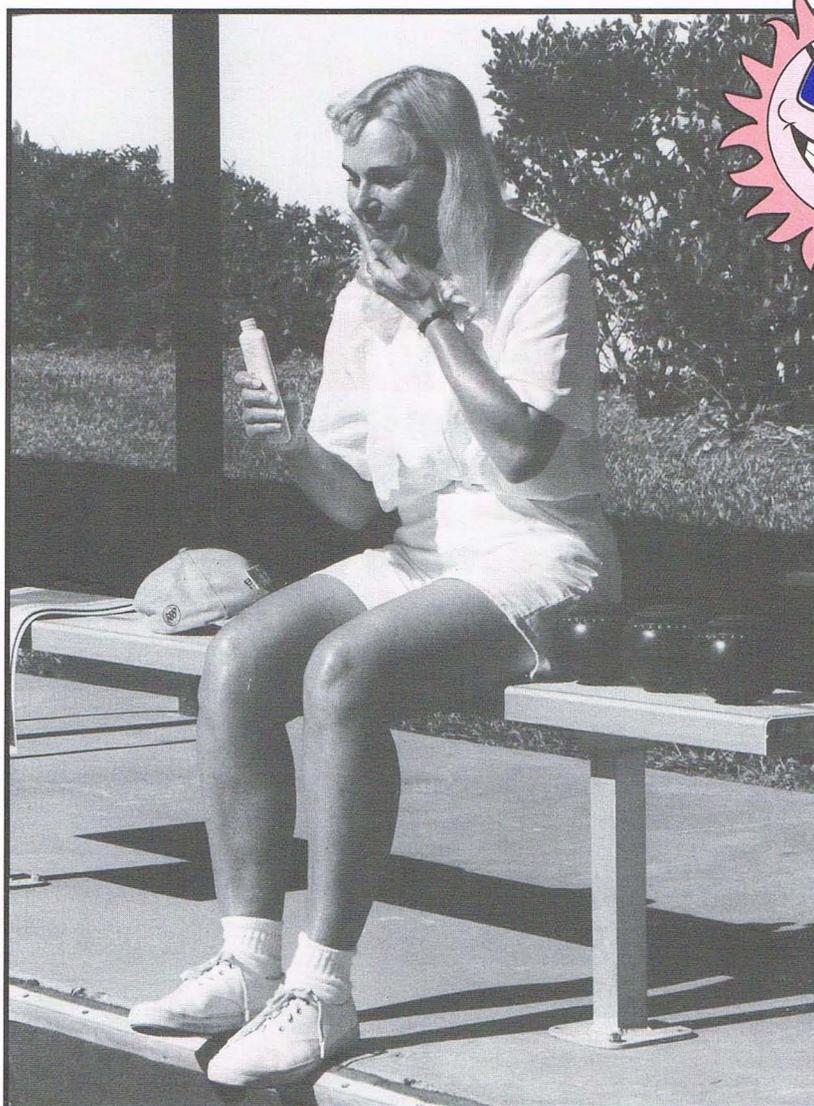
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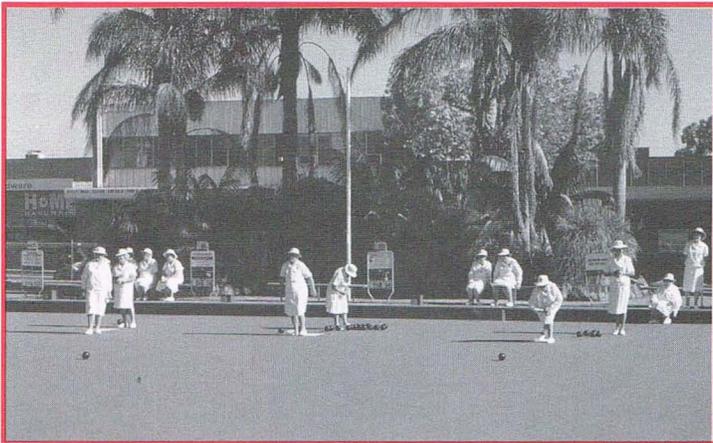
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President's Report

Jack Lucey, President USLBA



First, I would like to say a very loud Thank You to Donna West, the first USLBA president. Many very good things have happened within this organization over the past two years and they are a direct result of Donna's devotion and commitment to the game we all hold so dear. I would be remiss if I did not also thank the other officers, the Council members and committee people who gave of their time and effort in support of the organization.

I welcome Isabel Forbes as vice president, Judy Patrizzi as treasurer, and Tom Kees as secretary. I look forward to working with them as we face the challenges of the next few years.

In the past two years, as dwindling membership has become more of a problem, we have suffered the loss of existing members at an alarming rate. When I have asked why, the most common answer has been that the USLBA does not do enough for its members. However, when pushed for concrete examples of things that this organization can or should do, I receive very vague, unspecific answers. For those of you who feel this way, this is a formal invitation for you to give me real examples. Write me, telephone me, or e-mail me. Any communication I receive in this vein will get an answer. If your suggestions are plausible and realistic, I will do everything that I can to pursue them. One of my main priorities over the next two years is to erase the perception that we use the dues of many to meet the needs of a few.

As the USLBA matures over the next few years, I will be looking to each of you for support, not only in spirit, but also as an active agent for lawn bowls. I encourage you to come directly to me with ideas, suggestions and even your complaints.

I am in the process of selecting committee chairpersons, but urgently looking for someone to take over management of USLBA Marketing. Jack Phillips, the past-president of ALBA, agreed to manage the process temporarily when the USLBA was created, and for two years, he has done an excellent job. However, he has expressed a desire to pass this responsibility on to someone else. If any one is interested, please contact me as soon as possible. Perhaps the biggest part of the job is to manage the "Super Shots" club. I would hate to see that function lapse while we look for a new manager. I would consider a "Super Shots" manager independently of a Marketing manager. We need your help.

About the Cover Photo: Judee Lund may be a first-year lawn bowler, as she is at Mount Dora FL, but she is savvy about the sun. As a horse woman as well as a promising novice on the green, Judee protects her skin with a combination 30-rated sun screen and insect repellent made by Avon. Read about protecting yourself from the sun on page 7.

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Letters

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Praise for article on carpet surfaces

Fantastic article by Michael Maneilly in the latest issue of *Bowls USA* ("Is there carpet in our future," many clubs ask," page 10, Autumn issue). I have had two occasions to bowl on the Balsam-Pacific green at Santa Maria CA so I can vouch for its superiority over grass. I sure wish we had one.

Woodruff Ogden
Berkeley LBC

SW president defends actions

I as well as many members in our division are shocked and surprised at your attack on us in the latest *Bowls USA* magazine. I was wrongly under the impression that the antagonistic attitude towards the SWD was something of the past. Obviously I was very wrong.

First our councilor, Sam de Lisle, voted for the USLBA merger but against the constitution, so we in no way tried to block the merger. To say we encouraged our male members to drop their membership in USLBA is totally a false statement. All we did is what other divisions have done for years and that is to give our members the option of not joining USLBA.

We understand that we have been given two teams in the U.S. Championships, for which we are thankful, but as far as more votes than other divisions is concerned, the numbers have been set so high that it is impossible for us to get there so we will have the same number of votes as any one of them.

I would appreciate it if you would publish this letter as well as the one from Jim Graham in the next issue of bowls magazine.

Ivan Hyland
President men's SWD

(I assure Ivan and all that Bowls USA does not have an antagonistic attitude toward any of the seven USLBA divisions. It was difficult to explain to our readers how the number of male USLBA members in the SW dropped from 1,460 in 2000 to 559 in 2002 without reflecting negatively on the actions of the SW men's divisions after the merger. As for the new weighted voting system the USLBA Council has adopted, the SW now has two votes for each of its two Councilors, based on total USLBA (both men and women) members. The Constitution, as amended last year, doubles the votes for divisions with more than 1,000 total USLBA members and triples the votes for divisions with 2,500 or more. So the SW with a total of 1,337 men and women USLBA members is the only division so far benefitting from the new weighted voting system. 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*

Former SW Councilor replies

On pages four and 38 of the Autumn issue of *Bowls USA*, you make reference to the men of the Southwest Division opposing the merger of ALBA and AWLBA. You also write "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."

With regard to the merger, let me refer you to page 6 of the October 12, 2000, Council meeting. Ratification of the merger was approved by a 28-0 vote. Both Sam DeLisle and I voted for the merger. We also voted with the majority in approving the name of the new association, but were two of three who voted against the adoption of the USLBA constitution. In the latter case, we had hoped that the Council would have been willing to seriously debate the amendments we proposed that were designed to close the loop holes that allowed the "club within club" practice to continue in other divisions. If memory serves, the "debate" lasted all of one minute.

Given the Council's position on the matter of full membership, we thought it only fair to tell our member clubs what was happening in other divisions and to allow them to decide accordingly. Our division president wrote to the clubs and strongly recommended full membership.

I trust you will print this letter to provide clarification.

Jim Graham
Former SW Councilor

(Thanks, Jim, for the clarification. But I am reminded that two wrongs don't always make a right. Now the USLBA has three divisions with the "clubs within clubs" problem, and your SW division leads all others in numbers of lawn bowlers not affiliated with their country's national association. The condition you deplored is now rampant in your own division. That's why the actions of the SW men's leadership after merger struck some of the rest of the Council as something akin to using a bulldozer to swat a fly. As for the SW men's position on merger, your deeds may speak louder than your words or your votes back in 2000: The Southwest is the only one of USLBA's seven divisions still maintaining separate men's and women's associations. THE EDITOR.)

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Oct. 15, 2003, for Autumn

Feb. 1, 2004, for Winter

**Check out USLBA website:
www.bowlsamerica.org**

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<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Mar. 1-6	USLBA Senior (70 plus) Open, Sun City AZ	Bob Lane	623/214-6973
Mar. 1-7	SE Open, Women-Lakeland, Men-Clearwater	Russ Tees/M	813/787-5950
		Patti Grabowski/W	813/634-4892
Mar. 15-16	Men's & Women's Open Shootout, Sun City AZ	Bob Lane	623/214-6973
March 29-31	NC Open Triples, Pinehurst NC	Burl Roller	727/669-9192
April 26-May 1	SW Open, Arcadia CA	Bill Kagan/M	858/451-5628
		Izzy Forbes/W	562/920-4168
May 24-25	Memorial Day Pairs (M&W), San Francisco	Peter Knopf	650/493-6328
May 24-25	NW Spring Open, Jefferson Park, Seattle	Ron Adkins	253/472-8200
June 1	Oakland Centennial	John Chinn	510/658-3462
July 19-25	Central Open, Milwaukee-Lake Park	Buzz Althoen	414/228-9647
Aug. 2-7	NE Open, Cunningham Park, Slater Park RI	Linda McDougal/W	203/378-7831
		Jack Lucey/M	617/376-2509
Aug. 11-17	NW Summer Open, Jefferson Park, Seattle	Ron Adkins	253/472-8200
Aug 30-Sept. 1	NW Fall Open, Portland OR	Ron Adkins	
Sept. 4-6	North American Challenge, Vancouver CAN	Adele Patterson	707/537-0943
Sept. 6-12	PIMD Open, S.F. Bay area	Peter Knopf	650/493-6328
Sept. 21-25	U.S. Championships, Pinehurst NC	Al Pelliccio	910/295-4793
Sept. 27-28	East Coast Challenge, Pinehurst NC	Tom Kees	910/295-2831
Sept. 28	San Francisco Post Centennial	De Doring	415/824-2059
Oct. 11-16	U.S. National Open, Irvine CA,	Heather Stewart	949/495-2484

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TO: All USLBA Members
FROM: Jack Fine, Bowling Sales of Canada
REF: Training Bowls

We hope that you read the article in the autumn issue of the magazine saying that lawn bowls are being offered to member clubs at the low price of \$125.00 per set, limit of 3 sets per club. These bowls would be engraved with the words "USLBA Training Bowls", and are not to be sold. Bowling Sales of Canada made this offer to Lawn Bowling clubs in the USA, with the cooperation of Frank Ransome, National coach.

Another supplier after hearing of our proposal came up with the same offer for member clubs. At the time of writing this story, about 47 clubs in Canada and the United States had accepted this offer. Due to shipping requirements, it is important the orders be received early. If you and your club are just learning about this offer, it may not be too late if you act immediately. Simply phone us at our toll free number and tell us what size and weight of bowls you require and provide us with your credit card. We will send these to you as soon as they arrive from the United Kingdom. Our arrangement with the USLBA is that we will donate \$5.00 for every set of bowls ordered by member clubs. Hopefully these will be delivered to you in April after they arrive at our warehouse from overseas.

This is a splendid opportunity for clubs to obtain Training Bowls at a low cost. Most clubs are ordering lightweight bowls which are wanted for new recruits to the sport. Every club should have some lightweight bowls to help in the recruitment of new members.

Jack

We are anxious to have club representatives who will then be able to buy at the wholesale price. The club representative may choose to act personally or on behalf of the club. This is a splendid way for the club to make some money for itself by buying wholesale and selling retail to its members. Bowlers interested in acting as club reps should contact us immediately to get all the information in time for the new season.

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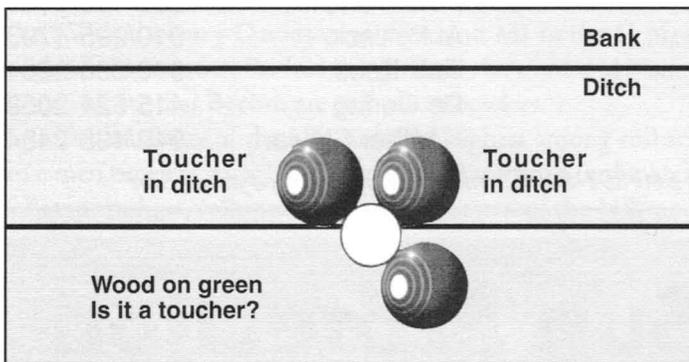


Some Q and As from
John Stewart,
Chief Umpire USLBA

Question 1: You are a non-playing umpire at an important tournament and one player complains to you that his opponent's father is giving advice from the bank. Can you take action, and if so, what?

Question 2: If a "toucher" hits the backboard and rebounds back onto the green disturbing the head, what action should be taken?

Question 3: If a bowl is moved or falls over while the measuring process is taking place, what action can you take as the opponent of the person doing the measuring?



Question 4:

In the diagram above, is the bowl (or wood) on the green a toucher if it comes to rest touching the jack?

Turn to Page 13 for answers.

Tips on bowls raking

Dear Umpire:

At the completion of nearly every end, the jack and most of the bowls are close to the center line of the rink. It should be easy to rake up the bowls in this position, but many bowlers insist on kicking the bowls into a bunch closer to the ditch, in which case the bowls have been moved a total distance of more than 30 to 40 feet because many bowls were kicked from two to more than six feet and nearly all bowls were moved.

It is much easier to kick a few bowls toward the center of the rink instead of toward the ditch and thus create a line no wider than the width of the rake and much easier for the person doing the pushing. Try it next time. It's easier on the feet.

Name withheld by request.

(Email your queries to John Stewart <Emohruo@cox.net>)

Lawn bowlers: Protect yourself from the Sun!

By Gene Goodwin, *Editor*

The sun is not always a friend of lawn bowlers. Smart bowlers try hard to protect their skin from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays. They know that if they don't take precautions they risk getting skin cancer.

Experts, like Dr. Jack E. Farnham, a retired professor of allergy and environmental medicine at the University of Texas and himself a lawn bowler, warn that the dangers have increased as the ozone layer has thinned in recent years, allowing more UV rays to reach earth.

Jack, who winters in Mount Dora FL, where he took up lawn bowling a year ago, recommends that bowlers protect their skin with clothing and sun screen of at least a 30 rating. Wear hats with sufficient brims to protect the face and glasses with UV-blocking lenses, he advises.

Some bowlers with especially sensitive skin wear special clothing, such as that manufactured by Sun Protections, Inc., and sold under the label "Solumbra." Arthur Allen of San Diego usually bowls in white long pants and long-sleeved shirts with an extra broad brimmed hat, all Salumbra products.

Some dermatologists, including mine in State College PA, put Sun Protection literature in their waiting rooms. The Everett WA company claims its Salumbra clothing beats other fabrics in rejecting harmful sun rays.

The white color worn by lawn bowlers for most tournaments and special events is a fortunate choice, Jack Farnham notes, because white more than any other color reflects sun rays.

Although skin color does not in itself completely protect a person from harmful sun rays, Jack adds, blonde people with light complexions are generally more susceptible to UV ray damage than people with darker complexions.

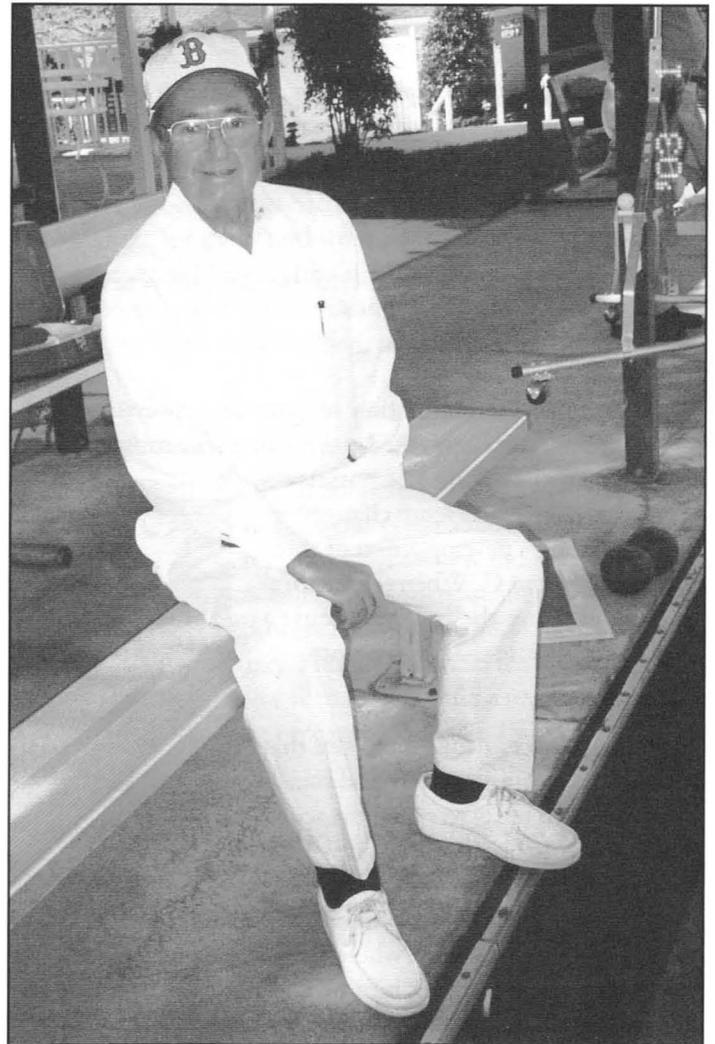
Tanning has a positive effect, but it does not occur until three days after initial exposure to the sun.

Jack says sun screen lotions should be applied leniently to exposed parts of the body and reapplied if you are going to be bowling outside more than three-to-four hours. The sun is particularly harmful from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A daily UV index, estimating the safe amount of time we can expose our skin to sunlight before damage occurs, is published on the weather page of most daily newspapers.

Jack notes that short-term exposure of under two hours can cause redness of the skin and immediate oxydation, damaging the upper skin layer. Long-term repeated exposure causes wrinkling, freckling and skin cancer.

Although skin cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in the United States, and the number of new cases is on the increase, the number of patients who die of skin cancer is fairly



Dr. Jack Farnham, a retired physician and lawn bowler, demonstrates how we can dress in ways to protect our skin from dangerous sun rays.

small. Jack attributes this "good luck" to increased awareness, early diagnosis and newer treatment. He notes that melanoma, the most dangerous type of skin cancer, is usually related to severe sunburn in youth, rather than overexposure when we are adults.

You can learn more about protecting yourself from skin cancer by consulting the National Cancer Institute, online at <www.cancer.gov> or call 1-800-422-6237 or write:

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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.)

Is Your Goal...

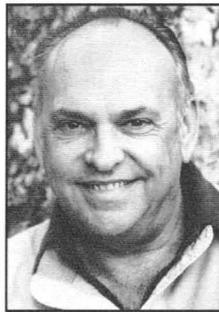
...consistent excellence? Or do you sabotage your focus by a "need" to win?

A Vice MUST...

...resist the temptation to provide answers for questions that have not been asked, except that s/he must communicate (when their team has possession of the rink): A. If the score changes; B. If the opponents develop a nest of three or more bowls; or C. When the removal of one bowl from the head will cause a score shift of more than two points.

Dear B.B.,

As a vice, I find too often that my skip is looking elsewhere and socializing when I'm ready to signal the score. It ticks me off because the skips have nothing else to do but wait while all the work is done by the leads and vices. It also ticks me off when skips "forget" to get out there and tell the lead where they want the jack. If a skip isn't paying attention, I let him wait until all the work is done before I signal the score. I think it serves him right, don't you agree? (Signed) Ticked-off in Tallahassee.



Conrad Melton

Dear T.O.T, Mellow out. Yes, anyone who socializes inappropriately and delays the game is in violation of (at least) the etiquette of the game, and sometimes the rules. But getting upset or withholding information will probably disturb your own focus more than it "teaches him a lesson." A better solution is for clubs to have an etiquette committee that provides a different reminder about some facet of good etiquette prior to each daily draw. BB is big on rules, but few people are attracted to a game that absolutely demands unwavering compliance with every rule at all times. On the other hand, wouldn't it be wonderful if more bowlers would make a personal choice to learn, honor and obey them? B.B.

There's much more to becoming...

...an excellent bowler than just identifying the intention for a shot you are about to make. But not having a precise idea of what you want that shot to accomplish, is a very good way to assure that your successes will depend on miracle wicks and extraordinary good luck.

In search of cordiality

Most bowlers are pleasant enough so that win or lose, you go home feeling that to have bowled that day was a worthwhile experience. A positive emotional environment - the "feel-good factor," or its absence - is a primary reason bowls, like most activities, retains participants or doesn't.

A good natured disposition and basic good manners, including an understanding of the impact of body language, are the keys to happy teammates and happy members. You don't have to be a sports psychologist to understand that team members who feel unnoticed and unappreciated are unlikely to perform at their optimum level.

Acknowledging a well placed shot with a word, a nod or a gesture is both encouraging and empowering. The skip who begins a game by good-naturedly reminding his players that "we'll each have some bad shots and some unlucky shots" is way ahead of the team whose captain sternly admonishes them that "we can't make any mistakes if we want to beat these guys!" The skip who shakes his head or turns his back in response to his partner's last delivery, is sending a powerful negative message to his teammates.

Nice begets nice. The team that can "take a boatload of bad luck," and then let it go and refocus, is likely to enjoy the game more, bowl better, and put more marks in their victory column.

Recent research has identified more than 7,000 unique facial expressions and labeled them with the precise emotional message that goes with each one. People develop "unconscious competence" in learning to read the faces and body language of others in their culture. Skips, especially, need to remember that their teammates are constantly receiving, decoding, and being impacted by the messages their faces and bodies produce, even when they're not speaking. This is even more important with newcomers who are struggling with their games and searching desperately for something in the bowls experience to feel good about.

As team leader, it's a skip's job to insure that the worst message that gets sent to his partners is that he has no feelings at all about their last shot. But promoting and maintaining a cordial environment is actually the responsibility of every bowler, not just the team captain's.

At tournaments, you'll see nice happening everywhere you look. You don't have to be a great player to be gracious, but most of the great players are. Cordiality is as much a foundation, as it is a tradition, in our game. There is never too much cordiality. Bring an extra portion of it to your next game. Your team will enjoy themselves more, and bowls will BE a better game.

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The membership trail

Lots of good things happening at club level

By Frank Ransome
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The weather outside is frightful, but the sun is shining somewhere in the United States and the lucky bowlers who live in those areas are out bowling on the green. The rest of us have time to stare out at the rain or snow and plan how we will recruit new members when it's our turn to enjoy the sunshine.

Planning is the key to recruiting. Too many good ideas fail and too many good people get discouraged because their club doesn't take the time to plan every step of the way.

The last issue of Bowls USA has lifted my spirits more than I believed possible. Many clubs reported good results from their recruiting and many good ideas were offered for all to try. Take a look in the club news section. Clubs offer evening and weekend bowling. One club got some TV coverage, another worked with a local newspaper.

The Oakmont club offers free bowling once a month to the new club forming at Petaluma. San Jose got new bowlers by scheduling Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings for

training. Many clubs combined refreshments and a little program with the free lessons while others offered remedial lessons and are busy training umpires and instructors. The great new posters we have come from the effort of one club to build a recruiting campaign.

The Palo Alto club offered pizza on Wednesday evenings and lured 18 new people to the green and Buck Hill Falls has a children's program. The Greenwich CT club is working with the Board of Education to offer a continuing education program. Many colleges have programs that emphasize a lifestyle for graduates and we are working to include lawn bowling in those programs.

I enjoyed reading that the Santa Barbara club is changing one of their greens over to an artificial surface and Mike Maneilly's article on the subject of artificial greens is well worth reading.

The Oxnard club sent out 35,000 invitations to local residents by including their flyer in with the water bill. Hermosa Beach is involved with a summer youth program as is the club at Richmond. The Long Beach club has developed many wonderful ads that are used in the local newspaper along with club news. The Groves at Irvine put on a program of tactics and etiquette as a part of their semi-annual meeting. Your Instruction Committee has syllabi for that one day event.

Up in the Northwest the Jefferson Park Club focused its attention on the local community with good results. The Woodland Park club added a barbecue to their evening programs and the Spokane club is bowling evenings thanks to the lights that were donated by one bowling family. Down Arizona way summer bowling has increased dramatically through a program called "Teach a Friend." Some of the Florida clubs such as Mount Dora have also become involved with off season recruiting with wonderful results.

The Membership Committee believes that lawn bowling is a wonderful sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. We endorse the efforts of Conrad Melton to improve the game by increasing everyone's knowledge about the rules and the niceties of the sport. The USLBA website www.bowlsamerica.org attracts inquiries from all over the world and a lot of our time is spent answering questions about the sport of lawn bowling.

We believe that the popularity of lawn bowling would increase dramatically if it were a newly invented sport rather than a 5000-year-old game that has picked up some bad press. We should enjoy ourselves and our relationship with other bowlers as we strive to improve our game. The spirit that has kept lawn bowling alive through the centuries is one of hard but friendly and courteous competition. No matter what level we play at we should think of ourselves as emissaries of the sport and be guided by a true desire to introduce it to all those unlucky persons who have never had a chance to bowl on the green.

Better Bowls from previous page

One Handedness

Bowlers who go "only" forehand or "only" backhand are considered one-handed. If you "resemble that remark,— are reluctant to use your "other" hand? — and have an interest in improving your game or playing it for some time into the future, the number one item on your bowling agenda should be to become two handed. Until then, you and your team will be at a disadvantage.

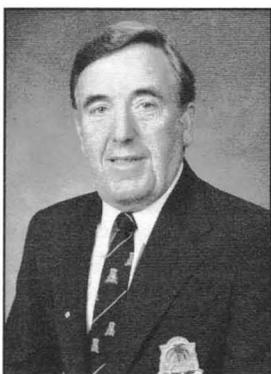
Begin immediately. If you think you might have trouble fixing it alone, ask any good bowler for help. You will not be turned down. Here are some hints: The only difference between a forehand and backhand delivery is the direction your feet and shoulders are pointed. The grip is the same. The release is the same. The follow-through is the same.

If one-handedness has become such a habit that you need to completely rebuild your delivery, do it! It's not that hard. You can find help. And you'll be happy you did.

Hall of Fame gives lawn bowling its models

The United States Lawn Bowls Association National Council elected 19 new members to its Hall of Fame in 2002, bringing to 47 the total so honored. Fifteen of the 19 selected last year were women, the first since the Hall of Fame was integrated after the merger in 2000 of ALBA and AWLBA, the two separate national associations of U.S. lawn bowlers.

Here are photos and brief biographies of the new Hall of Fame inductees not previously published in *Bowls USA* (the magazine plans to publish more biographies and photos in the next issue):



Bill Farrell

Bill Farrell, a recently retired building contractor, has distinguished himself in lawn bowling as both a bowler and a doer.

He learned the game in his native Scotland and brought it with him when he emigrated to the United States in 1959. He joined the Essex County NJ club, of which he later became president, and served first on the old Eastern Division Board and then as that division's representative on the ALBA National Council. He became national president of ALBA in 1978.

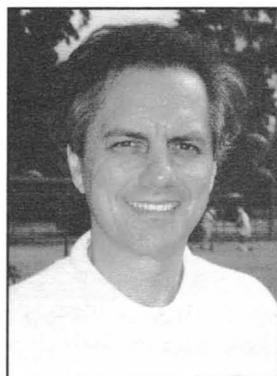
While in New Jersey, Bill built the facility and organized the first ALBA-sanctioned indoor bowling club, called the Edison Indoor Lawn Bowling Club.

When he moved to Florida in 1982, Bill made the Clearwater club his bowling home and twice served as its club president. Again he became active in the division, becoming president of the SE and one of its representatives on the ALBA National Council.

Bill has been on the National Men's Team Selection Committee since 1997, and was recently elected to another three-year term by the USLBA Council.

In competitive lawn bowling, Bill Farrell has been U.S. Champion in Pairs (with the late Bert MacWilliams) in 1989 and 1991. All told, he has been in the U.S. Championships 15 times, setting a record of nine consecutive appearances. He has won numerous titles in the SE and National Opens, and was on Team USA three times.

Michael Ashton-Phillips



(Michael Ashton-Phillips died on Jan. 28, 2003, after the biographical sketch below was written by Joe Siegman.)

A frequent winner in Southwest Division tournaments, and perennial fixture on annual All-Southwest Teams of the 1990s, Michael Ashton-Phillips was selected to the U.S. National Team every year from 1994 to 2001.

Although business responsibilities occasionally interfered with his bowls career, Michael represented the U.S. at the Asia-Pacific Championships, North American Challenge, and several international invitational tournaments.

He also served as Team USA manager three times: the 1993 Asia-Pacific Championships (Victoria, BC), the 1996 World Bowls (Australia), and the 1997 Asia-Pacific Championships (Australia); and was assistant team manager at the 1992 World Bowls (England).

The British-born Los Angeles bowler represented the Southwest Division in the 1993 and 1995 U.S. Championships Pairs, with partner Mert Isaacman.

Michael was president of the Southwest Division 1992-1993, having served in vice-presidential capacities the previous three years. He was elected a SW national Councilor in 1991 and represented the division throughout the 90s. Early on, he was by far the most successful representative of ALBA interests in developing productive working relationships with AWLBA.

U.S. Lawn Bowls Hall of Fame

The following have been inducted through 2002:

Skip Arculli	Bill Farrell	Melvin L. Hooper	Dr. Frank McGuire	Franciso "Frank" Souza
Orville Artist	Corinna Folkins	Arthur Hartley	Charles Middleton	Randall E. Spalding
Michael Ashton-Phillips	Hugh Folkins	William "Bill" Hay	Neil McInnis	Cy Stephan
Anne Beckley	Richard Folkins	Dorothy Henry	William Miller	W. "Bill" Tewksbury
Pat Boehm	Isabella Forbes	Larry Hennings	Frida Mixson	Dorothy Mumma Todd
Farrell Burton Jr.	Clive Forrester	Marcellus Joslyn	Vanitta Olinger	William Todd
James Candelet	Harry Furze	Marie Manners	Emmet L. Richardson	Ann Wood
Kenneth Degenhardt	Jo Gilbert	Bert MacWilliams	George "Champ" Salisbury	
Vivian Esch	Clifford R. Gillam	Lachlan McArthur	Joyce Schindler	
Harold L. Esch	Dr. Edgar Haley	Rebecca McArthur	Joseph Siegman	

Michael created the ALBA-AWLBA National Recruiting Awards and popular Super Shots Club. But his most ambitious project was ALBA Marketing, a broad promotional undertaking created and managed by MAP. Although the concept never quite realized its full potential, it nonetheless added to the culture of American lawn bowling and improved the promise of the sport within the U.S.

Although an Englishman, Michael learned to bowl at the Beverly Hills LBC in California, and later added memberships at Holmby Park, Santa Monica, and several other SW clubs.

Joseph Siegman

Joe Siegman was editor and publisher of BOWLS Magazine, the quarterly publication of ALBA and USLBA, from 1992 to 2002.

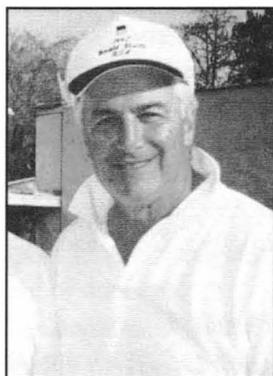
He was president of ALBA's Southwest Division in 1990 and 1991, the first SWD president to be elected for consecutive terms. Joe previously served as SWD's first vice president in 1989 and second vice president in 1988. He was a SW Councilor from 1986 to 1990, and 1992 to 1996. He has been president of the Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club in 1982-83 and from 1991 to the present.

Joe served as manager of United States men's teams that competed at the 1991 Asia-Pacific Championships in Hong Kong, the 1992 World Bowls Championships in Worthing, England, and the 1997 Asia-Pacific Games in Australia (but withdrew due to work-related circumstances). He is currently manager of the men's National Team for the 2003 North American Challenge in Vancouver, Canada. He was also ALBA representative to the IBB (now WBB) international meetings in 1991 (Hong Kong) and 1992 (Worthing).

On the green, Joe was National Open Pairs champion in 1989 (w/L. Bain); and won the Southwest U.S. Pairs Playdowns in 1994 (w/J. Graham) and 2002 (w/N. Sacks). The Siegman-Sacks tandem won the 2002 U.S. Pairs Championship. Joe was also a member of U.S. Maccabiah Games bowls teams that competed in Israel in 1977, 1981, 1985 and 1989.

In 1983, he was named by BOWLS Magazine to ALBA's "Sweet 16" in a poll recognizing the top 16 U.S. bowlers "under age 60."

Joe served as chairman of 1989 U.S. Champion-



Cyrilla (Cy) Stephan

Cy, who died last May 13 at 71, began lawn bowling in Milwaukee at the Lake Park LBC in 1970. She was club president in 1980-81.

As a Central Division bowler, she won every event played in the Central Open and made it to the U.S. Championships from Central in 1983. She also ran the games in that division for some years.

After she and her husband, R. Gilbert, moved to Arizona in 1988, she continued her winning ways on the green, and made it to the U.S. Championships for a second time. She also became a South Central Division AWLBA Councilor.

An umpire who served as AWLBA chief umpire for some years, Cy became active in and chaired the selection of the women's National Team and in running their training camps. She managed the women's events at the 1993 and 1998 National Opens.



Vanitta Olinger

Vanitta did not take up lawn bowling until she and her husband, Vane, retired to the Oakmont community in Santa Rosa CA in 1979.

She loved the game and did well at it, placing in or winning 37 national and Pacific Inter-Mountain Division tournaments. In 1995, she bowled on the women's National Team at Durban, South Africa, and against Canada in the North American Challenge. In 1990, she won the U.S. Championships Pairs as a skip, and also placed second in the U.S. Women's Singles that year.

In lawn bowling governance, Vanitta was president of the Oakmont LBC, president of the old AWLBA and of PIM-AWLBA. She also served as a PIM Councilor to AWLBA and on the selection committee for the women's National Team.

When her division merged its men's and women's divisions in 2000, Vanitta became the unified association's first vice president and this year assumed the division presidency.

Born in Nebraska, Vanitta graduated from Illinois State Normal University (now Illinois State University) and taught physical education in Yorkville IL for some years before moving west and taking a job as training director for a department store in San Diego. It was then that she and Vane met and were married in 1948.



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Harry Furze

According to USLBA historian Harold Esch, the long deceased Harry Furze was known in his home club at Montclair NJ as an outstanding lawn bowler and one of the club's most ardent travelers to tournaments elsewhere.

In 1928, he accompanied a group of New Zealand bowlers when they toured the U.S. and played 14 matches from Buffalo to Chicago and in California. Mr. Furze organized a lawn bowls tour to Great Britain in 1929.

It was no wonder that as president of ALBA in 1928-29 he began U.S. efforts to get ALBA affiliated with the then International Bowling Board. That affiliation eventually occurred in 1938.

Mr. Furze also helped get lawn bowling in the 1932 Olympic Games, sort of. Olympic organizers made him co-chairman of a world lawn bowling tournament held "concurrent with the Olympic Games" that summer in Los Angeles.

Michael Ashton-Phillips dies at 58 of brain cancer

Michael Ashton-Phillips, a leader in world lawn bowling and in the governance of U.S. lawn bowling, died on Jan. 28, from brain cancer diagnosed about a year earlier.

He was elected to the United States Lawn Bowls Hall of Fame last October by unanimous vote of the USLBA National Council.

Michael is remembered for his lawn bowling skills and for his leadership in managing the National Open and other major tournaments.

As a lawn bowler he was selected for the U.S. National Team every year from 1994 to 2002. His terrible illness kept him from joining Team USA last year, but he was selected and substituted for in the North American Challenge match against Canada. He and Mert Isaacman bowled together for the Southwest Division in three U.S. Championships Pairs in 1992, 1995 and 1997.

He also was manager of our National Teams in competitions abroad in 1993, 1996 and 1997.

In the old American Lawn Bowls Association, Michael was a long-time SW Councilor and director of marketing. In the latter job, he started the still popular Super Shots Club and the ALBA-AWLBA national recruiting awards. He also contributed financially to our sport, through direct donations or ads for his marketing firm in programs and such.

Michael was born in England, but he did not take up lawn bowling until after he had settled in California. He is survived by his parents, Fred and Elsie, and by his sister, Allison, and two nieces, all in England. Also surviving is Michael's wife, Sandy.

Muriel "Pat" Boehm



Muriel "Pat" Boehm was a charter founding member of the old AWLBA, its vice president for four years and its third national president. She served on the National AWLBA Council from the Northwest Division for 10 years.

Pat was a great bowler, appearing in the U.S. Championships 12 times, and winning it in Singles three times (1977, 1978 and 1984) and in Pairs in 1979. In the National Open, she won titles in Singles, Pairs and/or Triples almost every year in the decade from 1971 to 1981.

She was on our women's National Team in New Zealand in 1973, in England in 1977, in Canada in 1981 and in Australia in 1985. She managed women's National Teams at the Pacific Rim Games in Fiji in 1989, World Bowls in Scotland in 1992 and at the Atlantic Rim Games in Sun City Center FL in 1993. Now inactive, Pat lives in Grapeview WA.

(Thanks to Joe Siegman, Donna West, Beth Forbes, Adele Patterson, Doris Leibbrandt and Harold Esch for their contributions to this Hall of Fame article -- THE EDITOR.)



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Santa Barbara, Lakeland, Cambria go to carpet

By Michael G. Maneilly, *Associate Editor*



“To sod or not to sod?” was the question Bill Schultz and other members of the Santa Barbara LBC asked themselves. One of their two greens was shaded by a large fig tree that made it difficult if not impossible to maintain all eight rinks. The club voted 160 to 17 to install a Balsam Pacific, Supergrasse Pro Master Bowls System.

The contractor was expected in mid-January and with any luck they should be bowling on the new green by March. This new artificial green was financed by a grant from the Joslyn Fund and generous donations from club members. Having one sod green and one artificial green should be a wonderful test. Which will be favored?

Artificial turf is making inroads. *Time* magazine tells us in its Jan. 13th issue that stadiums all over the country are switching to synthetic grass. Despite initial installation costs running up to three times the cost of traditional sod, the increased usage and much reduced maintenance costs make the switch a bargain. Although more than 20 companies are competing for synthetic-turf contracts for multi-sports complexes, only a few make a surface adequate for lawn bowls.

Clubs researching a switch to an artificial surface must keep in mind that we require a level surface that does not impart a bias to our bowls. This requires laser leveling and a firm sub-base that will hold its level over prolonged usage. The synthetic fibers must be made in a twisted or multi-directional manner

so as not to create an artificial bias. That leaves us with the two types of artificial surfaces for lawn bowls presently available - Balsam Pacific’s “Supergrasse” that uses mineral infill and the Greengauge “carpet” that does not use any infill. Each claims to be the superior system; not having bowled on either, I will leave the judgment to you.

Cambria CA LBC completed their new green installation in November. Cambria bowler Dick Cowdery says “We love it.” After trying the Balsam Pacific surface at Santa Maria, Cambria leaders had no question as to what surface they were going to install.

The city is relocating the Lakeland FL LBC to Lake Parker Park this year. But because of budget problems, the city will be building only one square of Balsam Pacific “Supergrasse” to replace the club’s present three squares. That will mean Lakeland after this year will no longer be one of the four clubs with enough rinks to host either the men’s or women’s SE Open. However, the city has set aside space for an additional square in the future.

We cannot tell if artificial surfaces are the wave of the future, but we do know that everyone likes the fact that the draw is true on each hand and that they are fast. Fourteen or fifteen seconds consistently with a true draw sounds like ideal conditions to most bowlers.

For lawn bowls to survive in the United States we must rein in our maintenance cost. Switching to artificial surfaces may accomplish this. It stands to reason that the more installations the manufacturers can schedule the cheaper they will become.

AZ club desperately seeking a planer

The Sun City Grand Lawn Bowling Club in Surprise AZ desperately needs a planer to maintain their green. If you can advise them on where they might buy a new or used planer as soon as possible, please contact Curt S. Wegmann, club vice president, at 15662 W. Bethesda Ct., Surprise AZ 85374, email <csweg2@cox.net>, phone 623-544-4775.

Clubs can still get in on training bowls offer from Drakes and Henselite

Clubs that have not already done so should take advantage of a special offer from both Drakes Pride (call 1-800-561-2695) and Henselite (call 310-440-9400) to sell up to three sets of training bowls to any USLBA-affiliated club for \$125 a set plus shipping.

The bowls will be marked “USLBA training bowls” and may not be resold. This special offer is making it possible for clubs to stock up on 0 and 00 size bowls for instruction.

Answers to umpire’s ???

Here are John Stewart’s answers to questions on page 6:

1. Yes. Law 16(C)(2) allows the umpire to ask any on-looker assisting a player to leave the vicinity.
2. No action is necessary as Law 10(B)(3) allows a rebounding toucher bowl to remain on the green and to legally disturb the head.
3. In the first part of this answer, no action can be taken if a bowl falls over without being touched. The bowl would remain in the new position and the measuring repeated. A smart player would request that the bowl be wedged prior to the measure, per Law 11(D)(2). If a bowl is moved by a player in the process of measuring, the bowl is then replaced by the opponent, per Law 11(A)(3).
4. The jack is still on the playing surface and the resting bowl is a toucher, per law 8 A.

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Newport Harbor

By Clare Donovan

Newport Harbor won the Waterbury All League Championship for the first time in the 32 years the trophy has been awarded. The winning teams - Maryna and Ivan Hyland and Jan Hargraves, plus Ed Quo, Clare Donovan and Eddie Bower - won five of their six matches in the finals.

The club Board of Directors, by a 6-0 vote with one abstention, decided to fully support the USLBA with dues payments for 2003.

Orange County Metro, "The Business Lifestyle Magazine," published bi-weekly with 90,000 circulation, will feature an article on THE GAME and our club this Spring.

Recent club tournament winners: "JR" Rackliffe and Tom Hargraves, Australian Pairs. Clare Donovan, Joyce Swanson and Don Stevens, Triples. Jim Altobelli, Frank Cornelia and Tom Hargraves, "Turkey Shoot" Triples. Jerry Grady and Ken Perry, end-of-season Australian Pairs.

The club reelected President Clare Donovan, Treasurer Jan Hargraves and Secretary Betty Barnes, and brought in a new vice president, Shirley Kahan.

Laguna Beach

By Patty Cutkomp

Laguna Beach bowlers have been filling up the greens at the monthly bowl-plus-lunch parties that President Heather Stewart has initiated. These events have also brought back the celebration of member birthdays as an additional festivity.

At the general membership meeting Maryna Hyland and Fred Baker were elected to the board of officers. Nine new members were welcomed into the club including Bill Clark, and Jan and Tom Hargraves. Currently, lessons by Ed Hailwood, Terry Baade, and Bill Brown are bringing more members in each month.

Our "kitchenette" now sparkles with the addition of a new stove and oven. Plans are under way for a kitchen shower to augment our cooking equipment. Heading the annual hostess list are the usual suspects: Mary Louise Virgin, Norma Brown, Sunny Johnson, and many other perennials enlisted by Chairperson Maryna Hyland.

The long awaited final of the men's Club Singles saw Reinie Kramer move into the hall of fame. Outstanding new bowler Tony Baer won the Novice Singles and the men's Novice-Singles Pairs with Mert Hill.

A bowling clinic of instruction on procedures and deliveries produced by Jerry Stewart was well attended and very informative.

Carrie Fossati has been named our Coast League chairperson for 2003.

Oxnard-Joslyn

By Rosalie Hutton

Officers for 2003 were installed at our Christmas luncheon attended by more than 90 members and guests. They are: President Dave Jones, Vice President Diane Edging, Treasurer Bert Kessler and Secretary Bill Livingston.

We are grateful that our new members are enthusiastic and are pitching right in. We are adding Sunday bowling to accommodate our weekend bowlers.

Harry Saperstein hosted his 90th birthday luncheon at the club, and vowed to do the same on his 100th!

We look forward to a very active year, and under the leadership of Amador Martinez, our greens are superb. Come visit us and see for yourself.

Santa Ana

By Rose S. Blennov

New games and a "Bowler of the Year" award have been initiated by club President Doug Horwood and his wife, Marion. The award will go to the player with the most cumulative points for all tournaments during the year. The prize is a plaque and a year's payment of dues.

The Santa Ana Lawn Bowling Club hosted the annual Tommy Stirrat Triples Tournament with 69 bowlers from 12 different clubs competing. San Diego bowlers were the winners.

Our club took in 13 new members in 2002.

During the Christmas Luncheon, Club Tournament Chairman Dick Wilson presented trophies to the following winners of 2002 tournaments: Cutthroat: Ruth Lougee. Women's Singles: Karen Hoiland. Men's Singles: Maxey Collins. Club Singles: Doug Horwood. Pairs: Bill Dietrich and Karen Hoiland. Australian Pairs: Doug Horwood and Rose Blennov.

Ina Jackson Pairs: Marion Horwood and Don Jackson. Triples: Doug Horwood, Don Jackson, and Maxey Collins. Novice: Frank Moulthane. Horwood Triathlon: Keith Yates and Ruth Lougee.

Bowler of the Year: Doug Horwood

Beverly Hills

By Joe Siegman

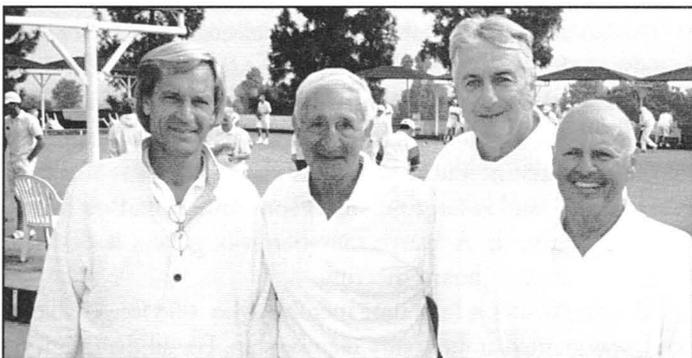
Hosts Mert Isaacman, Neville Sacks and Joe Siegman, all members of the Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club, along with Laguna Beach's Simon Meyerowitz, won the 20th annual Maccabee Tournament Oct. 6 on the Beverly Hills greens.

Bill Hiscock's mostly San Diego foursome, featuring Gery Wagner, Pat Gonzales and Olga McCord, was a close second. Santa Monica's Vlatko Petrovic, Ester Shifrin, Max Wurwand and Bud Wakling were third; and Ian Ho, Kottia Spangler, Eva Ho and Chuck Spangler finished fourth.

The top two teams won cash prizes, with the winning foursome also receiving crystal trophy steins. Members of the third and fourth place finishers were awarded pairs of L.A. Dodgers tickets for 2003 season.

This year's Maccabee was something of a Southwest - USLBA experiment. Normally a two or three-day Pairs tournament, the event was converted to a one-day rinks tourney at a low entry fee with the expectation of attracting bowlers who don't like to commit to multi-day tournaments or high end entries. In all, some 40 bowlers participated.

The Maccabee is sponsored annually by the West Coast alumni of the World Maccabiah Games.



Maccabee winners, from left, Mert Isaacman, Neville Sacks, Joe Siegman and Simon Meyerowitz.

Holmby Park

By Maureen Waldorf

President Tom Seres has reluctantly accepted the resignation of popular Vice President Colin Whittle, who served the club diligently as a board member for five years..

To close our 2002 season, MacKenzie Park and Santa Barbara, visited us with 45 of their best bowlers. We managed to match their numbers, and with the home advantage, won the day!

As usual, Holmby's Christmas Awards Banquet was a most successful event, with the winners leaving proudly with their trophies. "Bowler of the Year" went to Brian Studwell after four trips to the podium.

Lake Hodges

By Bill Corbett

On Veterans' Day the club held its 2nd Handicap Singles Fun Tournament using a format of three bowls per end, four 10-end games and no dead ends. Every entrant won at least one game, but only two were 4-0. The top winners were novice Phil Salt first and Gaylen Nelson second.

In December the club offered a holiday gift package to new bowlers giving a full 2003 membership, free lessons, and bowl rental at a 50 percent discount. Two newcomers and one non-bowler took advantage of this offer.

The club is preparing to have open houses every Saturday morning to improve its recruitment of new members.

Hemet

By Mary Jane Henrich

Final 2002 club tournaments, Australian Pairs and Open Singles, were well attended. Paula Bellone won both the Aussie Pairs (with Gilbert Gonzalez) and the Singles.

Five Hemet couples competed in Riverside's two-day Australian Pairs tourney, and three couples competed in the SW Division Vet/Novice games. Fifteen Hemet ladies attended the SW Division Holiday Party at Santa Anita.

Twelve new bowlers joined our club this past year all trained by instructor Paula Bellone.

At our annual Holiday party, chaired by Jacque Adams, assisted by husband Leon, Mary Jane Henrich was recognized for her contributions to the well-being of the club. She assured members she is not leaving the club except to travel or enjoy leisure time.

President for 2003 is Leon Adams. He will be assisted by a Board of nine members. Novice Betty Johns was elected secretary, and Carol Robbins is treasurer. Wen Mowery and Tom Thompson were elected vice presidents, and Bob Raugust and Verna Wallace will continue as Greens/Tournament chairpersons.

Santa Anita

By Gene Plunkett

Our "Over 70" tournament was won this season by Bob Padget. Newest member Dianne Flood teamed up with Gene Plunkett to win the Eberle/McCowan tournament Nov. 9.

These newly elected officers were installed at the Christmas party: President Gene Plunkett, 1st Vice President Bob Schmalholz, 2nd Vice President Peter White, Treasurer Ellie Martin, Secretary Joan Wignall, and Membership Secretary Dianne Flood.

Marinko Tudor's "Bowler of the Month" continues to draw 30-plus bowlers each week.



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Mackenzie Park

By Ray Stone

MacKenzie Park enjoyed a great year of bowling in 2002, under the Presidency of Bill Joseph, and had a significant gain in membership due to the efforts of Stan Bloom's Marketing committee. Two very successful visitations were held for the first time with the Holmby Park Lawn Bowls Club.

A Saturday league was instituted under the name "Blaine Schnall Pony League" mainly to provide more bowling opportunities for our many new bowlers, but also for those who can only bowl on weekends. Approximately 20 bowlers show up on a regular basis to play Australian Pairs and the teams are rotated each week. Winners of the two ten-week tournaments completed so far are Greg Archibald and Diana Wilk.

The team of Patricia Cronshaw, Eileen Morton, Doris Sneddon, Diana Wilk, and Mary DeLisle won the Ina Jackson 5-Star held in September at Newport Beach. Veteran-Novice pairs tournament held in October was won by Sam DeLisle and Susan Howey.

Club Women's Singles was won by Diana Wilk, with Natalie Martinez coming in second. The annual Over-Eighties Singles tournament sponsored by Bill Blair, was won by Al James over ten other participants.

Club Mixed Pairs was won by Pat Fagan and Anne Vilkin. The Winter League, organized by Walter Crooks, features round robin pairs competition. This year there are 14 teams entered with bowlers from nearby clubs joining in. Leaders at the half-way mark are Jim and Linda Graham of Santa Maria.

President for the coming year will be Peggy Singer. This will be her second time to hold this office.

Pasadena

By Vernon Leidig

Our annual overnight visitation was organized by Don Butler on Oct. 2 when 24 Pasadena players visited the Newport Lawn Bowling Club. The next day we bowled at the Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club. What fun!

The Club Triples tournament Oct. 9 was won by Jack Edwards, George Fox and Eleanor Evans. Liam Courtney, Irene Brodie and Dick Ashmore won the Vet/Novice tournament in December.

Thanks to President Larry Flanders and his committee, our 81-year-old club house has been completely renovated with new paint and lights. Also new boards have been installed on our South green.

At the annual meeting Dec. 7, these new officers were elected: President Marion Murray-Axelson, First Vice President Bob Ratcliffe, Second Vice Presidents Marilyn Leidig and Frana Hurley, Secretary Dick Ashmore and Treasurer Dick Clark.



Gus Rheault blows out 100 candles at his birthday party Sept. 27 put on by fellow Pasadena club members.

San Diego

By Christine Ludwig

While we always try to attract new members throughout the year, we are now seriously working on our new membership drive. Because, as you all know, a club loses members every year.

Steve Smith won the Johnson-Fossdike Club Singles, while Dan Miller won the Pat Di Vincenzo Novice Singles.

At our annual General Meeting we elected three new board members who were installed at our Awards Brunch at the Tom Ham's Lighthouse. Our board members are: President Jay Robbins, First Vice President Howard Fromson, Second Vice President Christine Ludwig, Treasurer Chris Booth, Secretary Billi Gottlieb, and at-large members Tom Anderson, Bob Knoth and Ray Starmack. A fourth member at large will have to be elected at our next board meeting.

Austin Poynter, a long time member who is no longer able to bowl, was granted an honorary membership. For all the things he quietly fixes and more, we gave Ross Craven a lifetime membership.



San Diego officers, from left, Bob Knoth, Ray Starmack, Chris Booth, Bill Gottlieb, Tom Anderson, Christine Ludwig, Howard Fromson and Jay Robbins.

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We have a magician of our very own, Howard Harris. I am sure not many clubs can boast about that. He had us spell-bound with some illusions he performed for us at the annual awards banquet brunch.

Riverside

By Kottia Spangler

After a five year absence, we welcome the return of our former greenskeeper, Steve Webb, and his wife. They are our newest members and the greens couldn't be in better shape! A fine "halloo" to Roz Brown, who also made her return debut to the green this Fall.

Celebrating 75 years of bowls, the club enjoyed the "Santini Sausages" at the Australian Pairs event held in November. Winners of this event were Ivan and Maryna Hyland. Raj Lal was instrumental in getting Little Green Onion and MetLife to sponsor prizes for this tournament.

Newly elected officers for 2003 are: President Chuck Spangler, Vice President Neil Snyder and Treasurer/Secretary Bob Lippman.

Santa Barbara

By Dudley Miller

The 2002 Club Singles Championship was won by Bud Viard, and in our final tournament of the year, the team of Art Christman, Dom Balistreri, John O'Dea, and Natalie Martinez persevered to win the Rinks Championship in extremely close games.

Eleanor Simmons completed her magnificent job as tournament chairperson. John O'Dea is taking the helm as tournament chairperson for 2003, and has announced that Eileen and Jim Morton will be assisting.

The Groves

By Roma Bunch

We were honored to host the National Open Tournament in October 2002 for four days. This is an exciting time to see top-notch bowlers from all over the world. President Shirley Hess organized the helpers, Dick Miller was in charge of markers for the single's games, and Faith Tatro, Marge Mellen and Marilyn Brown capably headed up the Refreshment Committee. The bowlers always rave about their tuna sandwiches! Sybil Bernash, Barbara McCowen, and Nettie Robertson helped with administrative duties with the USLBA Committee.

Our Club Mixed Singles Tournament Nov. 23 was won by John Cutajar only in his second year of bowling.

Our officers for 2003 are: President Shirley Hess (January through March) and Shirley Martin (April through December), Vice President Fanchion Michaelson, Secretary Bonnie Allen, Treasurer Bill Brown, Game Co-Chairs Jim Emerson and Gene Reynolds and Club Tournament Chair Jim Hempe.

Riverside LBC Poem

By Ralph Nichols

We're the Riverside Lawn Bowling Club,
Greatest in the land.
Though you'll find some disagreement,
On this claim we'll stand.

When a club pays us a visit,
All their members want to switch.
Because bowls are always on the jack,
And never in the ditch.

A wrong bias is unheard of,
We never make mistakes.
Doesn't matter who we're playing,
They're the ones who always rake.

So be proud to be a member,
And I'm sure you'll agree.
There is no other club on earth,
Like ole' RLBC.

Redlands

By Peg Bennett

Officers elected at our 80th annual meeting Nov. 23 were: Betty Straesser, president; Dick Derby, vice president; Suzanne Marconet/Joyce Bush, secretary; Don Krause, Tournaments; Dick Derby/Larry Dolan/Irwin Margolis, Citrus League chairs; Angie Sisti, Games chair, Zelda Bain/Wanda Webb, Social chairs; Bob Castle/Dick Derby, Greens chairs; Larry Dolan/Lee Bain, Building chairs; Don Poe/Bob Castle, and Angie Sisti/Pat Oesterlein, Senior Delegates; Zelda Bain/Joyce Bush/Mary Asay/Suzanne Marconet, Junior Delegates.

This has been a very good year with 12 new members and the club is looking forward to another outstanding year.

Long Beach

By Jim Walker

As the New Year party noises get quiet, our new club officers get busy. Elected are President Morris Jolly, Vice President Shirley Price, Secretary Freddie Hinson and Treasurer Coleen Davis.

Our 2002 club winners were: Singles - Sean Homan; Pairs - Cecile Langevin and Morris Jolly. Triples - Sean Homan, John Parker, and Ken Hay.

Once again Long Beach will host the annual Coast League consisting of five clubs throughout the year. Get involved! Our club and the city continue to share the facilities with advantages to each. We are now called the "Club on the Green."

SOUTHWEST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

SW Women's and Men's Divisions

Southwest-USLBA women's division officers for 2003 are: President Marion Compton, Vice President Nancy Trask, Secretary Heather Stewart, Treasurer Sybil Bernash, Past President Jean McCauley, Membership/Parliamentarian Mary Jane Henrich, Historian Winnie Eberle, Tournaments/Councilor Isabella Forbes, Coach Pat Gonzales, R&S Barbara McCowen, Umpire Dottie Panacek, and Games/Ladies Day Cecile/Langevin/Shirley Price.

Marion Compton says her organization's goals for this year include promoting participation in the monthly Ladies Day games and enhancing our tournament schedule with unique, friendly, fun games and low entry fees.

The men's division of SW-USLBA planned to discuss goals at its annual general meeting on Feb. 8, too late to be reported in this issue. Officers nominated are: President Ivan Hyland, First Vice President Clair Ott, 2nd Vice President Gerald Wagner, Treasurer Hugo Sahlein and Secretary Reine Kramer.

Check out the SW division website at:
<http://bowlingongrass.homestead.com/>



SW-USLBA women's division officers, from left, Secretary Heather Stewart, Vice President Nancy Trask, Treasurer Sybil Bernash and President Marion Compton.

(More SW-USLBA news on page 28.)

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

South Central Division

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South Central elects officers

South Central Division has elected the following officers for 2003: Ann Howland of Sun City, president; Marty Schans of Sun City, vice president; John Stewart of Sun City and Joan Cameron of Sun City, co-secretary-treasurer; Doris Leibbrandt of Sun City West, SW Coouncilor; Roberta Lane of Sun City West, alternate councilor. Senior Councilor Doug McArthur has a year left on his present term.

Pueblo El Mirage

By Ron Gilmour

Al Meyers is club president this year; Gene Strandberg is vice president, Mary Niblcak treasurer and Joan Dunlop secretary.

Our top committee chairs are Frank Flynn, greens; Ron Schoenherr, tournaments; Jerry King, visitations; Helen Roberts, hospitality; Ed Stivers, Instruction, and John Harvey, unified rep.

Pueblo El Mirage bowlers had fun visiting Paradise LBC even though we lost 11-5.

Paradise

By Marilyn Appollo

Officers recently elected are: President Marge Woodward, Vice President Jim Sculdies, Secretary Shirley Toneff, Treasurer Mel McIntyre, and Directors Harry Leng, Don McKiernan and Gary McPhee.

We had a successful open house which resulted in 21 people signing up for lessons in January.

Sun City

By Peggy Corrado

The Neils Kragh Men's Pairs Tournament in December attracted 64 bowlers and was won by Don Mayne and Warren Simon.

In our annual fun Fives Tournament, with each team required to play triples, pairs, fours and singles, Roberta Lane, Jerry and Mary Cobb, and Lorraine and Len Hitchcock took top honors.

One hundred twenty of our USLBA members showed up for our first Monday Dollar Days. We also have a ladder competition on Mondays. Our greens are true and fast.

Sun City LBC officers: President Jim Jones; Vice President Judy Patrizzi; Secretary Babe Dodson; Treasurer Bill Laslo; Directors, Marion Mueller and Joan Cameron, and SCD delegates Judy Patrizzi and Len Hitchcock.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

Leisure World

By Ralph Bednarek

Our present officers are Wray Roth, president; Rubin Graff, vice president; Ruth Filbin, secretary; Don Dudgeon, treasurer; and Norm Desautels, Verna Roth and Mary Jane Vasconez, directors.

Sun City West

Senior SW Councilor Doug McArthur is already at work on organizing the 2004 U.S. Championships to be held at Sun City West sometime in October. He will need the assistance of all the Sun City West members.

Palm Creek

By Harry Jacobi

The Palm Creek Lawn Bowls Club is in its second year of operation. We have 60 enthusiastic members and are growing.

We play our friendly games (jitneys) Mon.-Fri. starting at 10 am. Visitors are welcome. "Whites" are worn on Fridays and during tournaments.

Officers are: President Harry Jacobi, Vice President Norm Dean, and Treasurer Marlene Ward. We are located at Palm Creek Park, 1110 N. Henness Rd., Casa Grande AZ 85222.

Grand

By Richard L. Borczak

Grand Lawn Bowling Club members returned to bowling in September after four months of not being able to bowl due to serious repairs to the green. All agree that there was a noticeable improvement to the green compared to spring bowling. However, more work has to be done and it is anticipated that we may lose summer bowling again this year. In spite of the loss of the green for many months, the club has increased its membership to 113 members as it enters its fourth year of existence.

November saw 35 members of Grand Lawn Bowling Club enjoying a five-day Bowls Tour to California. The bowlers were given a "red carpet" welcome when they arrived to play at Newport Harbor LBC. After a friendly and competitive game, lunch was generously provided by the ladies of the host club. The second venue was at Laguna Beach LBC, where two games were played, in what was a spectacular location overlooking the ocean. Lunch was enjoyed amid the camaraderie of friendly bowlers between games. Members especially enjoyed bowling on the wonderful greens. Our President Geoffrey Auger presented both clubs with specially made pennants to mark the occasion. Everybody enjoyed the trip, which hopefully will become an annual event.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

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San Jose

By Terry Hause

At the January meeting, the PIM-USLBA acknowledged the San Jose Club as having the largest percentage membership increase for 2001 - 2002. We are up 167 percent from 2000, increasing our membership from 31 to 83 members, 40 of which are still novices.

A combination of successful recruiting by our reelected president, Ken Gillett, and formal and informal lessons daily on the green led to this dramatic increase.

The success of our instructional practices became clear when

Terry Hause, Anthony Zambataro and Larry Collaco swept the top three places in the PIMD Men's Novice Singles Tournament.

This capped an extremely successful year for our club, as we also won the PIMD singles (John Luster), were second in the pairs (Luster and Nick Christensen), second in the Women's Triples (Helen Brady, with Bea McConachie and Dorie Mendoza), and won the Mansfield - Houston Triples (Larry and Oscar Collaco, with Tom Burnowski).

In our club tournament in November, Andre Banares won the singles, Luster and Frank Sousa won the pairs, and Larry Collaco won novice singles.

Stephen Cooper and Ken and Helen Brady just returned from a 14-day bowling vacation in China. The most interesting aspect of this trip was the Hong Kong green. It is impossible to grow and maintain grass there, so they plant a special type of weed, and cut it very short, and use that as their green.

Our annual winter pairs tournament began Jan. 19, with 12 teams playing a complete round robin over six Sundays.

Our green is open four days a week for pick up games. It is not unusual to have 20 or more players show up for these open draw games, and a coach is always around to assist anyone who asks.



Wife beats husband: Runnerup Ernie Rideout congratulates his wife, Nancy, after she defeated him to become the first woman club Singles champion at Santa Cruz CA.

Santa Cruz

By Ralph Brailsford

A woman has won our Singles Championship for the first time in the history of the Santa Cruz Lawn Bowling Club. Nancy Rideout defeated her husband, Ernie, in the finals with what Ernie claimed was a lucky shot to tie the score at 20 at the end of the 26th end and then close it out, 23-20.

The Rideouts first met one another as club bowlers here three years ago. This April our club plans a "New Members Month" with special activities to attract new members and show them how "lawn bowlers have more fun!"

New officers for 2003 are: Hugh Rideout, president; Peter Young, vice president; Geri Veith, secretary, and Stephen Schoenfeld, treasurer.

Sunnyvale

By Al Mendoza

The winners of Club tournaments in 2002: Singles: Dorie Mendoza for women, Joe Shepard for men. Pairs: Irene Nakano and Dorie Mendoza for women; Frank Coelho and Al Rizzo for men. Mixed Pairs: Irene Nakano and Al Mendoza. Mixed Triples: Mike Taylor, Dorie Mendoza and Michael Overton.

The officers for 2003 are: President Michael Overton, Vice President Norm Nakano, Treasurer Roger Beall, and Secretary Al Mendoza. The Directors are Mary Balsama, Jane Herold, Larry Collaco and Janette Hunting.

Welcome new Club members David Crabill, Mike Taylor and Pedro Altamirano.

The Mendozas joined a group of 18 mostly PIMD bowlers on a November trip to Hong Kong and China. We bowled at three clubs in HK and once each in Guangzhou and Shenzhen. The competition was very good, the greens fast, the facilities first rate and the hospitality unmatched - snacks, tea or beverages after the fourth end anyone?

Santa Clara

By Ida Baker

For our annual Christmas Awards luncheon this year we combined with the Sunnyvale Lawn Bowling Club for the affair, at which we presented our new officers: President Phyllis Mills, Vice President Marge Bodah, Secretary Kathy Allen and Treasurer Russ Biltoff.

San Francisco

By George Scarpato

The season's 20th and final Club tournament - the Men's 4321 - was held in November and won by Kevin McCaffrey Jr.

SFLBC's busy year was capped by the Club's annual membership meeting, holiday luncheon and silent auction on Dec. 8. Members elected Robb Pawlak to serve as president, George Scarpato as vice president, Bill Campbell as secretary, Ingmar Eriksen as treasurer, De Doring as assistant secretary and Reggie Mattos as assistant treasurer.

Cathie Remedios, outgoing president, received an engraved commemorative table clock in recognition of her two-year term of leadership, which included SFLBC's centennial anniversary celebration in 2001. The successful second annual silent auction included over 100 new and "gently-used" donated items ranging from bowling-related memorabilia to homemade bread pudding.



San Francisco "Bowlers of the Year," from left, Reggie Mattos, Judith Perkins, Bea McConachie and Kevin McCaffery, Jr.

Del Mesa

By Dottie Wasley

Winners of club tournaments at the Del Mesa Lawn Bowling Club in Carmel CA :

Triples: Jack Gray, Genevieve Cichy and Hewitt Clark.
Singles: Emery Wanless.

The Singles Tournament was held on one day and included the club's monthly luncheon as well as refreshments throughout the day.



Lake Rossmoor: This is what the main green at Rossmoor in Walnut Creek CA looked like after a nice fall rain.

Rossmoor

By Tay Wheeler

The reins of the club were handed over on Jan. 1 by outgoing president Jackie Purdy to Elsie Napoli. Loretta Caulfield and Ed Guterres were elected to the board of directors.

The club wasted no time in kicking off our second Winter League with Bob Harbeson and Jeanne Lauritzen at the helm. Sixteen teams of mixed triples are competing in two 16-end games on Saturdays, since Jan. 18.

Also, in our monthly Fun/Socials, where we compete for prizes, Don Hazelwood has come up with a plan to award 10 points to each player on a winning team. These individual player's points will accumulate to the end of the year when prizes will be awarded. Just a little incentive to get everyone out on the greens.

Palo Alto

By John Hickson

Our new elected officers for 2003 are: President John Hickson, Vice President Terry Hogan, Secretary Betsy Young, Treasurer Ed Walker and Directors Win Foster, Fred Hawley, Don Hughes, Cliff Christensen, Debbie Killeen and Helene Pier.

Twenty-four new members joined us in 2002. We welcome our most recent recruits: Hank and Nancy Heubach, Anna and Francisco Paret and Ellen Uhrbrock. In addition, Bo Boudart, Michael Boudart, Thomas and Rebecca McDonough, Bill Lucas, Larry Shavel and our first junior member, Tristan Haussecker, joined in December for 2003.

Our successful recruiting has been achieved through a four-week advertising campaign in the summer which promoted our "Open House" days for an introductory game and refreshments and our coaching classes run in conjunction with the Palo Alto Recreation Department. We also hosted a number of business "team-building social afternoons" which introduced over 200 people to our game and also brought us some welcome donations - all good advertising for lawn bowling.

Sun River - St. George, Utah

By Dennis Yack

Our lawn bowling club recently elected officers for the first time last November. Before that Shawn Stringham was acting president, Karen Cook was V.P. and Boyd Silver was secretary/treasurer. The new regime consists of: Dennis Yack, president; Karen Cook, vice president; Lana Esplin/Bob McGrath, secretary/treasurer.

We are currently trying to get our rink into better shape due to unpredictable weather conditions and mismanaged greens. For those of you who have had the opportunity to visit us and the area, you already know how beautiful St. George and the surrounding areas are. At this time, the only planned tournament is the Huntsman World Senior Games in October.

Huntsman winners last October by age and events:

Pairs 50-69: Wray and Verna Roth. Pairs 70+: Peter Vandervale and Dorothy Setter. Pairs Overall: Wray and Verna Roth.

Triples 50-69: Adrian Cole, Peter Vandermale and Lana Esplin. Triples 70+: Bill Rankine, Shirley Rankine and Wray Roth. Triples Overall: Bill and Shirley Rankine and Wray Roth.

Leisure Town - Vacaville CA

By Lynda McDaniel

Our greens are in beautiful condition thanks to greens keeper George Stiebler.

Membership has dwindled a bit this year, mainly because of knee and hip aches, but we do have wonderful recruiters and coaches in Peggy and Don Johnston.

Here are our recent club tournament winners:

Singles: Peggy Johnston for women, Don Johnston for men.

Pairs: Sally Ruddy and Doris Campbell for women, Paul Regoli and Dick Ruddy for men.

Doris Campbell and Charlie Thorpe, Ladies Choice.

Sally and Dick Ruddy, Men's Choice.

Mixed Pairs: Sally Ruddy and Charlie Thorpe.

Novice: Lynda McDaniel for women, Jack Phillips for men.

Overall Novice: Lynda McDaniel.

Four teams competed for the Phil Moehr Trophy, which was won by Peggy Johnston, Sally Ruddy and Dan Frietas.

Oakmont

By Ed Propper

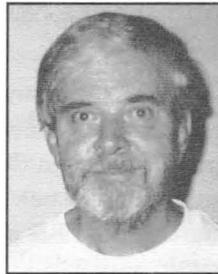
At the Oakmont Lawn Bowls Club's 2002 Annual Meeting on Dec. 12, the following 2003 officers and directors were elected: President Ed Propper, Vice President Frandee Sarver, Treasurer Al Thomas, Secretary Jud Goodrich, and these directors: Sue Hattendorf, Ben LaPlante, Don Applebee and Bill Smith (past president).

The club also honored Vanitta Olinger with an engraved plaque attached to a photo album to commemorate her election into the USLBA Hall of Fame.

CENTRAL DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

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Central playdowns, open

The Central division of USLBA has set the following dates for tournaments to be held at Milwaukee-Lake Park:

Pairs playdowns	July 11-13
Singles playdowns	Aug. 1-3
Central Open Triples	July 19-20
Pairs	July 21-22
Singles	July 23-24

Milwaukee-Lake Park

By Alice Sedgewick

The tri-city tournament at which we host bowlers from Chicago and Rockford as well as Milwaukee has been renamed the Cy Stephan for women's events and the Champ Salisbury for men's events in honor of those two lawn bowling leaders and former members of our club who died last year.

Norma Harrington was elected club president last fall, along with these other officers: Vice President John Kirkwood, Secretary Alice Sedgewick, Treasurer Bud Davis and Board members Jack Heck, Nancy Rosenbaum and Bill Harrington.



Lawn bowlers wed: Mike and Ann Briscoe joined the Milwaukee-Lake Park club in 2001 and when they got married in Lake Park last summer, they popped over to the green for this photo op.

Milwaukee West

By Clem Wisch

Ann Wysocki is our elected president for this year. Lorain Jungbluth is vice president, Norine Morrell is secretary and Elaine Henriksen is treasurer. Grounds chairman is John Morrell and Games chairman is Clem Wisch.

Come bowl with us when you are in our area. We bowl from May until October, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Chicago-Lakeside

By Tom Michael

The Chicago Park District has provided us with an outstanding greenskeeper in John Nolan, who normally takes care of the grass turf for the Chicago Bears.

We have elected Ken Koenig as president, Tom Michael as vice president, Cal Wright as secretary and Don Sneddon as treasurer.

NORTHWEST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

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My thanks to Ed Otte and Dave Robb for their work over the last few years as club reporters for the King City and Spokane clubs, respectively. Ed Otte has taken on the responsibilities of president at King City, and Dave Robb has earned a break after serving the Spokane club in many capacities in the past.

I welcome Elisabeth (Betty) Holden as the new club reporter from King City.

King City

By Betty Holden

Winter rains in the Pacific Northwest usually delay much activity on our green until the official opening day in April. However, this year some unexpected sunny weather and milder temperatures made it possible for some of our more enthusiastic bowlers to get out on the green for an occasional game as early as January.

The new executive board has planned a full schedule of activities and events for 2003. Serving this year are Ed Otte, president; Hugh Green, vice-president; Audrey Barker, treasurer; Ruth Edwards, secretary; Lu Blunk and Faye Arrell, members-at-large; and Rose Stunkard, past president.

The annual event to welcome new and prospective members has been scheduled for late March. The showing of an instructional video and, weather permitting, a hands-on dem-

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onstration on the green will follow the luncheon. Also, lessons for new and prospective members are being offered again this year prior to the season's Opening Day.

We were saddened by the recent deaths of two long-time members, Jacob Lerman and Harold Young.

Portland

By Larry Edgar

Representatives from the lawn bowling, petanque, and croquet clubs met in November to begin working out an agreement on joint use of our greens to present to the members of the individual clubs

Through the Winter the petanquers have continued to work on the "North Green" area to improve that area for their play.

Seattle - Jefferson Park

By Ed Pina

New officers for 2003 are: President Dorothy Bell, Vice President Jim Flexer, Secretary Wally Meyers and Treasurer Jennifer Post.

Jefferson Park Fall Bowling continued with a dry, mild Fall. The Club held its Columbus Day Yardstick Tournament on Oct. 14, and its Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Tournament on Nov. 15. Winners of the Columbus Day event were: Its Nishikawa for men and Joanne Forrest for women. The Turkey

Shoot was won by Richard Krueger for men and Nancy Nishikawa for women.

Seattle-Woodland Park

By Roy Scully

On New Years Eve, despite cold damp weather, three old friends celebrated the day by playing a game of Cutthroat. Alex Small, at age 90 was the senior in the group, followed by Pete Lombardo at 86 and, Roy Scully, the "youngster" at 78. As usual, Alex played a fine game, and Deadeye Pete was on the jack most of the time. The youngest barely scored a point. After this physical exertion all agreed that staying up to see the New Year in was not on the agenda.

Spokane

By Dave Robb

At the first Club winter meeting in the New Year, members were impressed and pleased with the agenda and prospects for the Club's future. There is no doubt that the Club is in good hands with the officers and board members who will guide us in 2003.

Our new Club tournament chairman, Derek Ware, is preparing for the annual Spring Northwest Division Open Triples set for May 24-26. Teams from Canada added much to a successful tournament last year, and we look forward to having them with us again.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

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SE Division Elects, etc.

By Beth Forbes

New SE-USLBA officers elected at the SE Annual Meeting in Clearwater Nov. 20 were: President Patti Grabowski of the Suncoasters, Vice President Cliff Bailey of Pebble Beach, Secretary Beth Forbes of Mount Dora, and junior SE Councilor Muriel Rackliff of the Suncoasters. Joan Douglas of Sarasota will continue as Treasurer, and senior SE Councilor Gene Goodwin has two years of his four-year term to serve.

Executive Board members elected were: Lynn Stokes, Pebble Beach; Ella Fraser, Suncoasters, Wes Hague, Lakeland, and Barbara Roller, Clearwater and Pinehurst. Their terms of office will expire in 2004.

Rebecca Meksa, Bradenton; Joyce Schindler, Sarasota; Tom Kees, Pinehurst; and Russ Tees, Clearwater, remain on the board through 2003.

In other actions at the meeting: To encourage clubs to take advantage of special offers on training bowls from Drake's Pride and Henselite, the Division voted to reimburse each club one-third of the cost.

Delegates approved changing the dates for the East Coast Challenge from April to Sept. 27-28 at Pinehurst Bill Farrell, who will once again serve as the Southeast team captain, was authorized to pick the team.

Also approved was a provision that foreign bowlers residing in the Southeast Division for more than 60 days must be members of the USLBA and Southeast Division to enter the SE Open.

Chuck Mather of Pebble Beach agreed to add to his website news from all Southeast clubs. Items should be sent to: chuckm@espi.com.

Chuck's website (<http://www.lawnbowlingnews.com>) also includes a calendar of key Southeast tournaments prepared by Lynn Stokes.

Club correspondents for *Bowls USA* are reminded to please get news and pictures to me by April 15 for the summer issue.

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2002 Holiday Bowl winners with sponsor of the Gentleman's Trophy. From left, Harold Esch, Bill Forbes, Beth Forbes and Herb Wintsch.

Mount Dora

By Gene Goodwin

For only the second time, a host club team won our seventh annual Holiday Bowl in December. Herb Wintsch and Bill and Beth Forbes won all five of their games to claim the Harold Esch Gentleman's Trophy.

The Sarasota team of Ron Buck, Pauline Blastorah and Helen Cane also was undefeated in the tournament but lost to the Mount Dora trio on points.

The Clearwater team of Lindsay and May Blair and Pat O'Donohue got third-place money, followed by Charles and Lenore Roach of Clearwater with Donna McFadden of Burlington, Ont. Fifth-place cash went to Burl and Barbara Roller of Clearwater and Pinehurst NC, teamed with USLBA president Jack Lucey of Milton MA.

In early season club tournaments, Sy and Angela Carkhuff defeated Bill and Beth Forbes for the Mr. and Mrs. title, but Bill and Beth won Men's and Women's Singles, respectively, and Bill won the 4321 Singles, while Beth skipped the winning Mixed Triples team with Harry Tombleson and Bruce McPeck. Eberhard Dietel and Brian Smith defeated Bill Forbes and Charley Hunter in Men's Pairs.

We mourn the death at 88 of honorary member Joe Eaton.

Florida Senior Games

By Beth Forbes

Results of the 2002 Florida Senior Games held at the Lakeland LBC Dec. 12 were: Gold medal to Charles Best and Gillian Carliell of Lakeland; silver medal to Dodie Hann, Suncoasters, and Ron Wilhelm, Pebble Beach, and the bronze medal to Peter and Dorothy Proctor of Lakeland.

The 2003 games will be held in Lake County, primarily in The Villages; however, the lawn bowling event will be hosted by the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club.



Angela and Sy Carkhuff are the new Mr. and Mrs. champs at Mount Dora, having dethroned three-year title holders Beth and Bill Forbes.

Pinehurst NC

By Tom Kees

At our annual business meeting in December, we elected Jackie Tucker, president; Pat Zimmerman, vice president; Sheila Cadwalader, treasurer, and Monica Coleman, secretary.

We have scheduled a major three-day recruiting effort under the direction of Ben Silvestrone, Patt Cawley, Maxine Patridge, Tom Kees and Joe Coleman. Our goal 20 new members, and we believe we can do it.

We are in touch with the new club in Asheville. President Jackie Tucker will try to take a traveling team to Asheville for a fun match. We will also provide some much-needed equipment. David Davidson from the Asheville club visited us, and we shared joint recruitment efforts planned for the spring.

For those who travel I-95, we invite you to stop in Pinehurst and try our two wonderful greens. Call us at 910 235-8556 and ask for Mack Penwell.

St. Petersburg

By Jim Esslemont

The St. Petersburg Lawn Bowling Club is located on Fourth Street behind the Sunshine Center. We have games on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m. All bowlers, new or experienced, are welcome. Instruction is available, and bowls are provided.

We are a friendly club and host social events, bridge games, luncheons and potluck dinners. Contact me at (727) 531-8294 or Ann Gleason at (727) 538-1984.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

DeLand

By Duke Caukin

Our season started with Mayme's Mixer in early December with 42 players from Daytona Beach, DeLand and Mount Dora participating. The top scorers were Pete Wisse of Daytona Beach for skips, Rosemarie Walsh of Mount Dora for vices and Angela Carkhuff for leads.

The club has suffered the loss of four members, Claude Leduc and John Travis to death and Richard Humbert and Aileen Kirtley, moving permanently to Canada. The good news is that several potential members are being taught the basics of the game, and we expect to add them to our membership roster soon.

Pebble Beach & Suncoasters

Sun City Center FL

By David Burbery

Work on the new clubhouse is well underway with occupancy expected by April.

Newly elected officers for Pebble Beach are: Ray Turman, president; Des Fuller, vice president; and John Bailiff, secretary-treasurer.

Current Suncoaster officers include: Hilda Ferris, president; Carol Kulis, executive vice president; Gerry Holden, 2nd vice president; Carolyn Cole, treasurer; Eileen Love, secretary; and Jeanne McLaughlin, tournament director.

Bradenton

By Becca and John Meksa

After a summer of neglect, many hands were required to prepare our bowling surface. A Clearwater crew made up of Bill Farrell, Russ Rogers, Trevor Colby and Les Jarvis donated time and effort on two Saturdays to fine tune the green. We thank them for their hard work.

The annual Vin Hoffman Memorial tournament on Dec. 14 was won by Bill Farrell, Eleanor Calder and Trevor Colby of Clearwater. Vin's widow, Ellen, ran the tournament smoothly.

Lakeland

By Peter Proctor

The Lakeland LBC is cooperating with the City of Lakeland in its plans to relocate our green about one mile north to the Lake Parker recreation area. The new location will give us more visibility which will help us increase membership.

The tendering process is complete, and construction was due to start in February. Present plans call for a synthetic grass bowling surface which will make Lakeland a premier lawn bowling facility. (See article on carpets on Page 13.)

Kings Point West

Kings Point West LBC officers this year are: President George Fenwick; Vice Presidents David Green and Peggy Lang; Treasurer Bob Mendrala; Secretary David Wood; Past President Marion Wood; and Board Member at Large Judy Scheel.



Honolulu brass in dress whites! Sharon Legacy and Warren Wong, president and immediate past vice president of the Honolulu LBC, wore these special costumes to demonstrate lawn bowling at Iolani Palace, the only royal palace in the United States. Several hundred invited guests watched the demonstrations of croquet, badminton and lawn bowls as they were played in the 1890s. However, modern day visitors to Hawaii do not have to rent special costumes to bowl at the Honolulu club. Just call Sharon at (808) 941-2291, or email her at SJLegacy@aol.com



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Buck Hill Falls

By Ron Burry

As I have mentioned in the previous issue, we were very pleased with the turnout that we had in the first Junior Bowlers Championship held on July 13, 2002. The club intends to make the championship an annual event and this year we shall involve the older children in competitive play. We hope more parents see the merits and become involved in this wonderful sport.

We are looking forward to seeing our friends from the Northeast Division on our green again.. The club will be hosting the NE Men's U.S. Pairs as well as the Women's U.S. Singles and Pairs Playdowns for the 2003 season. We hope to squeeze in some additional play. In addition, the club would like to extend the playing time with our neighboring Skytop Club friends.

DuPont - Wilmington DE

By Tom Lawlor

At our Annual Meeting and Awards dinner last October, trophies were presented to club tournament winners and these club officers for 2003 were elected:

Sally Montigney, president; Barry Gibson, vice president; Ann Connolly, secretary; Dick Schiefelbein, treasurer, and Jack Montigney, immediate past president.

Since we have obtained new rakes, our club has some old rakes as well as used bowls, available for sale.

Essex County - Bloomfield NJ

By George Schick

Club Officers for the 2003 season: Colin Smith, president; Bob Urquhart, vice president; George Schick, secretary; Lorraine Urquhart, treasurer, and Directors Duncan Farrell, Joyce Fitzgerald, Dana Lum, Debbie Smith and Nancy Stroud.

Our club has begun supporting a membership building effort at the Orange Lawn & Tennis Club, which has a membership roster of more than 200 families, whom we fully expect to become more active in our sport. We expect this Club will join the NE-USLBA this spring. Special thanks to Essex members Duncan Farrell, Dana Lum, Colin Smith, Bob Urquhart and Lorraine Urquhart for their efforts.

Fernleigh - West Hartford CT

By Ed Wood

During 2002, our Club hosted a highly successful tag sale to benefit our club. Many thanks to Ellen Boyne, Rita O'Brien and their committee for a job well done.

Thanks also go out to our Greens Committee led by George Babic, Len Killian and John McNeill. As the 2002 season progressed, our green kept getting better and better.

Our 2002 club tournament winners: Ward Francis and Joan Wood, Pairs; Bill Teasdale, Joan Wood, Frank MacHugh, Triples; Otto Dunnbier, Joan Lunden, Ed Churchill, Kay Boker Tournament; and Karen Ellsworth and Ginny Burnap, Labor Day Tournament.

Frick Park - Pittsburgh

By James C. Cunningham

Club Officers for the 2003 season: President Mary LaVerne Dimmick, Vice President Hank Luba, Secretary Ruth Cunningham, Treasurer Lois Saladin and Directors Bud Fickley, Wick Hall and Janet (Rusty) Hein.

Winners of our 2002 club tournaments; Jack Phillips, Men's Singles; Eileen Luba, Women's Singles; Pat Goetz and Jim Cunningham, Open Pairs; Hank Luba and Eileen Luba, Mixed Pairs; Hank Luba, 4321; Wick Hall, Two-Bowl; and Jim Cunningham, Australian Pairs.

Lois Saladin won our Club's season-long open competition and was awarded the "Helen Clay Frick Trophy" as our 2002 Club Champion.

This winter, many of our members are carpet bowling at an indoor venue located by Wick Hall.

Greenwich CT

By Frances Novak

During the 2002 season, our club added 10 new members, who were formally installed at our final fall luncheon. We are saddened by the loss of three of our members during the 2002 season: Calvin Duke, Ben Lorenz and Larry Maloney.

Marian Duke is club president this year. Dot Bertine is vice president, Jules Wagner is greens and clubhouse chair, Mary Provost is secretary, Martha Kreger is treasurer, John Schinto and Loring Weber are activities co-chairs, Dot Esposito is in charge of membership, and Frances Novak of publicity.

Skytop - Skytop Lodge PA

By J. Thomas Murphy

At the conclusion of the 2002 season, the Sawyer Cup contest pitted our Women's and Men's Singles Champions against one another. Mary Blose defeated Jim Sheridan.

Jim Sheridan and Charlotte Cunningham won our Mixed Pairs tournament.

NORTHEAST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS



Leisure World - Silver Spring MD

By Roy Rosfeld

This retirement community hosts the only lawn bowls club in Maryland. We usually meet at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for both recreational and competitive bowling. Other days are available if desired. Katherine Denikos, president, can be reached at 4210 North Leisure World Boulevard, Unit 903, Silver Spring, MD 20906, phone (301) 598-0411, e-mail <papu-deni@webtv.ne>.

Last season, two of our members qualified as National Umpires, joining 14 others in the Northeast division.

New York City - Central Park

By Charles Crawford

Dong Kingman and Marion Morey were our top tournament players in 2002. Here's a summary of events and the winners:

Early Bird Special Pairs: Dong Kingman and Ken Slazyk. Firecracker Pairs: Terry Ohl and Kay Fausel. Bakers Dozen Pairs: Dong Kingman and Marion Morey. George Reid Memorial: Joe Gioco and Margie Barclay. Men's Singles: Patrick Duffy. Women's Singles: Marion Morey. Waterford Pairs: Dong Kingman and Frank Gary. Arthur Morse Singles: Jean Lithgow.

We're looking forward to hosting a prestigious Northeast Division tournament on Sunday, August 17, 2003 - the Dakers Triples. Mark your calendars and sign up for a fun day in the Big Apple!

NYLBC member Patrick Duffy was on the second-place men's Pairs team at the 2002 U.S. Championships. Congratulations, Patrick! And Jean Lithgow, who won the coveted Arthur Morse club event, is the first woman to win that tournament since 1990.

Our theme for 2003 will be RECRUITING. We're planning a major outreach program that will feature open house clinics, recruitment awards, and mentoring new members. If you're planning to be in New York during our season, May through late October, you're welcome to join us. See our Web site www.nybowls.com for details or call Charles Crawford at 212-396-2945.

Slater Park - Pawtucket RI

By Ed Kenney

Our plans for the 2003 season were to be made at a general membership meeting in February. We look forward to serving as one of the host clubs for the 2003 Northeast Men's and Women's Open.

In the only 2002 club tournament not already reported, Ray Sayer Day was won by Victor Ford, Susan Ford and Larry Messier.

Thistle - West Hartford CT

By Joan Wood

Our Club is looking forward to the 2003 bowling season under the following leadership team: President Bill Wassell, Vice President Irv Danzig, Secretary Joan Wood and Treasurer Ted Laski. New members of the Board of Directors are Wilson Bell and Ward Francis.

In July we look forward to hosting the NE division Regional Challenge.

Williamsburg Inn VA

By Susan Berg

Last September, the DuPont LBC visited Williamsburg for a two-day match. After the first day, the score was tied, but in the end, DuPont finished strong and won the tournament by one game.

At the annual meeting, these 2003 officers were elected: President Jack Edwards, Vice President Joann Proper, Secretary Edith Edwards and Treasurer Carol Wynder.

Last Fall, as part of the club's continuing efforts to recruit new members, Jack Edwards organized a lawn bowling course sponsored by William and Mary's Christopher Wren Association, which offers classes to adults over 50. Class registration, which was limited by the club's equipment to 15 members, filled up immediately while 32 people went on a waiting list! The class will be offered again this Spring. Membership has grown as a result of the class. This partnering with another institution has helped the club's visibility in the community.

Although our green is officially closed early April we bowl any day the temperature is above 50.

If you happen to be in the area and wish to bowl, contact Jack Edwards, 114 Stanley Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23188 757-253-0266, jedwards180@cox.net.

In club tournaments not previously reported, Dan Berg and Mike Kipps won the Alden Eaton Pairs, Lew Lecompte the Ray Townsend Memorial Singles, and Ed Reynolds and John Ferguson the Williamsburg Open Pairs.

Patterson wins gold and silver in IPC

Bob Patterson of Westland MI has won the gold medal for Singles and the silver for Pairs in the 2002 world championships for disabled lawn bowlers.

Bob won all his games in the Singles at Adelaide, Australia, last April. In the Pairs, he and his Malaysian partner won all but one game and missed the gold by only a few points.

Bob, who was the only American entered in this event sponsored by the International Paralympic Committee, plans to defend his title in Malaysia in 2004.

Tewksbury, MacWilliams and four women tied for most appearances in U.S. Championships

One of John Stewart's avocations is keeping track of lawn bowlers who make it to USLBA's U.S. Championships - who, when and how often.

In his latest summary, John - chief U.S. umpire, and chairman of U.S. rules of the game and of the men's National Team Selection Committee - reports that:

Two Clearwater FL bowlers who died in recent years, Willis J. Tewksbury and Bert MacWilliams, hold the record for men bowlers by participating in 20 U.S. Championships since that tournament began in 1957. Willis won seven times and Bert won five times.

Among the women, who did not begin taking part in the U.S. Championships until 1977, these four are tied at 12 total appearances in that Big Event:

Muriel "Pat" Boehm of the Northwest, Jo Gilbert of Daytona Beach in the SE, Isabel Forbes of Bellflower CA in the SW and Nancy Davidson of Westland MI in the Central division. In victories, Pat had five, Jo three, Izzy one and Nancy none. All but Pat Boehm are still active bowlers.

Neil McInnes of the SW ranks the highest among still active men bowlers with 18 trips to and 10 victories in the U.S. Championships, followed by Lewis W. Storm of the NW and

Bill Miller of Clearwater in the SE, both with 17 participations, but only one victory apiece.

Other male leaders are: Harold Esch of Mount Dora (SE), Bill Farrell of Clearwater, Doug McArthur of SC and Frank Souza of the PIMD, tied at 15; the late James Candelet of the old Eastern division, 14; the late Clive Forrester of PIMD, SW and SC, and Ken Degenhardt of Central, tied at 13; the late Robert Boehm of the NW, 12, and John Stewart, formerly Central, now South Central, 11.

Jim Candelet won seven times, Ken Degenhardt five, Frank Souza three, and Harold Esch, John Stewart, Bill Farrell and Bob Boehm twice.

Women bowlers with high numbers of appearances under 12 were: Linda McDougal, NE, 11; Harriet Bauer, NW, 10; Mary Scott, NE, 9; Nancy Nishikawa, NW, 9; Tecla Shepard, PIM, 8; Ann Barber, SW, 8; Myra Wood, NW and SC, 8; Kottia Spangler, SW, 8; Regina Banares, PIM, 7; Dorothy Henry, NE, 7; Mary Terrill, SC, 7; Patti Grabowski, SE, 7; Rita Hurley, C, 7, and Muriel Rackliff, SE, 7.

Women's leader in victories is Kottia with six. Tecla has won four times, Reggie three times, and Ann Barber, Dorothy Henry, Mary Terrill and Harriet Bauer twice.

SW women vote to allow red or blue shorts in their division tournaments

The Women's division of SW-USLBA voted at its annual meeting in January to allow players in division tournaments to wear - in addition to white or cream slacks, shorts, skirts or culottes - red or blue shorts on a trial basis this year.

Teams choosing red or blue shorts must make sure they are from the same manufacturer and same dye lot.

The new SW code continues its earlier provision allowing matching colored team shirts. It also calls for attire to be neat, clean and in good taste, adding that the hemline of skirts, shorts or culottes are to be no shorter than three inches about the knee.

The SW women's dress code is now more permissive than the code for national and division tournaments as stated in the Laws of the Game (page 30). While the code in the U.S. Laws book allows matching colored team shirts, it permits only white or cream bottoms.

Furman, Hyland, Broad, Christensen, Luster and Isaacman to bowl in England

Chief selector John M. Stewart has announced that the following players have been selected to represent the United States in England later this summer:

Neil Furman, Ivan Hyland, Richard Broad, John Luster, Nick Christensen and Merton Isaacman. Tom Stirrat is the alternate.

Frank Souza will manage the team for this Invitational event, in which the players will play a series of matches against four of the nine other countries. All players will play in two teams of Two Bowl Triples over 18 ends, and three teams of Four Bowl Pairs over 21 ends, and each player will play singles to 21 shots.

The invited countries have been divided into two groups of five with the USA being in a group with Australia, South Africa, Wales and Scotland.

The two qualifying countries from each group will play in the semi-finals and the winners will play in the finals at the world famous Worthing Greens, where previous World Bowls events have been held.

Bowlers interested in making a contribution to offset the costs should send their donations to Frank Souza, 4375 Corrigan Drive, Fremont CA 94536-5908.

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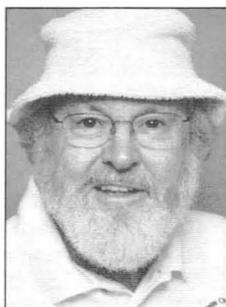
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The Last Shot

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Although I did not know it at the time, I was introduced to lawn bowling in 1964 when our French neighbors showed me and my family how to play petanque or boules while I was on sabbatical leave in the south of France. The French in and around Aix-en-Provence used to take their heavy steel boules on picnics where they played on rough and uneven ground. Rutted ground seemed especially challenging to these hardy competitors. They used somewhat more level surfaces when they bouled in their city parks, but never on anything like the laser-leveled greens lawn bowlers prefer.

In comparing French boules, Italian bocce and lawn bowling, we come off as the fussiest and most formal, particularly when it comes to playing surfaces. Our "greens" are perhaps the most important element of lawn bowling. We want them level and faster than croquet courts or golf greens. We praise our greens when we win and blame them when we lose. They are essential!

They are also expensive, the most expensive element of our game, more expensive than our bowls, jacks, rakes, measures, chalk and everything else we use.

In most U.S. clubs, local governments have subsidized the building and even the daily maintenance of the greens (as well as clubhouses and surrounding grounds). Privately built and maintained lawn bowls clubs are few and far between in this country. Without local government help, many clubs would go out of business.

This dependence on local government support has done at least two bad things for our sport. One is that it has gotten us accustomed to not paying our own way, not putting up the cash to support our playing facilities. The second negative consequence of this dependence on local government is we have less control over our facilities, so that we can be suffocated when local governments don't do a good job maintaining and repairing our greens. We are also often handicapped in being able to respond to changes and improvements, such as switching to carpet greens.

We are told that carpet greens not only bowl well, they cost far less to maintain than grass or Har-Tru. But the up-front installation costs are high. It is not easy to persuade sometimes short-sighted municipal officials to spend thousands of dollars today in order to save hundreds over enough tomorrows to add up to overall savings. Clubs with more independence from local governments can seek ways to finance carpet and make an independent decision.

If carpet surfaces drastically reduce the costs for our most important and expensive element, our playing greens, what a shot in the arm that would be! But only if the "owners" of our clubs can take advantage of the panacea we all hope and pray carpet will turn out to be.

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