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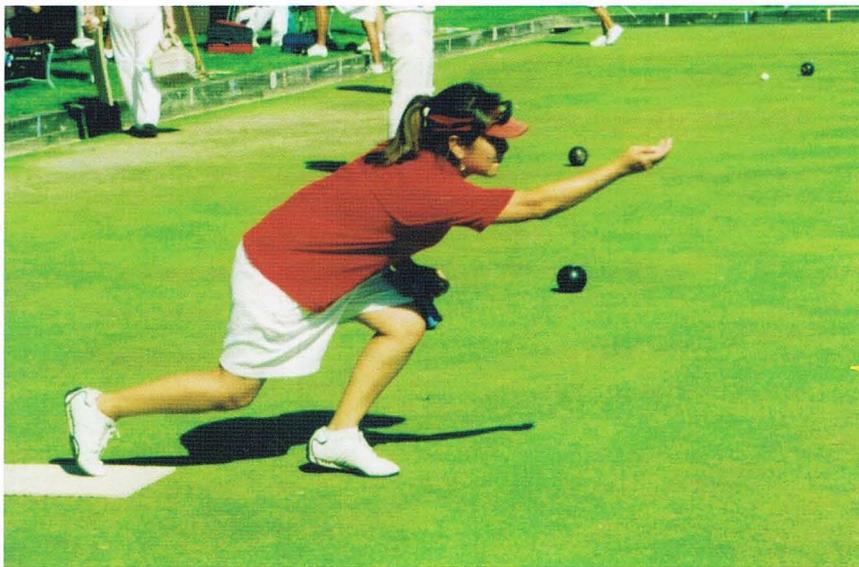
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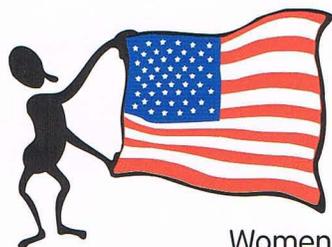
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President's Report

Isabella Forbes, President USLBA



By the time you read this, I will have vacated my office as President of the USLBA and turned my efforts to other ventures. I hope that I will hear from many of you throughout the future. One of the greatest things that Lawn Bowling has done for me over the years is to allow me meet all the people here and abroad who share my feeling for this great sport.

Some of my wishes for the future for our organization are as follows:

To tap the wealth of people out there who are still missing the enjoyment, competition and camaraderie of lawn bowling in their lives.

To see what I have seen over the years and go to the places I have gone, meeting people all over the world.

To see more clubs host the United States Championships and discover how it can also help their club, no matter how big or small. This past August a small club in Milwaukee took on this challenge and succeeded to put on a great Championships.

We must remember that taking on this event is not a challenge to do it better than the last. It should be taken on as a club/division effort to make the players comfortable and able to have an enjoyable time while staying within the boundaries of what they can afford. With that said I would like to hear from some of the clubs around the country that would be interested in hosting this event. You do get financial support from the USLBA to hold this event and I am sure that others that have done it before would be willing to help out in suggesting ideas for your club to take on this task without dipping into your club treasuries.

To see lawn bowling accepted into the Olympics and have a team from the United States be a part of this at its inauguration.

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About the cover photos: Buzz Althoen took the shots of two-time U.S. Champion Rosa Gandara and of the parade of division champions that traditionally opens our annual U.S. Championships. He also took most of the photos on pages 18, 19 and 31. Quite an output for a guy who intended to take it easy while his Milwaukee club hosted this big event. The fact that he had just given up his job as Central Division staff correspondent for *Bowls USA* (See P. 33) was not known to me when I called him in mid-August to tell him I had to cancel my plan to be there to cover the U.S. Championships. Without hesitation, Buzz volunteered himself and his camera. He became my eyes in reporting on this important tournament. If these photos are Buzz's "Last Hurrah" in bowls journalism, he made a grand exit. Thanks and well done, Buzz!

Gene Goodwin, Editor

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Ask The Umpire

Some Questions and Answers
from John Stewart,

Chief Umpire USLBA

Thanks to all those bowlers who have sent e-mails and letters saying they like "Ask the Umpire."



Question 1. In a triples game the two vices are at the head and Player A claims two shots, but player B disagrees and says, "if you want a second shot then you'll have to measure." Which rule determines who should measure?

Question 2. During a singles game, a player three down, fires at the head and strikes one of his own bowls, a non-toucher, driving it into the backboard of the ditch where it rebounds onto the green, colliding again with the driven bowl and both bowls stop dead in their tracks. No other bowls were displaced. An umpire who had not seen the incident was called in, consulting the marker on whether the driven bowl if it had not collided with the rebounding bowl would it have gone into the ditch. Both players agreed with the marker's decision that the bowl would have reached the ditch. If you had been called in to rule on this situation, which of the following alternatives would you have ruled:

- Remove both bowls from the green and continue play.
- Leave the delivered bowl where it rests and continue play.
- Remove the rebounding bowl and permit the delivered bowl to be re-delivered.
- Declare the end dead.

For the answers, turn to page 10.

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President Izzy's final report

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I would like to thank all the people who helped make the past two years a pleasant experience for me. Just to mention a few: Tom Kees, secretary, who was always there when I needed to clarify an issue; Judy Patrizzi, treasurer, for handling the finances of our organization; Donna West and Jack Lucey, for lending their past experience in running this great organization; Sam Delisle and Dana Lum who worked diligently with their committees to select the best bowlers we could get to represent us overseas at international tournaments.

While it would take probably a whole page to mention all those who have helped over the past two years, I would like to thank all committee chairs for their devoted time and efforts to make things run smoothly.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the time and effort Gene Goodwin has put into changing and updating our magazine. The new look is great for us and also for those who know nothing about the sport to see. It has come a long way over the past year to now be what really looks like a magazine instead of a newsletter. Thanks, Gene, to you and your staff for your efforts.

At the beginning of my tenure as your President, I was not sure whether or not I would be able to handle this and still work a full-time job, but with all the support I received both from the Council and the members at large, it has really been an enjoyable experience. And I will close now with my quote that I gave you at the beginning of this year: "Ask not what lawn bowling can do for you, but what you can do for lawn bowling."

Izzy

Letters

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Let's recruit waiting room crowds

I would like to suggest that a page in *Bowls USA* be dedicated to recruitment. Why? Because after members are through with the magazine, they could leave it off at any location where people wait in offices for their appointments, dentists, hospitals, etc.

The page could include the benefits of bowling, but foremost, where they can find the nearest club.

Jerry Patrignani, San Jose LBC

(Good idea, Jerry, but wouldn't it work better if local clubs did what you suggest, more or less? They could prepare an appealing pitch with photos of local bowlers enjoying themselves and clip it to the back cover of *Bowls USA*. Left in various waiting rooms, such an appeal could lure prospects to "check us out." When USLBA-member couples used to sharing things complain to us that they do not need the two copies their household receives, we suggest they give one copy to their favorite waiting room. Now we'll add the suggestion of tacking on the local club location and contact person. THE EDITOR)

Edwards argues for an 'American culture' of lawn bowls

By Jack Edwards

*Williamsburg Inn LBC,
President NE Division-USLBA*



Anyone who spends time with lawn bowlers in our country must be impressed with how traditional the sport is.

The principal questions are: How has it been done before? Can we learn to do it the same way? How can we be more like our betters—the Brits, the Scots, the Aussies, etc.?

Those are not the most useful questions for us. We need to ask: What works best now and for the future? What is the best way for us?

What do we know about our predicament? First, we are struggling to survive. Many clubs face serious decline. Second, the strength of the game lies in our clubs, not in our tournament bowlers.

The game of bowls needs to be more attractive to newcomers, neophytes and occasional players. That is critical for building strong clubs. Strong clubs produce tournament bowlers; tournament bowlers do not produce strong clubs.

(Each year I play in many regional tournaments, as well as all club tournaments, and enjoy both.)

Attracting and Retaining: We should not treat this game as if only a chosen few can understand it. It is not in a class with nuclear physics. Becoming highly proficient is a life-long challenge, requiring ability and practice, but newcomers can enjoy it greatly the first time they step on a green. And they can continue to enjoy the game each time thereafter, provided we help them.

We should observe new players' abilities, and let them develop as rapidly as they can. We should not require any apprenticeship or waiting period, formally or informally.

From the beginning, new bowlers should be encouraged to play games as well as practice. They should be offered the opportunity to skip occasionally in a pairs game. That quickly broadens their view of the game, and impresses upon them the importance of the lead's position as well as that of skip.

Relatively new players should be encouraged to bowl in tournaments, first at the club level and soon at the division level. There is no substitute for getting into tougher competition, even if initial forays involve more character-building than winning.

Let them play! Singles and pairs involve all the players all the time. In pairs, each person is bowling or helping his partner to bowl. As cooperation replaces authority, each of the partners is critical to success.

In triples and fours, in contrast, not all players are equal.

The lead in triples, and the lead and second in fours, roll their bowls and then essentially become spectators. These are not good games for encouraging new players.

The game of fours makes sense when large numbers of players have to be accommodated. But in the United States we rarely have so many players that there is not room for them on the green.

We should play games that are most enjoyable for our club players, not those games that have been found useful in other countries. And we should experiment.

Color: We have some huge problems in our sport, but dress codes are not among them. Worrying about a dress code is like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic.

Many current bowlers find a green filled with players all in white to be a beautiful sight. But to some others of us, this sight is pretty in the way that a museum tableau is pretty. But we don't want a museum, we want new bowlers.

Americans like color. Other sports use colorful outfits. We are more likely to attract new people to our game with color than with white. No one can prove this assertion, but there is a great deal of anecdotal information to help us out. Anyone who teaches new bowlers is likely to hear the same question: "Do we have to wear white?"

Club bowlers like color in bowls, too. In our club, we see this in the choices bowlers make when they buy new bowls. New bowlers are often bewildered trying to figure out the ownership of many bowls, all of which are black. If this confusion served a purpose, it might be worth it. But it doesn't.

Many decades ago, Henry Ford believed in selling them any color car they want as long as it is black. If Ford Motors had stuck to that marketing strategy, most likely it would not exist today.

Surfaces: One of the major factors working against our success is the lack of greens in this country. Any additional surface, grass or artificial, is good for lawn bowls.

But grass should be our surface of choice, Not because it is the choice of tournament bowlers but because it is preferred by club bowlers who provide the backbone of our game.

Few things in life are better than the opportunity to bowl on a freshly-cut green. Neophytes love it!

Conclusion: We need an American culture of lawn bowls. We should stop insisting that clothes be white, bowls be black, and shorts be of a certain length. We should seek to be popular, not proper.

As we make decisions for the game we like so much, the question should not be "What is good for our very best bowlers," but rather "What is most likely to attract new bowlers, and keep them?" If clubs do well, tournament bowlers will be just fine.

SELLING THE SPORT OF LAWN BOWLING

By Frank Ransome, Chairman, USLBA Membership and Instruction

Training Program prepared for the Berkeley LBC prior to a large recruiting effort.

Reason: Lawn Bowling is a product just like anything else that has to be sold before it can be used. Manufacturers spend millions of dollars promoting and advertising their product and lawn bowling salesmen must do the selling with very little promotion. Our most important tool is our ability to read and understand a customer. The second important tool would be the first impression we create by our dress and demeanor. We must look professional while we look for the key to holding a potential recruit's interest.

LOOK FOR THE KEY.

Why is this person interested enough to talk with you? Could they be tired of golf or too crippled to play tennis? Are they thinking about themselves or are they thinking about their family? Do they look like cost, travel, age, handicap or sex would be a factor?

FIND THAT KEY AND YOU'LL MAKE THE SALE.

Venue: Any place two or more people are gathered. We must act like every discussion is at a convention or a sales meeting at a Senior Center or Service Club. We must be known for being a lawn bowler and be ready to vocalize our interest in the sport at any meeting.

TALK THE SPORT EVERY TIME YOU GET A CHANCE

Our purpose: To persuade a group of complete strangers to visit our lawn bowling club.

GET THEM ON THE GREEN

THE EASIEST PLACE TO MAKE THE SALE.

Timing: The time is right now or at the earliest date possible.

(PRACTICE SELLING EVERY CHANCE YOU GET)

History: You are offering an opportunity for a person to become a member of a fraternity that goes back to ancient Egypt and has been played by millions since the 13th century. Lawn Bowling has been enjoyed in North America since the 1600's and became organized in 1915

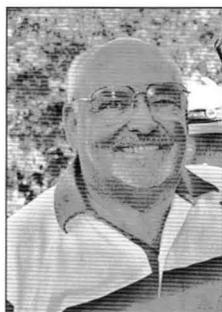
THE SPORT IS HERE TO STAY

Suggestions: You must select your sales pitch to fit your audience. Talk low price, open bowling, and fun parties. You must stress outdoor exercise, the use of the club house and explain why we wear whites and flat shoes. Explain how and when we advance to being a Second and a Skip. You must mention competition but not just big time tournaments. Tell about and explain the friendly everyday draw and make up games. Stress the easy aerobic type exercise and fluid body movement rather than strength. Talk to competitive types about intra and inter club competitions and the US Championships. Some people don't like to wear white so mention that white is the approved dress for tournaments.

KEEP LOOKING FOR THE KEY TO KEEP THE NEW MEMBER.

BETTER BOWLS

Tips and tidbits for improving and enjoying your game



By **Conrad Melton**
*Chairman of Instruction and head
umpire, Southwest Men's Division*

Thinking your way out of danger

On your right side is a sharp drop off. On your left side is an elephant traveling at the same speed as you. Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it. Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo. What must you do to safely get out of this situation? (Answer below.)

Rolling the jack

...can easily make the difference between a team's winning or losing. Experienced tournament players all have stories about games they've lost because of poor jack placement. If you're a lead who wants to improve your game, you'll be going out to practice on your own. Rolling the jack should occupy the first 15 minutes of every practice session.

Here's an easy and effective jack practice. Get two mats and six objects to use as markers (old tennis balls, golf balls, whatever). Pick two adjacent rinks. On the first, set the mat at the two-meter mark and place one object at the hogline, another at the two-meter mark near the front ditch, and the third midway between the other two. On the adjacent rink, where you will bowl the opposite direction, do the same. Use at least six jacks, rolling them at the same or at alternating lengths. Collect them, and go to the mat on the adjacent rink. If you're not within a yard on 90 percent of your deliveries, you'll need another practice session soon.

Pace

When you as lead take the mat, don't be too anxious to demonstrate that "you know the right direction to bowl." It could cause your skip to scrimp on studying the head, which, in turn, might have resulted in him/her giving you a different instruction for your bowl. Good skips consider your skills, the rink's idiosyncrasies, the opponent bowling next, what could result in a worst case, and other variables as well as the ever-changing pattern of the head. For some situations, a full evaluation takes some extra time.

Skips are often reluctant to stop a bowler who is crouched and ready to deliver and make them wait while s/he makes a more complete analysis of the head. Newer bowlers are often sensitive about having their "rhythm" disturbed. So most skips will try to avoid disrupting "Ready Ronnie" even though they

(the skips) are not yet completely certain of the best intention for the next shot. It's hard for newcomers to believe that so much is going on. But experience, wisdom and carefully applied strategy is often the difference that makes champions.

Which is better for a lead to do?

1. Hit the jack and knock it six feet from where it was resting? Or 2. Not hit the jack but your bowl rests two feet to the left or right?

We've all seen leads who hit the jack and start celebrating. That's usually "misplaced enthusiasm." A lead's job is to roll his/her bowls close to the jack. Close is relative, but generally the objective is within a couple of feet. Jacks that are hit with weight, seldom travel with the delivered bowl. The rule of thumb (TY, EQ) is the jack will travel three times as far from impact as the bowl that struck it. This means, if a jack is struck with enough force to push it ahead six feet, most bowls will only travel two feet, leaving it four feet from the jack. Your toucher probably caused more harm than good. The lead's job is to draw the jack, not send it for a ride.

Stay on the mat

...until your bowl completely stops. This could be the most repeated advice in bowls (except "Take more grass"). Why? Because there is so much to learn during those final few seconds. You get to see exactly how your bowl finishes. You can compare its resting place to your aiming point (if you were "meticulously scrutinizing" and noted your delivery line), which tells you precisely how much bias it's taking and where to adjust your aiming spot. If you're playing early or late in the day, or with changing weather, all such issues matter. Good skips often indicate how far short or long your bowl finished from the jack. They can only signal that information while your bowl is still moving. If you leave the mat in frustration, chances are you'll be bending over to pick up your next bowl while your skip is signaling. Think about what he's sending his information to. Not a pretty picture!

Bowls: homicide or suicide?

In America we may have as many as 20,000 people who know how to lawn bowl. But three out of four are unwilling to contribute 83 cents a month to support the USLBA and keep the game alive. Every year those same folks contribute hundreds of dollars to "worthy" charities that have no direct impact on the quality of their lives. What's wrong?

Answer to "Thinking your way out of danger"

Get off the merry-go-round and go sober up!

Canadian hosts whip Team USA for 8th time in 10 NACs

By Gene Goodwin, Editor

My alma mater, the University of Iowa, used to have a cheer that ended: "Iowa fights, Iowa fights, Iowa fights!"

One Saturday in 1946, the year after World War II ended, Minnesota's powerful football team annihilated our Iowa Hawkeyes, 55-0. The next morning the student newspaper headlined: "Minnesota 55, Iowa Fights!"

That headline comes to my mind when I write about the North American Challenge.

Our Canadian friends did not beat us 55-0 this year, but they claimed all but one of the trophies at the 10th NAC held Aug. 10-12 at the Regina LBC in Saskatchewan, Canada. Canada took the overall trophy, 58-38. It was their eighth overall victory in this event. Team USA can look back on only two overall defeats of the Canadian National Team at NAC, in 1998 and 2002.

In Regina this year, the bright spot for the USA was the trophy-winning performance of our five-man Folkins squad, which narrowly outplayed their Canadian opponents, 14-13. Our three other squads—women's Folkins and men's and women's Jarvis squads—fought well but tasted no victory wine. U.S. Jarvis men went down, 9-12, Jarvis women, 8-19, and Folkins women, 7-14.

Duffy, Broad + 3 Milwaukees

The five men in our Folkins group were: **Richard Broad**, English-born two-time U.S. champion from Seattle; **Bob Schneider** of Milwaukee, a U.S. champion in 2005 and 2006; **Leif Andresen** of Milwaukee, a 1999 U.S. champion; **Patrick Duffy** of Brooklyn NY, runner-up in 2002 and 2003 U.S. Championship Pairs, and 2004 National Open Singles champ; and **Ken Degenhardt** of Milwaukee and Sun City AZ,



U.S. FOLKINS MEN'S SQUAD got our only trophy at the 2006 NAC. From left, Ken Degenhardt, Patrick Duffy, Leif Andresen, Richard Broad, Bob Schneider and their manager, Brian Studwell.



ROYAL CANADIAN BOOKENDS frame Team USA stalwarts Mary DeLisle (left) and Patricia Cronshaw in Regina for the 10th NAC, of which R. Gil Stephan (middle above) is the USLBA chairman.

a five-time U.S. champion in Pairs, a last-minute sub this year for Loren Dion of Santa Barbara CA, who had to pull out for personal reasons.

In the NAC, each five-person squad bowls six games, three a day, half in Singles and Fours and half in Pairs and Triples. The men's and women's teams in each squad bowl their first two games each day against their opponents; in the third game each day, the "best" and "second best" squads from each country, based on wins and points in the first two games, bowl off against one another.

Our trophy-winning Folkins men bowled in these positions: **Broad**, Singles and skip in Pairs; **Schneider**, skip Triples and Fours; **Duffy**, vice skip Triples and Fours; **Andresen**, lead, Triples and Fours; and **Degenhardt**, lead Pairs, 2nd lead Fours.

Others bowling for USA

Bowling for Team USA on the other squads were:

Jarvis men: **Simon Meyerowitz** of Irvine CA, Singles and skip Pairs; **Doug McArthur**, Sun City AZ, skip Triples and Fours; **George Tucker**, Pinehurst NC, lead Pairs and 2nd lead Fours; **Pat Chan** of Laguna Beach CA, 1st lead Triples and Fours; and **Chris Booth** of San Diego, vice skip Triples and Fours. Manager both men's squads **Brian Studwell**.

Jarvis women: **Katy Stone** of Long Beach CA, Singles and lead Triples; **Mary DeLisle** of Santa Barbara, skip Pairs, #2 Fours; **Patricia Cronshaw** of Santa Barbara, lead Pairs and Fours; **Anne Nunes** of Newport Harbor CA, vice skip, Triples and Fours; and **Irene Webster** of Sun City AZ, skip Triples and Fours. Manager **Marcia Masterson**.

Folkins women: **Tanya Hills** of Southern California, Singles and lead, Pairs; **Kathy Vea** of Santa Barbara, skip, Pairs



SMILES OF APPROVAL: Team USA members enjoying lunch at the North American Challenge in Regina, Canada, are, from left, Richard Broad, Jackie Tucker, Simon Meyerowitz and Patricia Cronshaw.



NO SMILES HERE as Team USA players Patrick Duffy (top) and Doug McArthur bend to task of beating Canada.

and Fours; **Barbara Roller** of Clearwater FL, skip Triples, vice Fours; **Jan Hargraves** of Newport Harbor & Laguna Beach, vice Triples, #2 Fours; and **Jackie Tucker** of Pinehurst NC, lead Triples and Fours. **Manager Jim Webster.**

Although very competitive, NAC games seem unusually friendly. Perhaps that's because the top bowlers from both countries get to know one another from participating in other big U.S. and Canadian tournaments. Or because most Americans view Canadians more like neighbors than foreigners, and vice versa.

R. Gil Stephan Jr, USLBA chairman of NAC, has arranged for the 2007 version to be held in his home South Central division at Sun City AZ April 11-14. (Maybe this time it'll be more like "Iowa 5, Minnesota faints!")

(Thanks to Gil Stephan, Brian Studwell and Marcia Master-son for providing the facts on which this NAC article is based. Thanks also to Sam DeLisle for the photos. GG, editor.)

Laura Dewald, Bowls Canada president, dies on Sept. 14 at 61

Lawn bowls lost a great champion and advocate with the death on Sept. 14 of Laura Dewald of Regina, Saskatchewan.

At the time of her passing, Laura was president of Bowls Canada *Boulingrin*. She was 61.

She is mourned by many, including scores of U.S. lawn bowlers who got to know and admire her through competition in our national opens and other international tournaments.



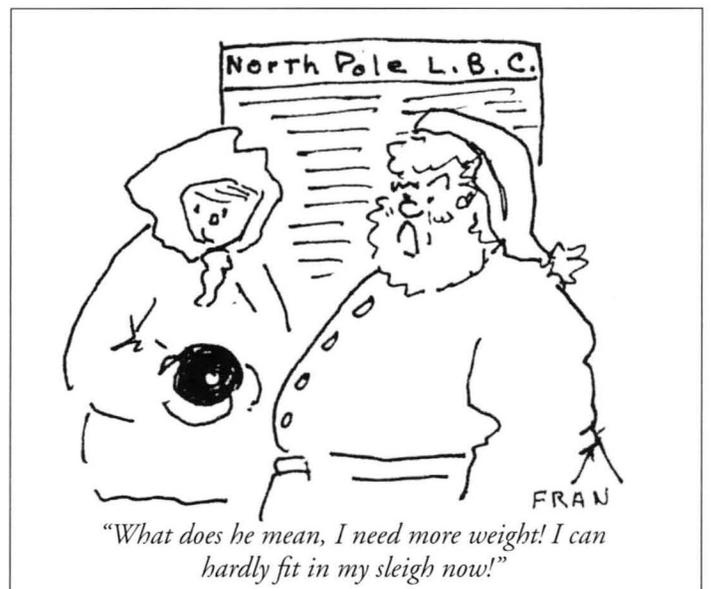
English bowls associations merge into Bowls England

The English Bowling Association and English Women's Bowling Association have agreed to merge into a single organization for both men and women as of next October 2007.

The 150,000 members EBA and EWBA voted overwhelmingly for a unified body in a 2005 referendum, but a joint EBA-EWBA steering committee delayed implementation while it negotiated with men's and women's indoor bowls associations to join in the unification. The indoor organizations refused to go along.

A new committee of four from each association will decide whether to form a Limited Company or to continue with an Association. Then it will work on a constitution structure and business plan. Already agreed to is the name of the new body:

Bowls England



Fran Goodwin created this cartoon for her club newsletter, *The Mount Dora Lawn Bowler*.

SE gets back its game, defies weather in 5th win over NE

Rain, cold and wind accompanied every bowl of this year's East Coast Challenge Oct. 7-8 in Pinehurst NC.

So awful was the weather Saturday no one objected when, after two rounds of Triples and Pairs and a tied score, the third round was dropped.

The third round of Singles and Fours on Sunday was also canceled but for an entirely different reason. The Southeast built such a lopsided lead in the first two rounds by winning 10 of the 12 games played that it was mathematically impossible for the Northeast to win. The final score was SE 32, NE 16.

In spite of rugged weather conditions, both teams enjoyed great ribs and fried chicken at the Carolina Pig Pickin' on Friday night after a cold, wet day of practice. Most of the out-of-towners stayed at the same motel and enjoyed each other's company as well as that of many of the Pinehurst bowlers both Friday and Saturday nights.

After last year's domination by the NE in Singles, the SE re-tooled with Jackie and George Tucker and Al Pelliccio, all of Pinehurst. They gave the SE five wins and only one loss against the NE's Patrick Duffy of Brooklyn, David Smith of Essex County NJ, and Steve Smith, formerly of San Diego, now living in Pittsburgh, who has bowled for the SW in two recent U.S. Championships. Steve got the NE's only victory in Singles when he beat Al Pelliccio.

Burl Roller, SE team captain was delighted with the way the SE players came together, citing great balance among the three squads, with Squad #1 captained by Barb Roller, ending play with 10 tournament points, Squad #2, captained by Linda McDougall, with 12 points, and Squad #3, captained by Lenore Roach, amassing 10 points, for a total of 32 of the 48 available in the abbreviated tournament.

"While we lost the Triples," Burl said, "we dominated in Pairs, Singles and Fours. This was a great achievement for our team of seven men and eight women. The NED team had 12 men and three women. The Motta Trophy has been returned to its rightful place—the trophy case at Pinehurst—for the fifth time since the tournament began in 2000."

Burl said the Pinehurst green was perhaps the best in the past 12 years. He praised Ron Lloyd, Director of Lawn Sports, "for the much smoother green because of repeated rolling. Also it drained well and was very little slower by the end of this year's soggy tournament."

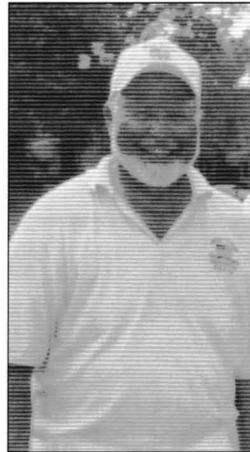
In addition to Burl and Barb Roller of Clearwater, George and Jackie Tucker, Al Pelliccio, Linda McDougall of Suncoasters-Sun City Center and Lenore Roach of Clearwater, the SE team was made up of Pinehurst's Pat Zimmerman, Margo Pelliccio, Jay Alphin and Dan Delgarn;

Clearwater's Rick and Marion Wall, and Charles Roach; and Dode Hann of Suncoasters-Sun City Center.

NE players this year were: Jack Lucey of Quincy MA; Colin

Smith, David Smith, Duncan Farrell and Bob Urquhart of Essex County NJ; Patrick Duffy and Bob Patterson of Brooklyn; Maurice Lafond and Mark Bush of Slater Park-Pawtucket RI; Jack and Edith Edwards and Dan Berg of Williamsburg VA; Lois Saladin, Eileen Luba and Steve Smith of Frick Park-Pittsburgh.

The 2007 tournament is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of Nov.10-11 at Pinehurst. Application forms will be provided to all the clubs in the early spring.



*SE TEAM CAPTAIN
Burl Roller was delighted
with the way his group of
eight women and seven
men cleaned up on the
NE team of 12 men and
the required minimum of
three women.*

Ask The Umpire

Answers to this issue's questions

from page 4

Question 1. No law in the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls* states which player does the measuring, but a note at the bottom of Page 27 suggests that the team conceding the shot or shots do the measuring. The logic behind this recommendation is that when shots are being moved out of the head, it is smarter to let the team conceding the shots do the measuring, rather than the team claiming the shots, because a bowl or even several bowls could be moved by the claimer that are in dispute by the conceiver.

Question 2. If you answered "a," you were correct. See page 19 Law 32 (a) for the rebounding bowl (non-toucher). See page 20 Law 34A (ii) for the delivered bowl (non-toucher). Law 34A says that a member of the opposing team or the marker in Singles shall place the displaced (delivered) bowl where they believe it would have come to rest if it is displaced by a rebounding non-toucher. As the Umpire you would advise the marker to place the bowl on the bank.

Do you have questions? E-mail Emohruo@cox.net



BOWL BUSTERS! That's what these Seattle women call themselves when they get together Wednesday evenings to bowl in their league. They chose that name in response to the "Men with Big Bowls" banner under which a similarly-aged group of males enjoy their

league play Tuesday evenings on the Jefferson Park green. The two summer leagues—men's with two summers under their belts, and women's having just gotten started this summer—have so far added 42 members to Jefferson Park and USLBA.

(See "Jefferson Park" page 29)



MEMO

TO: All USLBA Members

FROM: Jack Fine, Bowling Sales of Canada

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Major Tournament Calendar 2006 – 2007

2006

Dec. 1-3	Holiday Bowl mix triples, Mount Dora FL	Wally Green 352 383-1360	
Dec. 2-3	John Stewart Men's Pairs, Sun City AZ	Len Hitchcock 623 974-3214	<i>wrongbias@dfnow.com</i>
Dec. 2-3	Cy Stephan Women's Pairs, Sun City AZ	Irene Webster 623 977-1231	<i>JlrWebster@aol.com</i>

2007

Jan. 13-15	Bob Lane Arizona Rinks, 2 M & 2 W, Sun City AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
Jan. 16-17	Salisbury Singles, Sun City AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
Jan. 18-20	Thomson-Zivic Open Pairs, Sun City West AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
Jan. 27	Bert & Ede MacWilliams Mixed Pairs, Sun City Center FL	Jack Phillips 813 634-7489	
Feb. 3-4	SC Open Women's Fours, Sun City AZ	Irene Webster (above)	
	Men's Triples, Sun City West AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
Feb. 5-6	SC Open Women's Singles, Sun City AZ	Irene Webster (above)	
	Men's Pairs Sun City West AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
Feb. 7-8	SC Open Women's Pairs, Sun City AZ	Irene Webster (above)	
	Men's Singles, Sun City West AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
Mar. 2-4	Lindsay Towns National Senior Open Triples, Sun City West AZ	Len Hitchcock(above)	
Mar. 6-8	Lindsay Towns National Senior Open Pairs, Sun City West AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
Mar. 3-4	SE Open Men's Singles, Sun City Center FL	Jack Phillips (above)	
	Women's Singles, Clearwater FL	Barb Roller 727 421-5501	
Mar. 5-6	SE Open Men's Pairs, Sun City Center FL	Jack Phillips (above)	
	Women's Pairs, Clearwater FL	Barb Roller (above)	
Mar. 7-8	SE Open Men's Triples, Sun City Center FL	Jack Phillips (above)	
	Women's Fours, Clearwater FL	Barb Roller (above)	
Mar. 10	Rebecca McArthur Presidents Five (5 W per Team), Sun City AZ	Irene Webster (above)	
Mar. 10	SE Invitational Mixed Fours, Clearwater FL	Barb Roller (above)	
Mar. 30- April 2	SC Men's & Women's USCh Pairs Playdowns, Sun City AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
April 4-7	SC Men's & Women's USCh Singles Playdowns, Sun City AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
April 11-14	North American Challenge, Sun City AZ	R. Gil Stephan Jr. 10941, Meade Dr. Sun City, AZ 85351 623-933-3665	<i>rgilliejr@aol.com</i>
April 17-???	SE Playdowns Men & Women Singles & Pairs, Pinehurst NC	Al Pelliccelio 941-752-6484	<i>proalplbc@hotmail.com</i>

Send Listings to Bob Lane, 17412 Conquistador Dr., Sun City West AZ 85375, 623 214 -6973, *lanecurly@aol.com*

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In this past year working with a new printer in order to give readers eight pages of process color, we have had to adopt a new standard for photos: They must have a resolution of at least 300!

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I can tell you that when you set your digital cameras to get the maximum number of shots, your photos may be fine to email to grandma, but they probably have too few pixels to meet our standard. You don't have to use your maximum setting, but you should set your images for at least 3M.

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Gene Goodwin, editor

NORTHEAST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS



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Jack Edwards new NE president

At our Division's 2006 meeting of Member Club Delegates, the following Board was elected:

President Jack Edwards of Williamsburg Inn, VP Lois Saladin of Frick Park-Pittsburgh, Secretary Tee Adams of DuPont-Wilmington DE, Treasurer Eileen Luba of Frick Park; Directors Patrick Duffy of Brooklyn, Hank Luba of Frick Park, Jack Lucey of Cunningham Park, Andrea Murphy of New York City and Lorraine Urquhart of Essex County NJ. Immediate past president NE is Dana Lum of the New York LBC.

Colin Smith of Essex County was re-appointed and Eileen Luba appointed for the first time to represent the NE on the USLBA Council.

Northeast Division President's Award

Retiring division secretary George Schick was honored with the 2006 President's Award in recognition of his long time service and dedication to the division. The presentation was made by former USLBA president and current Division Board member Jack Lucey during the Hall of Fame Triples tournament.

DuPont – Wilmington DE

By Tom Lawlor

The 14 of us who competed in this year's Ed and Marge Hein Memorial Pairs Tournament were luncheon guests of the Hein family. It was especially nice as all 14 participants took home a prize. But the winners' trophies went only to Barry Gibson and Dave Henke for first and to runners-up Jim Michael and Dave Ryer.

Other 2006 club tournament winners:

Cut-throat Singles: 1. Barry Gibson. 2. Jim Michael. 3. Dave Ryer. **Handicap Singles:** 1-Jim Michael. 2-Barry Gibson. 3-Tee Adams. **Club Singles:** 1-Barry Gibson. 2-Dave Ryer. 3-Dave Henke.

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2006 Division Tournament Results

Miller Open Pairs Slater Park Club, Pawtucket RI
 First Maurice and Greta Lafond, Slater Park
 Second Jack Lucey and Patrick Duffy
 Third Ken Birch and Jerry Demello, Slater Park
 Fourth Colin and Debbie Smith, Essex County

Marie Manners Open Pairs New York Club
 First Joe Gioco and Laralu Smith, New York
 Second Bob and Josh Sayer, Slater Park
 Third Jack Lucey and Patrick Duffy
 Fourth Dong Kingman Jr, and Ron Stubing, N.Y

Hall of Fame Open Triples Essex County NJ Club
 First Steve Smith of Frick Park, Burl Roller of Clearwater FL, Jack Lucey of Cunningham Park MA.
 Second Maurice Lafond of Slater Park, Bob and Lorraine Urquhart of Essex.
 Third Duncan Farrell, Skippy and Michelle Arculli, all of Essex.

Paul Motta Memorial Open Pairs Greenwich CT
 First Jack Lucey and Joe Gioco
 Second Ken Birch and Jerry DeMello, both Slater Park
 Third Maurice Lafond and Bill Martley, Slater Park
 Fourth Ed and Shirley Kenney, Slater Park

Northeast Division Bowler of the Year

During our tournament season, players earn points for their performance in Division events. Final results for 2006:

First	Maurice Lafond 48 Points
Second	Jack Lucey 46 Points
Third	Eileen Luba 45 Points



BARRY GIBSON delivers another winner as opponent Dave Henke and DuPont club President Sally Montigney look on. Dave finished no lower than second in all club tournaments this season.

Photo by Tee Adams

Eileen Luba, Bob Patterson get Best Bowler awards in NE

Eileen Luba of Frick Park-Pittsburgh and Bob Patterson of Brooklyn NY won "Bowler of the Tournament" awards at the 2006 Northeast Open held Aug. 5-10 at Frick Park. You'll see why by scanning the lists of winners below:

Men's Triples

1-Maurice Lafond, Ed Kenney, Ken Birch, Slater Park RI. 2-Jim Murphy of New York, Colin Smith and David Smith, both of Essex County NJ. 3-Bud Fickley of Frick Park, Bob Urquhart of Essex, Jack Edwards of Williamsburg Inn. 4-Jack Lucey of Cunningham Park MA, Bob Patterson of Brooklyn, Burl Roller of Clearwater FL.

Men's Pairs

1-Maurice Lafond and Bob Patterson. 2-Bud Fickley and Bob Urquhart. 3-Colin Smith and David Smith. 4- Hank Luba and Wick Hall, both Frick Park.

Men's Singles

1-Bob Patterson. 2-Bud Fickley. 3-Jim Murphy. 4-Burl Roller.

Women's Triples

1- Lois Saladin, Pat Goetz, Eileen Luba, Frick Park. 2-Edith Edwards of Williamsburg Inn, Greta Lafond of Slater Park, Donna Pekar/Melanie Vizenor of Frick Park. 3-Helen Fickley, Rita Wood, both Frick Park, Rainey Urquhart of Essex. 4-Andrea Murphy of NYC, Debbie Smith of Essex, Jean Lithgow of NYC.

Women's Singles

1-Joann Proper. of Williamsburg Inn. 2-Eileen Luba. 3-Melanie Vizenor. 4-Rusty Hein of Frick Park.

Women's Pairs

1-Lois Saladin and Eileen Luba. 2-Edith Edwards and Joann Proper of Williamsburg Inn. 3-Pat Goetz and Debbie Smith. 4-four-way tie.

Colin Smith and Lois Saladin managed this competition.



NE WOMEN'S TRIPLES, PAIRS CHAMPS: Skip Lois Saladin, far right, won Pairs with Eileen Luba, middle, and Triples, with Eileen and Pat Goetz.



Bob Patterson



Joan Proper

Cunningham Park - Milton MA

By Sam Drevitch

Although our membership is down slightly, we did add one new bowler, Dottie Weinbaum.

We had some good tournaments and fun. Where we used to have 30-40 participants in our tournaments, we now only have 15 to 20. Without the participants from the Pawtucket RI's Slater Park Club we would not be able to conduct any formal tournaments. We finished our season with Closing Day home and home events at each club.

For 2007 we plan an aggressive membership drive, featuring open house demonstrations, presentations at local retirement complexes and articles in local newspapers.

2006 Tournament Winners: Cunningham Park Foundation Trophy: 1-Ed Kenney (SP), Les McCabe & Dot Cutler (both CP). 2-Jerry DeMello (SP) and Gerry McCarthy (CP). 3-Ken Birch and Shirley Kenney (both SP).

Drevitch Open: 1-Ed Kenney Bob Rota (CP) Bill Martley (SP). 2-Maurice Lafond (SP) Shirley Kenney, Dottie Weinbaum. 3-Ken Birch Gerry McCarthy, Dot Cutler.

Skytop PA

By J. Thomas Murphy

Our club had a successful 2006 season with good participation in club events. Although we certainly enjoyed the tournament, we lost the 2006 Ivy Trophy in our annual match against Buck Hill Falls.

Tournament results:

Mixed Pairs: 1-Tom Murphy & Valerie Clarke, 2-Bob Van Emmerik & Barbara Roberts.

Women's Singles: 1-Winnie Neal, 2-Charlotte Cunningham.

Men's Singles: 1-Ed Mayotte, 2- Jim Sheridan.

Sawyer Cup (Overall Club Champion): Ed Mayotte defeated Winnie Neal

Buck Hill Falls PA

By Ron Burry

Club membership (full & associate) rose above 100 this year. The number also includes a new category, "Angels," community members who have supported our sport.

In addition to the Junior Championship Lawn Bowling Tournament, in which four age groups of children participate, the club offered a Parent/Child event to encourage more community members to participate in the game.

Officers for the 2007 calendar year are: President Rob Frehse, Vice President Woody Frehse and Secretary/Treasurer Carlisle Nostrame.

Buck Hill Falls took back the Challenge Trophy by defeating Skytop, 4-1. Winners of our club tournaments:

Tony Burger and Randy Cananico, Betty Nelson Memorial; Don Quillen, Club Singles; and Barry Brown, Trumpet Vine Tournament.

Greenwich CT

By Frances Novak

Seven new members joined our club at our annual luncheon at the Millbrook Club in September. Two more prospects have committed to practice dates and are also expected to join.

Our Club hosted the Northeast Division's Paul Motta Memorial Pairs and several of our members entered. During 2006, our members competed in events in NY, NJ and RI.

For more information regarding the Greenwich Club, please contact Membership Committee Chair Rose Claus at 203/629-2911 or visit our website, www.geocities.com/greenwichbowls.

Essex County - Bloomfield NJ

By George J. Schick

The Essex County clubhouse has been selected as the permanent home for the Northeast Division Hall of Fame. Club officers for 2007: President Colin Smith, VP Bob Urquhart, Secretary George Schick and Treasurer Lorraine Urquhart.

Frick Park - Pittsburgh

By James C. Cunningham

Winners of 2006 club tournaments:

Lois Saladin and Charlotte Lang,

First half, National League, Tues. AM Pairs.

Helen Fickley and Rita Wood,

First half-American League, Tues. AM Pairs.

Randy Ober and Ed Gannon,

Second half, American League, Tues. AM Pairs.

Jim Cunningham, Bill Cunningham and Tina Goetz,

First half;

Jeff Lederer, Greg Marsh and Kris Ring,

Second half, Wed. Evening Triples.



HARTFORD INSURANCE GUYS LEARN TO BOWL! Ted Laski of the Thistle Club in West Hartford CT teaches these Hartford Insurance employees enough about our game that about 50 bowled in a mini-tournament that same day!

Thistle - West Hartford CT

By Joan B. Wood

Last summer we gave "quickie" courses in lawn bowling to two local groups – Hartford Insurance Group employees, and a bunch of 8 to 10-year-olds.

In July a group of about 200 employees of the Hartford Insurance Group spent an afternoon with us for their first Annual Picnic and Lawn Bowling Tournament. While not everyone bowled, about 50 of the group took minimal instruction, and then bowled against one another in a mini-tournament. It was fun to see how quickly they picked up the game and enjoyed their afternoon. The group is already planning their Second Annual Lawn Bowling Tournament for next year.

In August a group of children, ages 8-10, spent a morning with us as part of Hartford's Recreation Department program.

Thistle always encourages visiting bowlers to join us for an afternoon of bowling. The greens are located in Elizabeth Park on Asylum Avenue. Anyone who is interested may call Joan Wood (523-7459) or Bill Wassell (521-2725) for more information and/or directions to the greens.

Fernleigh - West Hartford CT

By Gordon B. Fowler

A series of Monday and Wednesday night pairs followed by a series of Monday night triples games this past summer attracted nearly all the Club's active bowling members, either as participants or substitutes.

Winners of 2006 club tournaments:

Ed Frith and Ellen Boyne, President's Day. Karen Ellsworth and Sue Hart, Kay Boker Tournament. Ed Frith, Singles.



NORTHEAST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

Slater Park - Pawtucket RI

By Ed Kenney

We opened our season in April with ceremonies featuring an official welcome from Bill Mullholland, director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Pawtucket.

In our annual President versus Games Committee Team Challenge, the President's team led by Ed Kenney defeated the Games Committee team led by Maurice Lafond, 51 points to 32. Our season closed on Oct. 7.

We mourn the passing of a great bowler and friend, Al Letourneau, who died Aug. 31. Al was a keen competitor and a joy to bowl against in any match. He will be sorely missed!

Tournament Results

Slater Park Opening Day: 1-Maurice Lafond, Vito Bart and Gerry McCarthy (Cunningham Park). 2-Sam Drevitch (Cunningham Park) and Jerry DeMello. 3-Ed Kenney and Pat Jones (Cunningham Park).

Mayor's Day Tournament: 1-Pete Stojek and Pat Jones. 2-Ed Kenney, Yvonne Balthazard and Bill Martley. 3-Maurice and Greta Lafond. 4-Jerry DeMello and Shirley Kenney.

Hamilton Open Pairs: 1-Maurice Lafond and Gerry McCarthy, 2-Ed Kenney and Greta Lafond, 3-Jerry DeMello and Les McCabe (Cunningham Park).

Slater Park Open: 1-Maurice Lafond, Jerry DeMello and Greta Lafond. 2-Ken Birch and Pat Jones.

3-George Plikaitis (Thistle), Mark Bush (Cunningham Park) and Ellen Boyne (Thistle). 4-Ed and Shirley Kenney.

Victor Ford Day Open: 1-Maurice Lafond, Bob Rota (Cunningham Park) and Greta Lafond. 2-Ed Kenney, Gerry McCarthy and Shirley Kenney.

Ken McCaskill Cup: 1-Maurice Lafond, Pat Jones and Bill Martley. 2-Ed Kenney, Vito Bart and Ken Birch.

Third Annual Ed and Shirley Kenney Open:

1-Maurice Lafond, Bob and Lorraine Urquhart (Essex). 2-Pete Stojek, Dave Joncas and Donna Stojek. 3-Ed and Shirley Kenney, Bill Martley.

Open Singles: 1-Maurice Lafond, 2-Ken Birch, 3-Ed Kenney, 4 (Tie)-Vito Bart and Jerry DeMello.

New York NY

By Margie Barclay

The addition of 27 new bowlers this year has boosted our membership to a season-end total of 67.

This summer brought increased numbers of bowlers to the green for the weekend club games, and the number of spectators crowding our fence in Manhattan's Central Park remained high.

Our secretary, Jane Jacobs, formed a membership committee which organized three Sunday open house lessons. With the help of mentions in the *New York Times*, achieved by Dong Kingman, more than 20 people attended each session, which helped attract new members.

Gene Oka, our new tournament chairman, ran our seven Saturday tournaments. Winners included Dong Kingman, Jean Lithgow, Terry Ohl, Gene Oka, Tom Rabolli, and George Van der Ploeg. Additional winners were Essex (NJ) LBC members Joe Gioco and Gene Cadore.

In September we celebrated Bernie Kurtz's many contributions to our club over the years with a dinner party to bid him farewell before he moved permanently to Florida.

Thanks to our website (www.nybowls.com), ably managed by Alan Winson, we had many visitors again this year. Besides those from around the United States, visiting bowlers hailed from England, Scotland, New Zealand, Australia and Israel.

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in 2006, and plans to do the same

in 2007, if enough boosters

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Lawn bowls classes at William and Mary bring new members to Williamsburg

By Susan Berg

Our Club continues to offer lawn bowling classes as part of the Christopher Wren Association Program at the College of William and Mary. It is an excellent way to introduce individuals to lawn bowling and has resulted in many new memberships.

Club members Joann Proper, and Edith and Jack Edwards brought home honors from the Northeast Open in Pittsburgh in August (see page 14).

Earl Levitt, one of lawn bowling's staunchest supporters,

died in July. He is greatly missed.

Winners of 2006 club tournaments:

Alden Eaton Pairs: 1-Dan Berg and Joann Proper, 2-Lew Lecompte and Frances Knight. **Fran Healy Singles:** 1-Joan Miller. 2 (Tie)- Joann Proper and Edith Edwards.

Rookie/Vets: 1-Joann Proper, Joan Miller, Jim McCaffrey.

Summer Pairs: 1-Lew Lecompte and Paul Howland.

Social Bowls Program: 1-Brac Bracalente. **Autumn Pairs:**

1-Jack Edwards and Paul Howland. 2-Charles and Carol Wynder.

Painted bowls endure not so much for art as for identification

MARCIA MASTERSON of Sun City AZ had no trouble spotting her red and green bowls during play in the 2006 National Open in Sarasota FL.



Here's Trevor's script:

"One way to reduce stress in the game is to paint your bowls so that they can be easily identified by yourself and your teammates.

- "1. The easiest paint to use is water based, such as the kind you use on the walls in your home. Satin finish is better than matt.
- "2. Oil based paint will give a glossy finish but requires mineral spirits to clean up.
- "3. Use a sharp pointed nail or similar object to remove all the old paint and dried wax from the icon, lettering, rings and dimples.
- "4. Wash and scrub the bowls by using a kitchen-scouring pad in dishwasher liquid. Rinse and dry well.
- "5. Should you be using two colors it is better to apply the second color after totally finishing the first color on both sides of the bowls.
- "6. Remember, a thin coat of paint adheres better than a thick one.
- "7. Using a Q-TIP, smear paint over anything you wish to color on the bias side of the first and second bowls. Once you have applied paint to the second bowl, the first bowl will be dry enough to wipe off the excess paint with a dry or slightly moistened paper towel. Should you be using oil-based paint you will need to moisten the paper towel with mineral spirits. Now apply paint to the bias side of the third and fourth bowls and then repeat the cleaning procedure.
- "8. When the first coat has dried, apply a second coat of paint to the bowls and repeat the cleaning process.
- "9. When the bias side is completely dry, repeat the painting procedure on the opposite side.
- "10. Excess paint can be removed with the scouring pad but do not worry about removing all of it, because it will be rubbed off as the bowls are used on the green.
- "11. Polish your bowls and you are going to love them. In addition, your teammates will appreciate them."

Before the present trend toward bowls of colors other than black got established, the bowls that caught the eye were hand painted in bright colors the owner could easily identify even 100 feet away. Not painted a single color, but one color for the dimples, another for the lines around the bowl, etc., etc.

And even though more and more U.S. bowlers are expressing their individuality through the purchase of one of the many colors offered by virtually all bowls manufacturers, the hand painted bowls are still seen because they still serve their original purpose: Your bowls still stand out as yours, in the midst of all those black, red, blue, green, yellow and what-have-you colored bowls!

So, unless some foolish official rules against it, the bowls painters can continue adding their colors to our increasingly more colorful sport.

If you are interested in bowls painting, you might want to consult an "expert" like Trevor Colby of Clearwater or Jeanne Christie of Canada and Arizona.

Trevor recently issued some guidelines on this subject, which he said were based on suggestions he got from Jeanne Christie. But he added that he had changed "her script according to things that I have found when I painted bowls for myself and others."



CLOSE UP you can see that some Clearwater painters don't need much paint to put their mark on their bowls. Since bowlers in Har-tru-surface clubs (Clearwater and five other Florida clubs) do not usually use colored bowls because the Har-tru nicks them so, hand painted bowls might be the answer for those who want to see which in the head are theirs



CLEARWATER BOWLS PAINTERS, from left (standing) Russ Tees, Ken Roberts, Trevor Colby, George Scott and (kneeling) Denise Marinaccio and Liz Bailey.

S.CA & Milwaukee bowlers win U.S. crowns

By Pat Mueller, Buzz Althoen and Gene Goodwin

To earn a crown in this year's U.S. Lawn Bowls Championships you had to be a woman from Southern California or a man from Milwaukee (and bowl well, of course!).

Winners of the 2006 U.S. Lawn Bowls Championships at the Milwaukee Lake Park Club Aug. 27-31 were:

Rosa Gandara of Long Beach CA, 32-year-old third-year bowler, who won her second straight U.S. Championship in Women's Singles. In the past two years in this event, Rosa has won all but one of her 14 round-robin games. Her seventh-game

loss this year forced her to win a playoff to claim her title.

Kottia Spangler of Riverside CA and **Ann Nunes** of Newport Harbor CA took the Women's Pairs title for the third time, having won it in 2002 and 2004.

Jack Behling, retired Milwaukee fire fighter, who now bowls out of Sun City AZ, AZ, won Men's Singles for his second U.S. Championship, the first being in Pairs in 1995.

Joe Zinna and **Bob Schneider** of the host club won Men's Pairs. Both are former U.S. champions, Joe in Pairs in 1997 and Bob in Singles in 2005.

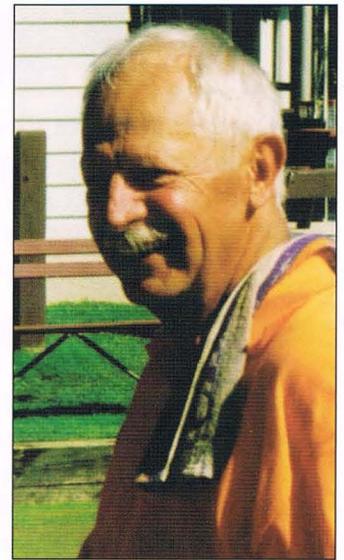
Winners at Milwaukee and 2006 U.S. Champions:



KOTTIA SPANGLER & ANNE NUNES, Women's Pairs



ROSA GANDARA, Women's Singles



JACK BEHLING, Men's Singles

Photos by Buzz Althoen



BOB SCHNEIDER & JOE ZINNA, Men's Pairs

Rosa Gandara survives this year's only playoff

Only one playoff was needed in this year's U.S. Championships, and it was in Women's Singles.

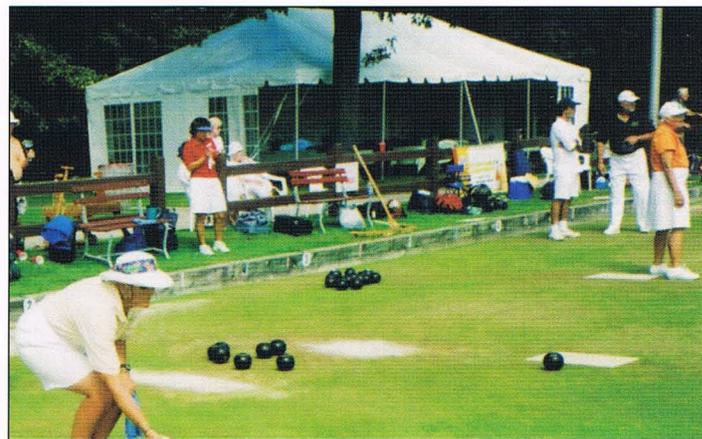
Rosa Gandara of Long Beach CA was on her way to proving that her stunning performance last year in winning a U.S. singles championship as a novice, was no fluke! She had six victories, and needed only one more to again go undefeated at this high level.

Her final game opponent, the Northwest's spunky little Nancy Nishikawa of Seattle, had won five of her six games and knew that her only chance to win the crown was to force a playoff by beating Rosa. So that's what she did, beat Rosa, 21-20. That left the two of them tied with 6 wins and one loss.

But Nancy never got that second chance to knock off Rosa. South Central's Lorraine Hitchcock also won her seventh game to finish 6-1. Under three-way tie rules, the two players with the lowest total points scored bowl off against each other, and the winner then bowls against the high point scorer. Lorraine defeated Nancy, 21-18, but lost to Rosa, 12-21.



TENT SUBS AS CLUBHOUSE for the 2006 U.S. Championships hosted by the Milwaukee Lake Park Club. Because its "clubhouse" is only a bit larger than a single car garage, the host club rented



the spacious 40-by-20-foot tent shown above to serve as a mess and social hall for players and guests. It worked!

Photo (left) by Carl Landgren, (right) by Buzz Althoen

2006 runners-up: Hitchcock, Saladin & Luba; Landgren, Sayer brothers

None of the 2006 U.S. champions went undefeated through the seven-game round robin. They all lost a game.

Runners-up in the four events were:

Men's Singles: Carl Landgren of Milwaukee, Central division, 5 wins, 2 losses. (Behling's lone loss was to Landgren.)

Men's Pairs: Dick Sayer of Meadville PA and his brother, Bob, of Slater Park-Pawtucket RI, Northeast division, 5 wins, 2 losses.

Women's Pairs: Lois Saladin and Eileen Luba of Frick Park-Pittsburgh, Northeast Division, 5 wins, one tie and a loss. (Winners' only loss was to this NE team.)

Women's Singles: Lorraine Hitchcock of Sun City AZ, 6-1. (Two playoff games were needed to settle a three-way tie. Article on Page 18 explains.)

Each of USLBA'S seven divisions gets to send six playdowns winners in Men's and Women's Singles and Pairs to the U.S. Championships, except the Southwest Division, which, because of its larger USLBA membership and number of clubs, gets to send 12 contenders. By draw, their entrants compete in separate playdowns for SW Stars and SW Stripes.

While the USLBA Council has acted to correct the under-representation of the SW division in the U.S. Championships, it has done nothing so far about the over-representation of the smallest divisions—Central with 123 total USLBA members last year, and Northwest which counted 199 last year, compared to 1090 in the Southwest. This means it is much more difficult for a Los Angeles bowler to get into the U.S. Championships than one from Milwaukee or Seattle.

Milwaukee shows that you don't have to be big to put on a big-time event

Lawn bowlers 'round the world have long known Milwaukee for its fast well-groomed greens. Participants and spectators at this year's U.S. Championships would add "and warm hospitality" to the host club's reputation.

Meals served in the tent to the players were excellent. Norma Harrington and Barb Althoen deserved the praise they got for the light breakfasts and lunches they provided for four straight days. Food was also served every evening along with beverages.

Almost every Milwaukee club member "worked" the event in some way, including 14-year-old Max Cavendar, who scored and marked; Pat Mueller, secretary-treasurer of the Central Division, who co-coordinated the whole show, along with Kathy Alton, Central Division USLBA Council member, who bowled in the tournament; and Bob Schneider,

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PLENTY OF ROOM for all meal and social activities under the big top as Milwaukee hosted America's premier tournament.

Photo by Pat Mueller

A Scot, two Irishmen and Patrick Duffy shine in MAP

The 2006 version of the Michael Ashton-Phillips International Challenge Cup doubled the number of countries competing to 10 and added Singles to Pairs as a second event played.

The countries participating this year were: Wales, Scotland, New Zealand, Israel, China, Australia, Hong Kong, Ireland, two teams from Canada and two teams from the United States.

The Singles was won by David Peacock of Scotland who defeated runner-up Jacky Wong of China. Patrick Duffy of Brooklyn NY came in fourth, the highest finish of any U.S. bowler in this star-studded tournament held Sept. 25-30 at Laguna Beach and Newport Harbor CA. Ken Chan of Hong Kong was third in Singles.

The Pairs trophy went to the Irish team of Martin "McFly" McHugh and Neil Booth in a closely contested final game against Ali Forsyth and Richard Girvan from New Zealand.

Neil Rees and Matthew Partridge of Wales, MAP Pairs champions in 2004, fin-



PATRICK DUFFY'S 4th in Singles was a high for U.S. in the 2006 MAP. Duffy is at the right in above shot taken at the 2006 U.S. National Open.

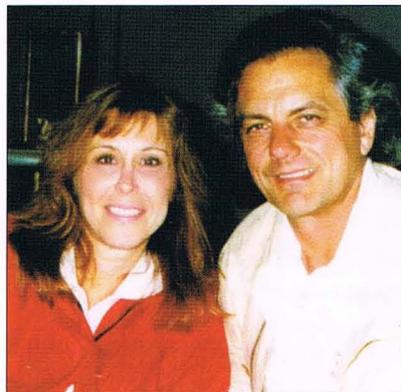
Sandra Ashton-Phillips, widow of the British-born leader of U.S. bowls after whom this major tournament is named.

Sam DeLisle, senior Southwest Division USLBA Councilor, and former chief selector for the U.S. men's team.

And several business firms.

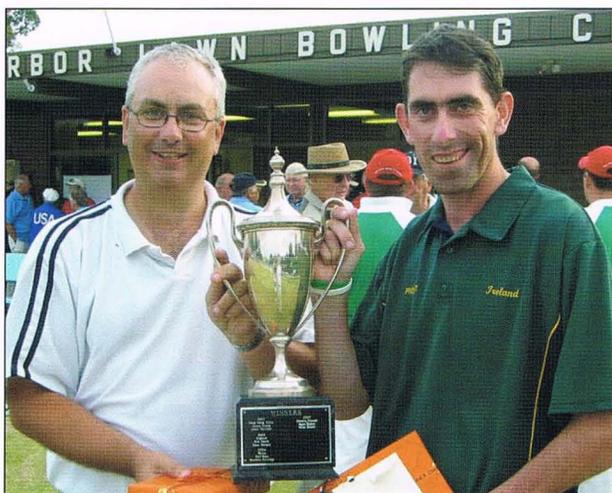
USLBA put forward two teams consisting of four players selected to bowl in the 2007 Asia Pacific Championships in New Zealand: Mert Isaacman and Simon Myerowitz, both of Irvine CA, one Paris team; Tony Baer of Laguna Beach CA and Patrick Duffy, the second U.S. Pair entry.

England's '03 winners, Kirk Smith and Dean Morgan, reluctantly had to withdraw this year because of last minute work-related matters.



SANDRA and MICHAEL ASHTON-PHILLIPS are shown in this old photo in the program for the MAP International.

NEIL BOOTH, left, and MARTIN McHUGH of Ireland took the Pairs trophy in the 2006 MAP.



DAVID PEACOCK of Scotland shows off his trophy as the first Singles champion of the MAP International Challenge.





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Death takes Chuck Spangler Sept. 23

Kottia Spangler somehow managed to provide us with the stories in this section despite having to deal with the death of her husband one week before the Oct. 1 deadline for this issue.

We are deeply sorry for her loss.

Laguna Beach

By Linda Jahraus

Laguna Beach LBC offered a *Kid's Klass* this summer. We had 10 children ages 6 to 11. Using mostly 0 and 00 size bowls, the kids came once a week throughout the summer. All had a great time, including instructors Linda Jahraus, Carrie Fossati and Mark Stoffer.

We were honored to again share with Newport Harbor the hosting of the Michael Ashton-Phillips International Challenge (See page 20). Top men bowlers from 10 countries competed this year. We gave them a BBQ supper on our beautiful patio on Tuesday of event week. Our own Gary Fischer whipped up the delicious food.

If you want bowling news that is hard to beat, check out Laguna Beach's new website. The site is up and running. Dee McSparran has done a beautiful job. There is information on local and SW Division Tournaments, the current newsletter, bowling tips, members, photos and more. The site is not limited to Laguna Beach, but includes bowling information from around the country and the world. There is even some comedy included. Pass the site on to a friend who might be interested in the game or members of other clubs. Go to: www.laguna-beachlawnbowling.com

Hemet-Joslyn

By George Hayes

The Hemet-Joslyn Lawn Bowls held its Short Jack Pairs Tournament on Sept. 19. Placing first was the team of Bill Goring & Scott Cameron, Second was the team of Ann Cantu & Don Gray. Finishing third was the team of Roland Schneider & George Hayes.

The Groves - Irvine CA

By Roma Bunch

Eight new bowlers joined us at our annual Labor Day Bring-A-Friend Fun Day. At the hamburger barbecue following bowling, applications were passed out, and several are taking instruction and are expected to join our club. We have 64 members in our club now.

We canceled several tournaments in July and August because of extreme heat. Our Club Pairs Tournament in September was won by Jim Hempe and Brian Ravenscroft. The Tournament was followed by a Hot Dog Lunch. Sarah DeMars organizes the monthly potluck dinners, a new activity for us this year.

Laguna Woods

By Brent Rickard

Our Bob Henderson has found a way not only to put his three family generations into lawn bowling together but also solved our training problem of losing a half dozen students each year because they are unable to grip bowls for long jacks.

Bob enrolled his granddaughter, Ainsley, in the nearby Laguna Beach Club's children's instruction class, using Drake's Pride narrow bias, 2-pound Mini Bowls which are 3/8" smaller in diameter and a pound lighter than the standard 0 size bowl.

Bob's daughter-in-law, Angela, took lessons at nearby Newport Harbor so now all three can enjoy family togetherness on local greens.

Thanks to Bob's discovering Mini Bowls, which all major bowls manufacturers sell, we may no longer lose students whose hands are too small to properly grip even the smallest adult bowl.

With 100 other activities in our Leisure World community competing for members, we've adopted a Fast Track method of instruction along with reading material to put students into the club before they get bored or enticed away.

We first show the student why the bowl curves, grip, pendulum swing, then the first bowl is rolled by the instructor. Having pre-set a short 76' jack with an aiming stake off to the backhand side, we concentrate on developing a smooth delivery with no across-the-body motion, which the backhand physically and mentally discourages.

After delivering a dozen backhand bowls, rolling the jack is a shoo-in when told to use the same delivery. After a few ends we no longer use the stakes nor center the jacks, instead teaching aiming and awareness of off-center jacks. We have brought a few capable students into the club after only one or two lessons, scheduling their first game or two in the draw with an instructor.



SW DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

Beverly Hills

By Joseph Siegman

Following an absence of two years, Beverly Hills LBC resumed its popular Maccabee Pairs invitational tournament on Oct. 7. The tournament, which debuted in 1980, is sponsored by alumni of the quadrennial World Maccabiah Games held in Israel. Three alums from the 2005 U.S. team, Bill Wolff, Howard Harris and Jordan Melton, the latter two Pairs bronze medal winners in Israel, competed in this year's event.

Alhambra's Houdini Ho and Santa Ana's Marinko Tudor teamed to win the 2006 Maccabee. Michael Chan & Patrick Chan were runners-up. Both teams were undefeated in four matches, Ho-Tutor capturing the event by most plus points.

Additional top finishers were: 3rd-Ian Ho/Liam Courtney, 4th-Marty Berman/Harry Dickinson, 5th-Neville Sacks/ Joe Siegman.

Hospitality was in the capable hands of Allen Grossman, Bill Wolff and Bobbie Siegman.

Newport Harbor

By Theresa Weaver Casanova

The popular Persina Mixed Triples in August produced these winners: Michael Siddal, Ian Ho and Maryna Hyland in flight A; Charlie and Cathie Herbert, with Ray Norris, flight B.

The 9/11 Tournament and Auction was another great success. Jim Altobelli raised \$5000, which was sent to Camp Pendleton to finance scholarships for children of fallen heroes in Iraq.

On Oct. 31 we bowled by candlelight dressed in Halloween costumes.

Santa Ana

By Bob Lindsay

Kudos to Bill Dietrich, Lloyd and Nathan Kennedy and others for their countless hours of hard labor and TLC renovating our greens last summer.

Recent club tournament winners:

Pairs: 1-Gary Ginter & Joe Egerer, 2-Joline Birdzell & Lenora Jackson, 3-Don Miller & Marimartha Lindsay.

Men's Singles: 1-Dave Cessna, 2-Paul Gresbrink, 3- Bob Ralston.

Australian Pairs: 1-Gary Ginther & Bob Ralston, 2- Dave Cessna & Helen Risinger, 3-Don Miller & Lenora Jackson.

Dick Wilson Memorial: 1-Dave Cessna & Bob Ralston, 2-Don Miller & Ann Ralston, 3-Mert Pambianco & Helen Risinger.

Yardstick: 1-Don Miller, Lenore Thayer & Bob Lindsay, 2-Paul Gresbrink, Dave Cessna, Marimartha Lindsay, 3-Leo Smith, Bob Ralston & Lenora Jackson

Novice: 1-Joe Egerer, 2-Beverly Addington, 3-Angie Salgado.

Ina Jackson Pairs: 1-Gary Ginther & Bob Ralston, 2-Leo Smith & Ruth Lougee, 3-Dave Cessna & Lenora Jackson.

BOWLS USA style on team positions:

Unless otherwise indicated, we put skip's name first, then the name of the vice skip, then the lead or leads.

(If Fours, lead #2 and then lead #1).

Oxnard-Joslyn tops Gold Coast League, taps new bowlers through water bills

By Pinky Palladino

Our Gold Coast League players Armand Escalante, Raul Perez, Bert Kessler, Ron Zenone, Doris Sneddon and Amador Martinez are League champions for 2006.

Our club hosted 20 visually impaired people in June. After a short explanation of the game, we paired each visitor with a member and helped them bowl several ends. We all had great fun.

We added several new members through four open houses, publicized by flyers inserted in 44,000 Oxnard water bills in August.

Bill and Marilyn Taschek hosted a Mixed Australian Pairs Tournament Aug. 23 in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary. Amador Martinez and Emiko Jackson were the winning twosome.

Marilyn Taschek and Jane Brewster won our Women's

Pairs Tournament in June; Diane Edging and Pinky Palladino came in second.

Men's Pairs winners were 1-Raul Perez and Bert Kessler, 2-Bill Livingston and Jordan Austin and 3-Armand Escalante and Ron Zenone.

In Men's Singles, last year's champ, David Rankin, won again; Armand Escalante was second, and Bob Smith third. Women's Singles winners were 1-Anne Johnson, 2-Irene Davy and 3-Pinky Palladino.

Eleven club members have qualified to administer CPR and AED after completing a three-hour training course presented by an instructor from the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Our website has a new url. Please visit us at www.OxnardLBC.com



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PIM Division Open Winners

By Woody Ogden

The 2006 PIM Division Open in September attracted entrants from the Southwest and South Central Divisions of USLBA as well as Canada. Here are the first place winners:

Women's Singles: Reggie Banares of San Jose LBC and Sun City AZ.

Men's Singles: Nick Christensen, San Jose LBC; runner-up Andre Banares, San Jose LBC and Sun City AZ.

Women's Pairs: Sandra Souza of Rossmoor LBC and Dorrie Mendoza of Sunnyvale LBC.

Men's Pairs: Tom Burnoski and his 12-year-old son, Jonathan, Berkeley LBC

Women's Triples: Pauline DeAssis, Rossmoor LBC; Reggie Banares, San Jose LBC; Katy Stone, Long Beach LBC.

Men's Triples: Joe Shepard, Sunnyvale LBC; Robb Pawlak, San Francisco LBC; Ed Guterres, Rossmoor LBC.

Mixed Pairs AM: Virginia Farr and Peter Souza of Rossmoor LBC.

Mixed Pairs PM: Tomie Ferrao, Oakland LBC and Woody Ogden, Berkeley LBC.

About the missing photos: Woody Ogden sent us photos of the winners of the PIM Open and the Crackerjack, but we could not use any of the eight because of their low resolution (See page 12). We know that this problem will get fixed before next issue. *Gene Goodwin, editor*

Crackerjack Fours

The annual Crackerjack, put on by the Bay Area LBC, while not a PIMD sponsored tournament, continues to be the premier event within the division and draws wide spread attention. Contestants from both the Southwest and South Central divisions competed in this contest that followed shortly after the PIMD Open. Everyone enjoyed the noon banquet and dozens of prizes were awarded during raffle drawing and bingo games. The winners, who got \$1,000 for first place, were: Lou Audino and Andre Banares, San Jose LBC; Bill Hardy, Lakeview (AZ) LBC; Jim Towar, Rossmoor LBC.

Palo Alto

By Ian Harris

The summer tournaments have gone well and we have had enthusiastic member participation in all of them.

Gordon Lockhart beat a field of 11 to win the Men's Singles championship. None of his opponents came close to matching his skill, tactics and steady play.

Two of our women members distinguished themselves by coming in first and second in the PIMD Novice Singles. Julia Huot was the champion and Bonnie Turner the runner-up.

Our recruiting this summer has been average, but we still have hopes for the good-sized group from a recently finished a City-sponsored beginners class. They all seemed very enthusiastic so we are hoping to receive a new batch of membership applications soon. At the end of August our membership reached 154, which is two less than at this time last year, but 30 more than in 2004 and 2005. It is interesting to see that women are nearly 50% of our membership and that so far this year we have recruited more new women bowlers than men.

We have also tried to keep in touch with recruits from recent years who have not been around lately, by offering a free dinner to all members who had joined in the last two years, but not too many of the fallen came. Although less successful than we had hoped, the dinner offer at least showed that we still value them and would welcome their future participation.

We are looking forward to the last of the year's main social events, our Oktoberfest dinner and the annual meeting and dinner in December. As usual, we hope to fill the green with bowlers and the club house with diners.

Lois and Ralph Qualls are this year's winners of our "Good Guys" award. They have done so much for the club in past years, and still come to bowl or visit when they can.

Del Mesa Carmel

By Lloyd Wells

Del Mesa hosted its first-ever PIMD wide tournament on Oct. 28, the Del Mesa Halloween Classic.

This was a fun triples team tournament incorporating some innovations from Terry Hause of the San Jose Club. PIMD Secretary Steve Ringwood of the Oakland Club was indispensable in planning this event. Interesting wrinkles included more, but shorter games (four games of eight ends), position rotation within teams and victory point scoring. We plan to make this an annual event.



Death takes Emerson Denton, former everything at San Francisco

Emerson Dennis Denton, long time member of the San Francisco Lawn Bowling Club, died last July at 96.

Em, as he was known by lawn bowlers, was born April 12, 1910, in Mishawaka IN the youngest of five children. He graduated in 1935 from Purdue University where he lettered in football. Em served in the U. S. Navy during World War II followed by 20 years in U. S. Naval Reserve, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander.



He and his wife, Edith began bowling on Long Island NY, in the late sixties or early seventies, before Emerson retired. They wanted to have something they could do together in their new life as retirees. They both took to it like ducks to water and became very skilled, quite quickly - especially Edith.

Upon moving to the East Bay in 1974, they first joined the Oakland and Berkeley clubs, before finding their new bowling home in San Francisco. Emerson served in every capacity at the SFLBC from greenskeeper to president. He organized tournaments, and local events for the club, and he and Edith competed locally and nationally.

He became Edie's biggest promoter and liked to say he was her "manager." They traveled to World Bowls in New Zealand and Australia when Edie was on the U.S. team.

When home they played almost daily at their club's greens in Golden Gate Park until Edith's first stroke in 1997. They moved to Fort Bragg CA in 2003 to be close to their daughter, Susan Larsen, and her husband, Jim, owners of The Restaurant on Main Street. That's where they lived until death took first Edith and then Em.

Sunnyvale

By Al Mendoza

We welcome three new enthusiastic members: Roger Coleman, Lee Auby and Mike West. We are also proud of Sunnyvale veteran Joe Shepard and his pairs partner Ed Guterres of Rossmoor for winning the PIM division playdowns and representing PIMD at the U.S. Championships (see pages 18-19) this year.

Hugh Cassidy, a bowler from Ireland, visited us for a few days in July and brought abnormally high temps (above 100 degrees F) with him. The fog and cooler weather returned just as Hugh was leaving.

Kudos to the City staff who maintain our green - it was in great shape for the July PIMD tournament!

Berkeley

By Howard Mackey, president

Berkeley is excited about the number of new bowlers it has. Eight novices played this year for the club's novice championship. This is before our hoped for membership increase from our booth at the famous Solano Stroll held in early September. Over 50 people indicated interest in lawn bowling and were invited to a special open house in their honor.

Wednesday evenings in August and September, we offered bowling at five followed by a barbecued supper. Our last Friday of the month birthday parties continue to bring the membership together for lunch and to celebrate bowlers having a birthday that month. Signs on the fence bordering the green invite everyone to learn the game and become part of the Berkeley family.

Berkeley bowlers have won a number of tournaments in the division and at greens in Southern California. The Burnoski boys, Jonathan and Joshua with Tom, their dad, won a triples tournament held at Santa Barbara. Tom and Jonathan won the Men's Pairs in the PIMD Open Tournament at Rossmoor. The club is proud of the ability shown by these 10 and 12-year-old boys.

Even with our club paying all the costs for synthetic grass, the city of Berkeley has been slow to issue a permit for construction. This 18-month delay is affecting the enthusiasm of Berkeley bowlers and we find the cost increases each year. The success of the synthetic greens at Santa Barbara and Santa Maria encourage us to keep trying.

Rossmoor

By Tay Wheeler

Our most popular event is the monthly Fun/Social, hosted by Jim and Mary Williams, where usually 50 or 60 members gather in the morning for coffee and doughnuts, chip in \$3 to cover food and prize money and participate in a draw triples game with the winners decided by the number of plus points they can amass against their opponents. This is a year-round event, the only change being in the winter months, when the morning coffee and doughnuts is replaced by afternoon wine and cheese. At the end of each year, a prize is awarded to the bowlers scoring the most points. Thus far, Dan Belton is leading the pack with 28 points, followed closely behind in a three-way tie are Nan Reinhard, Ed DeAssis and Miguel Roliz with 25 each.

This year the club is going to present a most valuable player award to the man and woman who have scored the most points in intra-club tournament play. With just four tournaments remaining to be played, in the men's division, Dan Belton is leading with 20 points, followed by Jim Kilgour 15 and Bob Sequeira 14. Sandy Souza leads the women with 17; Mickie Remedios had 13 and Suzie Eriksen 11.

Been Down so long it began to look like Up

Reports of lawn bowls' death in Richmond premature

By Frank Ransome
President Richmond LBC

In 1997 almost every PIMD club donated lawn bowls to help little Richmond LBC teach our game to Boy Scouts.

Frank Ransome, ALBA Membership Chairman, set up a schedule with local Boy Scout troops. But soon the effort failed because the Scouts could not find time to continue it. Club President LeRoy Riley and Ransome then approached the City of Richmond with the concept of using the bowling green for Recreation Department programs. A schedule for disabled persons was established and two-day camps for youngsters were begun. This effort continues today along with a program involving the Police Athletic League youngsters.

Although some maintenance was done by the city, the green and the club house deteriorated. In 2002 the city discontinued all assistance for financial reasons. Riley had passed away following a long illness and leadership in the Richmond club was assumed by PIMD members. Howard and Barbara Mackey of the Berkeley Club along with Ransome and other members of the Rossmoor and Berkeley clubs commuted to Richmond almost daily and all maintenance was done by that small group.

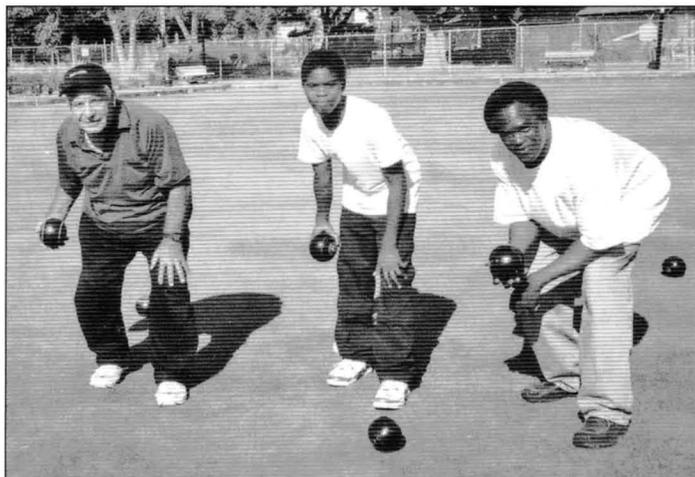
Membership in the club continued to drop until today there are only 11 bowlers in the club with six at large members and four old timers who pay dues for the memory of it.

In 2006, nine years after first becoming involved, Ransome advised the city that the club could no longer afford to keep the green and would discontinue all activity. City manager Bill Lindsey and Parks Department Chairman Willie Haywood combined with the Recreation Department to renovate the green and the clubhouse.

Free press ads and posters supplied by USLBA and displayed by the club and Richmond Recreation have generated a lot of interest and the first class was graduated on Sept. 12 of this year.

Buzz and Ethel Robertson, vice presidents, live four blocks from the Park and bowl almost every day. Parks Supervisor Barry Williams began his work in the Parks Department by caring for the bowling green in 1980 and takes pride in what his people have accomplished since resuming that responsibility.

City Manager Lindsey has asked Ransome to help bring lawn bowling back to what it once was. He wants to establish Nicholls Park as a show place within the city. The city maintains the building. Recreation supervisors are building lawn bowling programs and a few of the thousand people that have passed the green during the past 75 years now stop to try their hand at the sport.



NEW BOWLERS AT RICHMOND, who graduated this past September, from left, Alfred Ibrahim, young Kenny Andrews and his father, Kenneth.

San Jose

By Ken Brady

Our club is proud of members Andre Banares, Helen Brady and Ann Walker for winning PIMD playdowns so that they comprised 50 percent of the PIMD's U.S. Championship team in Milwaukee (HOW DID THEY DO? See page 31).

Newcomers Mario Giorgianni and Mayou Bernard won honors in the PIMD Veteran Novice competition. Mario Galletta was victorious in the club Men's Singles with Steve Ringwood coming in second.

More than 80 people including local dignitaries as well as representatives from most of the bay area clubs attended our 40th Anniversary celebration on Aug. 12. A skills contest, draw rinks games, a raffle of prizes donated by local merchants and a barbecue lunch all proved popular. John Ogden won the skills contest and Jerry Patrignani was the winner of three raffle prizes including the grand prize of a pound of tea or coffee from Peet's Coffee every month for a year. We thank Ann Walker, who worked tirelessly for several months, beginning with the design and distribution of invitations, canvassing of local businesses for their support, preparation of the skills contest, and generally keeping a finger on the pulse of the entire event.

Welcome to new members Dana Powell, Scott Russell and the Groft family: Kay Jr., Natalie, Kay III and Julian. The latter three are in their teens and show great promise.

Negotiations with the City of San Jose regarding a new clubhouse should bring us some results by the end of the year.

A word of caution! Under the new security regulations, some airports are confiscating "Toucha," even though it may be in your checked baggage. Leave it at home and avoid being written up by the TSA.

Oakmont has a woman and a man tied at 3 for most club tournament wins

By Adele Patterson

The tournament season is winding down with two names very prominent in the win column for the year: Frandee Sarver (photo) and Barry Tromans.

Each have won three awards so far this year, and will be competing for two more. Frandee skipped the Women's Triples by Draw and the Championship Women's Triples and won the Past President's Trophy, overcoming two of our strongest male bowlers. Barry dominated in the Championship Men's Pairs and Triples. He also won the 80 and Over contest, having turned 80 this year.

Our social functions have kept the rest of us happy even if we don't win tournaments. The Hot-Diggety-Dog Picnic was held indoors this year as heavy rains demolished our



picnic area during the winter and spring. No one seemed to be distressed that there were no flies, wasps or ants to join us! Vanitta Olinger chaired the committee, assisted by John and Grace Vandermade.

The annual barbecue was co-chaired by Blair Beatie and Adele Patterson with Frandee Sarver and Vivian Ballou serving on the committee. We tried a catered barbecue this year with mixed results. There is nothing so wonderful as home cooking, but few want the responsibility of chairing such an event.

The club, under the guidance of Vice President Ray Watts, is preparing for a Demo Day of games and prizes. Each member has been asked to bring a friend or friends to try out game. We will have five rinks for skills, one on-going game, movies and refreshments. We are targeting new residents in our adult community. Wish us success! We will let you know our results in the next issue.

Coming in next issue!

The Spring 2007 issue of *Bowls USA* will have complete coverage of the 2006 National Open, with many photos.

Also planned for that issue: Biographies of the three new inductees into the USLBA Hall of Fame.

A new profile in the series on lawn bowling's Characters with Character.

Who Won What in the South Central Open.

And much more!

Historic St. Petersburg club seeks return to its days of glory

By Bill Stokes

The historic St. Petersburg FL Lawn Bowling Club completed another successful year with a good increase in membership to 36 full time and 12 part timers. We experienced a few occasions where all the rinks were filled with our predominately snowbird contingent, most of whom are from Canada. This gave us the incentive to begin renovation on our additional green to prepare for the contingency of additional members and overflow with existing ones.

The annual Vaughn Tournament was held as it has for many years to honor the late Willard Vaughn, a club leader during one of the club's heydays. Ethel, his widow, was in second place as vice skip. Winners were:

1-Ann Gleason, Ann Bodley & Franz Schroeder; 2-Ernie Klan, Ethel Vaughn & Reine Latour; 3-Doug Bodley, Sharon Klan & Bill Shepherd.

The 2006-2007 elections were held with the following results: President Doug Bodley, Past President Bruce Ferguson, Vice President Audrey Shane, Secretary Ross Dabol and Treasurer Stan Frew.

Our adjacent neighbor, the St. Petersburg Shuffle Board Club, has experienced a huge resurgence this past year with

Friday night shuffle drawing a much younger demographic to this venerable sport. Local resident club member Bill Stokes kept the St. Petersburg Lawn Bowling Club open all summer in anticipation of capitalizing on this younger interest in shuffleboard and introduce them to lawn bowling. We were fortunate to get our greens lighted in the process by the city that owns both clubs. Unfortunately, as is so often reported in these pages, the interest level was not sufficient to continue the summer project experiment.

The St. Petersburg Lawn Bowling Club is on the National Register of Historic Landmarks. Founded in 1917 we are the oldest lawn bowling club in Florida and the 10th oldest in the U.S. The club was the social hub of St. Petersburg in the 1920s through the 1950s, when we had about 500 members.

We were saddened by the recent closure of our equally venerable neighbor, the Bradenton Lawn Bowling Club, an hour's drive south. They were kind enough to allow us to purchase some of their equipment. We shared many fun-filled matches through the years as we hosted one another annually.



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Jackie Tucker new SE president

The following new officers were elected at the SE Division delegates meeting on Nov. 12, all for two-year terms unless otherwise indicated:

President Jackie Tucker of Pinehurst LBC, who succeeds Jack Phillips of Pebble Beach LBC-Sun City Center.

Vice President Trevor Colby of Clearwater LBC, who succeeds Jackie. Secretary Margo Pelliccio of Pinehurst, re-elected. Treasurer Earl Shaner of Mount Dora LBC, who succeeds Michael Maneilly of the same club.

Muriel Rackliff of Suncoasters LBC-Sun City Center, re-elected as the SE female representative on the USLBA National Council. Al Pelliccio of Pinehurst LBC, four-year term as the male SE Councilor, replacing Gene Goodwin of Mount Dora, who had to resign because he is moving to Pennsylvania early next year.

Lakeland

By Hugh Patterson

Our season virtually ends mid-April and resumes mid-October with the arrival of the snowbirds, that species of homo sapiens that migrate from the colder regions down into Florida. While our membership is not what it used to be, we had about 70 last season and again hope to add a few more with lessons and special events suitable for the novice. We found last season that a 4-3-2-1 league every Friday morning was very popular. We played eight ends with the high score moving to the next rink. It was good fun.

We anticipate having a tournament requiring a novice (3 years or less) as lead along with theme days such as a "Western Day." "Hawaiian Daze" went well last year.

Lakeland won the Grass League this season!

Some of our more experienced players play in the Grass League, which is made up of: Sarasota, Sun City Center, Sun-N Fun and Lakeland clubs with each having four women's teams and four men's teams. Each team plays a home and home series with each club where they play two 14-end games. The winner is determined on the basis of total games won during the season. The League has decided that next season each club will play three instead of six games.

Colby to replace Beth Forbes on *Bowls USA*

Beginning with the next issue, Trevor Colby of Clearwater will replace Beth Forbes as SE staff correspondent for *Bowls USA*. Beth, who is on the Mount Dora LBC Board as secretary, asked to be relieved so she can take on more challenges in her community.

Editor Gene Goodwin praised Beth for the great job she did for *Bowls USA* the past four years, and noted that she joined him in recommending Trevor to succeed her.

Mount Dora

By Bud Ricucci

An evening summer class for new members was held in June and yielded 11 new members. A morning instructional class is planned for this Fall and Spring.

Our traditional Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day outings were very well attended despite the heat and humidity. Memorial Day drew 82 members for lunch after 59 bowlers competed in a game that pitted men vs. women skips. The Fourth of July attracted 55 bowlers in the morning and hot dogs and hamburgers were cooked on the grill for lunch for 96 attendees. There were 48 bowlers for Labor Day while 99 members showed up after bowling for a chicken and potluck lunch. This was the largest turnout for that holiday in recent memory.

On Labor Day we also celebrated the birthdays of two of our Honorary Members. Dr. Harry Jacobson celebrated his 99th birthday and Dr. Basil Hall his 100th. Both of these gentlemen were active bowlers well into their 90s.

Marita Nierth competed in the U.S. Championships. She represented the Southeast Division in the Women's Singles competition, placing sixth in the field of eight (See pages 18-19 and 31).

Clearwater

By Trevor Colby

Summer is the time for hurricanes and when most of our players have returned to northern climes. Nevertheless, we still were able to hold our Memorial Day Tournament. Cliff Bailey, Les Jarvis & Bev McPhee won the event. Afterwards we enjoyed a great barbecue cooked by our expert chef Bill Farrell.

We were well represented in the 2006 U.S. Championships by Ken Roberts, Bruce Miller and Barbara Roller. Ken, who is 85, and Bruce, the thirty-something son of Hall of Fame bowler Bill Miller, did well enough bowling in their first Men's Pairs to hold the eventual champions to a one point (20-21) victory in their first game. Barbara with partner Jackie Tucker from Pinehurst did extremely well by taking third place in Women's Pairs (See pages 18-19 and 31).

Bruce was greeted at Milwaukee by scores of friends of his late father, Bill. He was obviously moved as they shared their memories of his dad, a great bowler and a great person.



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Congratulations to Jack Behling on winning men's Singles in the U.S. Championships (See pages 18-19).

All bowlers are welcome to join us for some great competition in our upcoming tournaments this season. Super Bowl week takes place in mid-January with tournaments back to back. Our division open begins the first weekend in February. Information and entry forms are available online at *bowlsamerica.org*. (See page 2 for ad on USLBA National Senior Open which our division hosts.)

Paradise

By Marilyn Appollo

The annual spring banquet gave recognition to the tournament winners and certificates for a job well done. Winners were: Memorial: Bob Hill, Merleen Hill, Bernard LaValliere. Triples: Rich Mills, Brian Sherwood, Jennie Scutt. Doubles: Bernard LaValliere, Russ Heck. Men's Singles: Bernard LaValliere. Men's Novice: Steve Linnemeyer. Women's Singles: Ann Peabody. Women's Novice: Margie Davis.

We thank our summer volunteers for keeping the green in good shape through the summer heat.

Weekly lessons resumed the first week in November and December as well as Club tournaments and once a month fun days began in December. We are trying something new this year by having a half day set aside on Mondays for a women's fun day in order to bring more women out.

Sun City Grand

By Ann Mazzola

Our club does not have a Dollar Day for visitors, but we invite bowlers to be our guests at regular bowling on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Contact Larry Hart at *lardebhart@aol.com*. He will give you bowling times and make arrangements for you to join us. Good bowling.

Pueblo El Mirage

By Ron Gilmour

New Officers are President Barbara Herron, Vice President Don Bishop, Secretary Margaret Smith and Treasurer Chuck Babcock.

Season 2005-06 champions were: Fours: Ron Schoenherr, Anita Schnoeherr, Gary Adamczak, Harry Penner. Women's Singles: Yvonne Davidson. Men's Singles: Dave Braim. Ladder: Frank Flynn. Memorial: Sandy Corbett, Don Bishop, Helen Roberts. : Harry Penner, Tereasa Laughren. Canada vs USA: Canada 6-3. Doubles: Frank Flynn, Jill Grant. Triples: Yvonne Davidson, Gary Adamczak, Barbara Herron.



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Winners of NW division tournaments

By Larry Edgar

Our division Mixed Triples tournament was held at King City in July. The winning team from Seattle included Howard Syder and Its and Nancy Nishikawa. Jimi Joe, Pam Edwards, and Larry Edgar of Portland came in second.

At the NW Division Summer Open was held at Woodland Park, the Team of Five event went to the "Jeffland Park" team, a composite of players from Seattle's Jefferson and Woodland Parks. The team consisted of Doug Bradley, George Poor, Howard Syder, Dee Poor, JoAnn Forrest and alternate Elizabeth Snyder. The Portland team of Pam Edwards, Debbie Tupper,

Jim Tupper, Jimi Joe, and Larry Edgar came in second.

The pairs tournament was won by the team of Larry Edgar, Portland, and Richard Krueger, Jefferson Park, for the third year in a row. Jimi Joe and Pam Edwards of Portland came in second.

In singles play, Richard Broad beat Doug Bradley for third place by one plus point. Second place went to Jimi Joe, and Larry Edgar came in first.

The triples event was won by the Seattle team of Richard Broad, Richard Krueger, and Nancy Nishikawa. The Portland team of Larry Edgar, Jimi Joe, and Pam Edwards took second.

In the novice competition, first place went to Jeff Covell of Woodland Park. Greg Stumph of Jefferson Park was runner-up.



Jimi Joe (left) and Edgar



Edgar (left) and Krueger

NORTHWEST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS



NW TRIPLES CHAMPS, from left, Howard Syder and Its and Nancy Nishikawa

Woodland Park

By Richard Broad

This summer the club successfully integrated three lawn sports: Bocce, Croquet and Lawn Bowls. Our greens have not been the best for the last two years, but with the aid of the parks department and one man, Rodger Green (what an apt last name!), Woodland Park is back in business. Rodger's unstinting efforts, ably supported by a new committee, have revitalized a failing club. No one can do it alone, but this is a note of thanks to an individual who is an example to us all. Thank you, Rodger.

Spokane

By Olivia Kissin

Mary Whiting and Rich Gaffey were winners of the club's mixed pairs tournament this season.

Memorial services were held for our late president, Deni Perry, on July 23 at the green. She was a good leader and an excellent bowler.

Jefferson Park - Seattle

By Kat Marriner

The Jefferson Park club experienced tremendous growth this bowling season as we welcomed 52 new members. Most new bowlers came to the club via three programs or events:

1. Our evening men's league, Men with Big Bowls, brought in 29 members in the last two years (the league is so popular there has been a waiting list each year after it started and membership in the club is now required.) 2. The inaugural year of our evening women's league, Bowl Busters (photo page 11), brought in 13 new members. 3. Our Friday night Open Bowl and BBQ attracted 12 new members.

We launched a web site this year, *SeattleBowls.org*, Thanks to the VP John Fulton and Treasurer Dan Pirone.

With this great insurgence of energy, we needed a full green of 14 bowlers for our Novice tournament, won by David Ice. David also won our Novice-Veteran tournament with veteran Tom Lind.

Great fun is always had when we play our international challenges against two Canadian clubs. This year we hosted White Rock, BC, and played triples on 11 rinks. We also traveled to N. Burnaby, BC, to play at their lovely club. JPLBC had the good fortune of winning both tournaments this year.

Long-time member Tadsie Priebe bought us a brand new Toro mower to help us keep our greens in fine shape. We mourn the recent death at age 95 of Bill Craig, a 1986 U.S. Champion,

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Young Max Has Winning Attitude

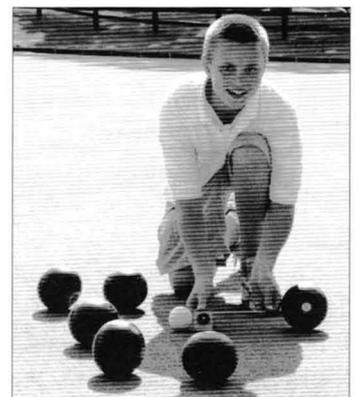
By Steve Nelson

Max Cavender, 14, is the youngest bowler at the Milwaukee Lake Park club, and his friendly and outgoing personality have already made him one of its most popular.

Max started bowling three years ago with his dad, Jim Cavender, a former U.S. singles and pairs champion. Max says his interest in the game took a while to develop, "but it grew on me. I like the people, bowling with my dad, and really, the whole concept." He does get the concept as he recognizes, "the draw shot is the name of the game."

Already a fierce competitor with a fluid, smooth delivery, Max with his dad has competed for two years in the division pairs playdowns. Max's goal is to win a U.S. Championship before he finishes high school, although he says he'd be happy to just win the playdowns. Around the club, the guys confirm that they're looking at a future champion.

At this year's U.S. Championships in Milwaukee, Max got a close view of championship bowling and was impressed with the quality of the competition. He is most grateful to Bud Fickley of Pittsburgh, NE division singles representative, who presented Max with a set of Henselite Classic II's after Bud had won a new set of bowls in a raffle. "That was a real nice gesture," Max said.



MAX CAVENDER, 14, has U.S. Championship as his goal.



CENTRAL DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

Chicago-Lakeside

By Tom Michael

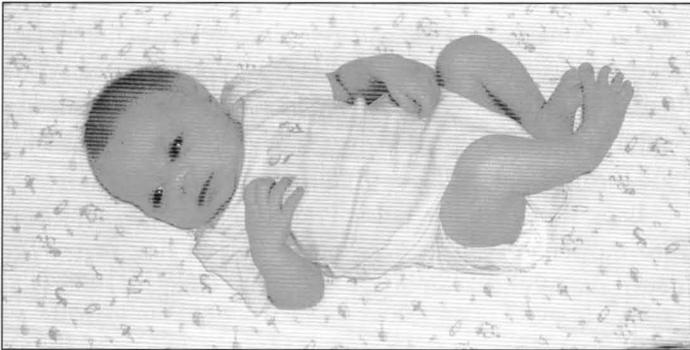
Our club competitions are complete. Bill Nakagawa won the Men's Singles; Ken Koenig was second. Men's Pairs was won by Don Sneddon and Joe Sintich, with John LeNoble and Sam Wright runners up.

Lorrie Michael and Pat Sintich won Women's Pairs, with Karla Rotondo and Charlean Smith taking second place.

John Clark and Karla Rotondo won Mixed Pairs, with Evelyn Clark and Joe Sintich coming in second.

Joe and Pat Sintich lawn bowled while traveling in Spain in September.

Karla Rotondo is our person nominated to be next year's president and she is part of the younger folks contingent that we cherish. Her best friend, Elaine Fitzgerald, contributed to the club this year with a newborn baby girl, Molly Fitzgerald, born Father's Day. Molly came to visit at six weeks. Our future is secure.



A MOLLY IN THEIR FUTURE! What all clubs need.

Forty senior citizens came to the greens as part of our mayor's Senior Olympics and competed the day after Labor Day. A good time was had by all.

Milwaukee teaches Scots to bowl

By Pat Mueller

The club's usual Labor Day tournaments were postponed in order to participate in the Highland Games of the local Scottish organization. Because of a good response to a simple tabletop display last year, the club was invited to actually teach bowls this year during the two days of the games.

The bowls demonstration had to compete with piper bands, caber throwing and broad axe contests. The rink was a much mowed grass patch but it was in a prime location to catch interested people and all ages were willing to give it a try. Style and accuracy were not stressed as much as simply learning how it felt to deliver a bowl. The lines grew long with those waiting to test themselves. We carefully took names and email addresses for follow-up and trust there will be more bowlers at Lake Park.

Milwaukee Lake Park

By Steve Nelson

It was Milwaukee's great pleasure to host the 2006 U.S. Championships in late August. Essentially all the work necessary to put on this major event was carried out by a host of club members. Kudos to all those who invested a great amount of time to prepare the greens, clubhouse, grounds, food preparation, and 1001 other details, and then were on hand to demonstrate good ol' Midwestern hospitality to bowlers and guests alike.

Wednesday evening bowling under the lights this past summer has proven once again to draw those who are employed to enjoy a structured game plan while still allowing for many newcomers to join in games and competition of their own. Mark Mathwig and Glorianne Mather set out a plan at the beginning of May with instructors signed on for each Wednesday evening and kept the bowlers busy through August.

Central Division Open winners:

Men's Triples: John Kirkwood, Jerry Mathwig and Mark Mathwig. Pairs: Leif Andresen and Ken Degenhardt. Singles: Leif Andresen.

Women's Triples: Glorianne Mather, Barb Hamm and Barb Althoen. Pairs: Glorianne Mather and Barb Hamm. Singles: Kathy Alton.

Club tournament winners:

Mixed Pairs: Carl Landgren and Sandy Czachor.

Cy Stephan Triples/Champ Salisbury Triples: Leif Andresen and Joan Van Able; Buzz Althoen and Inga Harwick.

Otto Hess/Sydney Steller: John Schmidt, Buzz Althoen and Warren Hartwick. Friday Frolics: Ted Bailey, Norma Harrington and Sue Bigam. Chili bowl: Carl Landgren and Steve Nelson.

Rosa & friends tied for first in triples

Winners of the Sun City CA Mixed Triples Nov. 4 were:
A Green:

(Tie) 1st place: Reinie Kramer, Kim Heiser and Larry Hood.

1st place: Michael Siddall, Tony Baer and Rosa Gandara.

3rd: Gary Fisher, Jim Kristensen, Terry Baade.

4th: Chris Booth, Ed Quo, Anne Nunes.

B Green:

1st: Bob Hill, Theota LaDonne, Charlie Cole.

2nd: David Rahm, Joe Rahm, Doris Rahm.

3rd: Evelyn Tiel, Dee Kessler, Art True.

4th: Bob Pickering, Pam Munson, Pat Smith.

Order of finish, by divisions

Women's Singles

	W	T	L
1. Rosa Gandara, SW Stripes	6		1*
2. Lorraine Hitchcock, SC	6		1*
3. Nancy Nishikawa, NW	6		1*
4. Christine Ludwig, SW Stars	3		4
5. Sandy Sousa, PIM	3		4
6. Marita Nierth, SE	2		5
7. Rusty Hein, NE	1		6
8. Kathy Alton, C	1		6

*Playoff game 1: Hitchcock defeated Nishikawa;
game 2: Gandara defeated Hitchcock.

Women's Pairs

	W	T	L
1. Kotti Spangler & Anne Nunes, SW Stars	6		1
2. Lois Saladin & Eileen Luba, NE	5	1	1
3. Barbara Roller & Jackie Tucker, SE	5		2
4. Patricia Cronshaw & Carrie Fossati, SW Stripes	4	1	2
5. Helen Brady & Ann Walker, PIM	3		4
6. Lucy Hart & Dee Poor, NW	2		5
7. Peggy Salisbury & Joan Cameron, SC	1		6
8. Glorianne Mather & Carolyn Nobbe, C	1		6

Men's Singles

1. Jack Behling, SC	6		1
2. Carl Landgren, C	5		2
3. George Fickley, NE	4		3
4. Jim Olson, SW Stripes	4		3
5. Simon Meyerowitz, SW Stars	4		3
6. George Tucker, SE	3		4
7. Doug Bradley, NW	2		5
8. Andre Banares, PIM	0		7

Men's Pairs

1. Joe Zinna & Bob Schneider, C	6		1
2. Dick & Bob Sayer, NE	5		2
3. Steve Smith & Howard Harris, SW Stripes	4		3
4. Richard Krueger & Larry Edgar, NW	4		3
5. Stan Benjamin & Bill Reidy, SW Stars	3		4
6. Marty Schans & Bill Pearson, SC	3		4
7. Joe Shepard & Ed Guterres, PIM	3		4
8. Ken Roberts & Bruce Miller, SE	0		7

Division game point totals

(2 points for win, 1 for tie)

1. SW Stripes 37	5. NW	28
2. SW Stars 32	6. C	26
AV. 34.5		
3. SC 32	7. SE	20
4. NE 31	8. PIM	18



2006 U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP LEADERS Kathy Alton (left) and Pat Mueller, general coordinators of this year's big event at Milwaukee, and tournament director R. Gil Stephan.

Milwaukee does great job as host

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who continued to tend to the host club greens even though he was competing in the tournament in Men's Pairs (Bob did so well at both jobs that his greens ran as fast as 14 seconds and he and partner Joe Zinna won Men's Pairs!)

It's no surprise, of course, that five of the six Central Division reps in the 2006 U.S. Championships were from the Milwaukee club. The only other USLBA-affiliated club left in Central, the smallest USLBA division, is Chicago-Lakeside. Central has remained competitive in recent U.S. Championships, mostly because of fine male bowlers from Milwaukee — men like Hall of Famer Ken Degenhardt, the late Champ Salisbury, Jack Behling, Jim Cavender, Joe Zinna, Jim Copeland, Leif Andresen, Carl Landgren, Bob Schneider and R. Gil Stephan.

Gil, who is a former ALBA president and member of Hall of Fame, returned to his old club to run this year's U.S. Championship round robin.



FIRST THINGS FIRST! The fact that he was bowling in the tournament did not change how Bob Schneider begins most days, tending to the greens. He did both well: His greens drew well as fast as 14 seconds, and he won Men's Pairs.

SUPER SHOTS CLUB

7 PAIRS

Milwaukee Lake Park LBC, WI <i>Blind Pairs</i> Jim Cavender, Roger Senn	5/27/06
San Francisco LBC, CA <i>Women's Memorial Day Pairs</i> Sandy Souza, Jackie Purdy (Rossmoor LBC)	5/28/06
San Francisco LBC, CA <i>Women's Memorial Day Pairs</i> Maureen Xavier, Doreen Pereira	05/28/06
Pinehurst LBC, NC <i>Challenge Cup vs Williamsburg LBC, VA</i> Jackie Tucker, Dick Ellis	06/04/06
Jefferson Park LBC, WA <i>JPCBC Men's Pairs</i> Roger Green, John Fulton	06/04/06
Leisure World LBC, MD <i>LWLBC Women's Pairs</i> Katherine Papuchis, Mary Chenoweth	06/06/06
Rossmoor LBC, CA <i>PIMD Men's Pairs Playdown</i> Dick Ruddy, Charlie Black	06/10/06
Jefferson Park LBC, WA <i>J.P. Twilight League</i> Its Nishikawa, Nancy Nishikawa	06/15/06
Pasadena LBC, CA Robert Bouman, Noel Johnson	06/16/06
Jefferson Park LBC, WA <i>N.W. Men's Pairs Playdown</i> Martin Claspill, Lew Storm	06/24/06
Leisure World LBC, MD <i>Mixed Doubles</i> Roy Rosfeld, Marti Taylor	06/30/06
Sunnyvale LBC, CA <i>Championship Pairs</i> Tom Burnoski, Jonathan Burnoski	08/13/06
Sun City Grand LBC, AZ Larry Hart, Bob Walters	08/14/06
Milwaukee Lake Park LBC, WI <i>U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS 2006</i> Barb Roller, Jackie Tucker	08/30/06
Pinehurst LBC, NC Pat Zimmerman, Tom Kees	09/02/06
Cambria LBC, CA Joe Cooper, Wink Pescosolido	09/18/06

7 TRIPLES

Santa Anita LBC, CA <i>Valley League (Alhambra vs. Santa Anita)</i> Houdini Ho, Kay Tong, David Child	05/15/06
San Francisco LBC, CA Manuel Pereira, E. B. Parkell, Doreen Pereira	05/16/06
Mount Dora LBC, FL Marita Nierth, Lee Edes, Lou Schumacher	05/29/06
Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA Ron Zenone, Bob O'Bryant, Dave Jones	05/29/06
King City LBC, OR <i>N.W. Mixed Triples</i> Its Nishikawa, Howard Syder, Nancy Nishikawa	07/15/06
Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA <i>Gold Coast League</i> Raul Perez, Bert Kessler, Ron Zenone	07/26/06
Mount Dora LBC, FL Bud Ricucci, Eberhard Dietel, Clarence Fickel	08/03/06

Woodland Park LBC, WA <i>N.W. Summer Open</i> Its Nishikawa, Nancy Nishikawa, Chris Davis	08/12/03
Santa Barbara LBC, CA <i>Labor Day Invitational</i> Tom Burnoski, Jonathan Burnoski, Joshua Burnoski	09/01/06
Mount Dora LBC, FL Bud Ricucci, Tom Heneghan, Sue Skoglund	09/14/06
Leisure World LBC, MD <i>Maryland Senior Olympics</i> John Supinski, Bert Conger, Nick Britti	09/16/06
Leisure World LBC, MD <i>Maryland Senior Olympics</i> Roy Rosfeld, Doug Worthing, Laura Rosfeld	09/16/06
Sun City Center LBC, FL Dave Barrett, Jim Brainard, Eileen Caudilla	09/28/06

7 FOURS

Alhambra LBC, CA <i>Men's Weekend League</i> Houdini Ho, Kay Tong, Frank Tang, Joe Yu	07/22/06
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8 PAIRS

Long Beach LBC, CA <i>Southwest Pairs Open</i> Shirley Price, Sandy Souza	05/01/06
San Francisco LBC, CA <i>Men's Memorial Day Pairs</i> Tom Burnoski, Dick Ruddy	05/27/06
Jefferson Park LBC, WA <i>J. P. Twilight League</i> Its Nishikawa, Nancy Nishikawa	06/08/06
San Francisco LBC, CA <i>Women's Championship Pairs</i> Bea McConachie, Millie Brown	08/19/06

8 TRIPLES

Holby Park LBC, CA <i>Visitation (Pasadena)</i> Len Foreman, Donald Hedge, Dave Horner	04/22/06
Kings Point West LBC, FL David Wood, Peggy Lang, Joan Kelly	05/10/06
Woodland Park LBC, WA <i>N.W. Summer Open</i> Its Nishikawa, Nancy Nishikawa, John Fulton	08/13/06
Mount Dora LBC, FL Sy Carkhuff, Ralph Rossignol, Judy Publitz	08/25/06
Leisure World LBC, MD <i>Maryland Senior Olympics</i> John Supinski, Bert Conger, Nick Britti	09/16/06
Leisure World LBC, Mesa, AZ Diane Tyndal, Bob Sharkey, Carol Marske	09/18/06

Congratulations

Houdini Ho, Alhambra LBC, CA	07/22/06
Its Nishikawa, Jefferson Park LBC, WA	8/12/06
Nancy Nishikawa, Jefferson Park LBC, WA	08/12/06

These members received a USLBA Patch on date shown for four (4) Super Shots this Year.

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The Last Shot

belongs to

Gene Goodwin, *Editor*



Bowls USA welcomes new division staff correspondents Steve Nelson and Trevor Colby.

Steve began his new job as “our man in Central” with this issue (you can see his initial efforts on pages 29-30). Steve is a Lutheran pastor who works as a church administrator for his national church office in global mission.

“I learned to bowl in Canada,” Steve writes, “when I lived there in the 80s, then didn’t bowl for 15 years until 2000, when I picked it up again.” In 2002 he qualified to bowl in the U.S. Championship Pairs. In the 2005 National Open, he was on the second-place team in Fours. His home club is Milwaukee Lake Park.

Trevor was appointed Southeast staff correspondent by SE-USLBA President Jack Phillips in November. His first issue as chief editor-reporter-photographer for division and club news from the SE will be the Spring 2007 issue.

Trevor has been “on our payroll,” figuratively speaking, for two years as reporter for his home club, Clearwater, where he also served a term as president. Born and raised in England, but now a U.S. citizen, he learned to bowl at Westland MI in 1995. Our sport soon dictated where he would retire to, after a lifetime working as a mechanical engineer. He first tried two sun cities, in AZ and FL, before settling in Clearwater four years ago.

Both Steve and Trevor have hard acts to follow. Buzz Althoen, a strong silent type, whose thoughtfulness and intelligence impressed me, did a fine job covering Central for us. So did Beth Forbes, who gave journalism her all these past four years, and greatly improved publicity lines between us and the 20 some SE clubs.

Why producing each issue takes longer!

Perhaps you have not noticed, but it takes at least twice as much time for us to get out each issue of *Bowls USA* today than it did when I took over as editor four years ago.

Time between deadline and delivery used be five to six weeks. Today it’s more like 12 to 13 weeks.

Who’s to blame? Simple: Me, and my Parkinson’s disease!

My PD shows mostly in my inability to walk, to handwrite and to type. I have “progressed” from canes, to walkers and now to a power scooter. The disabilities with my hands are more difficult to solve. My keyboarding skills have diminished to a slow hunt and peck, one finger per hand. I get there, but it takes immense patience and time.

This particular issue was additionally delayed by my dear wife Fran’s serious illness in late September. On Oct. 1, deadline for this Autumn 2006 issue, her badly infected gall bladder was surgically removed. A difficult procedure for any 84-year-old, but

especially traumatic for one who has Alzheimer’s. As I write this in mid-December, she is still recovering under excellent care at the Edgewater skilled nursing facility, five minutes from where I live in Mount Dora. But, come Jan. 27,

We move back to Pennsylvania!

Our oldest daughter, Geri, has been after me for some time to move in with her in Reading PA. I resisted, because Fran and I love Florida, and we had a support group of friends who would help us cope. But in this past year, I began to notice how few visitors Fran had at Somerset, the homey assisted living facility she had been living in since November 2002. And after I had to give up lawn bowling last Spring, I realized how much my support group depended on my being active in the sport and in our club. So...

Last June, when Geri called on Fathers Day, I told her to go ahead with her plans to redo a wing of her house to make it livable for her wheel chair-or-bed-bound Mom and her mostly immobile Pop, who wants to stay active as long as he can. Geri, who designs fabulous kitchen and bathrooms for a living, has organized a small army of blood relatives and muscular in-laws to move Fran and me by air to Reading PA on Jan. 27.

How about Bowls USA?

I plan to continue as editor until we find a new one. And I can do that just as well from Reading PA as Mount Dora, or anywhere within easy computer reach. In fact, my task should be easier because I’ll be using their more advanced computer (a Mac G5 with all the latest “panthers” and “tigers,” plus a live-in guru son-in-law named Craig). The magazine will continue to be printed in Orlando and mailed from Mount Dora from emailed lists updated every issue by Bob Lane in Sun City West AZ. My old bowling partner, Michael Maneilly, will continue as business manager, keeping our books, handling all our advertising, and monitoring our Mount Dora postal box 562 (which is the closest thing USLBA has to a central office right now). And Mary Ramirez will continue helping me layout each page so that our words and pictures convey both truth and beauty. She does most of her work for us in her home in Umatilla FL.

Help me find a new editor!

If you know anyone in our lawn bowls family who would be interested in learning how to edit this magazine, please put him or her in touch with me. You do not have to have college degrees or experience in writing, publication work, etc. You have to own a computer and have email experience with it, but that’s about it.

Give me a year and I can teach you all you need to know to take over this wonderful volunteer job. Send me a letter telling me why you want to take advantage of this opportunity. Thanks, future editor!

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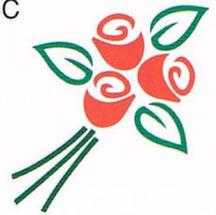
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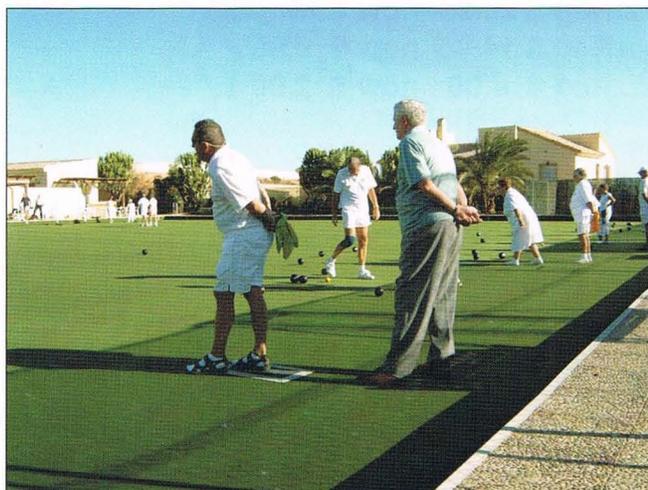
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