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Better Bowls



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NED Classic Singles at Du Pont, Wilmington DE

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The Men's competition was held at Sarasota in perfect weather March 7-12.

Men's Singles (40)

Championship flight: 1-David Calam (Canada). 2-Steve Bezanson (Canada). 3-Ralph Ross (Canada). 4-Dan Geniole (Canada).

A flight: 1-Earl Shaner (Mount Dora). 2-Ed Reynolds (Williamsburg Inn). B flight: 1-Mike Maneilly (Mount Dora). 2-Peter Bunce (Sun-N-Fun). C flight: 1-Norm Smith (Maple Leaf). 2-Ron Buck (Sarasota). D flight: 1-Jay Alphin (Pinehurst). 2-Gary Williamson (Mount Dora).

Men's Triples (18)

Championship flight: 1-Norm Smith, Steve Fillingier, & Ken Catherwood (Maple Leaf) **See photo.**



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2-Lorne Reid (Clearwater), Ralph Ross (Canada) & Rico Silvestro (Sarasota). 3-Ben Cole, Tony Farrell & Dave Routely (Sun-N-Fun). 4-Ron Geniole & Frank Zazzara (Canada) & Alex Graham (Clearwater).

A flight: 1-John Irons, Stan Bacon & Dick Labrie (Sarasota). 2-Mike Lawson, Miles McEvoy & Jerry Maclean (Maple Leaf). B flight: 1-Steve Bezanson & David Calam (Canada) & Ed Reynolds (Williamsburg). 2-John Garbett, Doug Marshall & Brian Neale (Lakeland). C flight: 1-Dave Barker & Alfe Fairweather (Sun-N-Fun) & Brad Gresham (Canada). 2-Don Adams, Bruce Diamonde & Brian Kenyon (Sarasota). D flight: 1-Joe Dorsch & Jack Mein (Clearwater) & Bob Saunders (World Parkway). 2-Cal Bechard, Don Woodington & Peter Bauman (Lakeland).

Pairs (26)

Championship flight: 1-Steve Bezanson & David Calam (Canada). 2-Al Pelliccio (Sarasota) & Jay Alphin (Pinehurst). 3-Norm Smith & Ken Catherwood (Maple Leaf). 4-Doug Marshall & Don Woodington (Lakeland).

A flight: 1-Joe Dorsch (Clearwater) & Bob Saunders (World Parkway). 2-Rex Pickles & Bob Ferguson (Pebble Beach). B flight: 1-Frank Zazzara & Dan Geniole (Canada). 2-Mike Lawson & Miles McEvoy (Maple Leaf). C flight: 1-Peter Bunce & Doug McLeese (Sun-N-Fun). 2-Steve Bankert & Ken Tesselar (Sun-N-Fun). D flight: 1-Ed Reynolds & Dan Berg (Williamsburg). 2-John Garbett & Brian Neale (Lakeland).



David Calam (Man Bowler of the Tournament) & Steve Bezanson

President's Message

Isabella Forbes, President USLBA

In this issue I would like to emphasize the need for all of us to get out and recruit new members to keep our sport alive for future generations in addition to our own.

A perfect example of the drive to recruit new members is the Open House Day that the Southwest has run in 2008 & 2009. This year the members of the Southwest Division came out in large numbers to support their clubs and help introduce lawn bowls to more than 1,500 visitors. The clubs spruced up their clubhouses and decorated them with balloons and streamers as well as banners. Flyers were sent out to local businesses and retirement places prior to the Open Day. Many members who were not involved last year, heard of the enthusiasm that was created and came out this year to be a part of this great event. The camaraderie and team effort that is created really helps to build the club itself.

This year the Governor of California again gave his endorsement and proclamation. With the PIMD under the supervision of John Ogden and Athol Foden leading it; joining in and running their own Open Houses, it has now become a State wide endeavor for recruiting. John wrote "Many new bowlers were introduced to the game; many probably within a few miles of the green, not knowing it was there, or how to break the ice.

Great job SWD and thanks for letting us ride your coat tails and giving us your guidance in promoting and running an Open House. Your organization is truly outstanding."

Although the final numbers have not as yet been confirmed, it appears that over 200 have actually joined our clubs.

To all new members from last year as well as this year, I welcome you and hope that you will come out, learn the game and more importantly, enjoy it as well as the camaraderie within your club and your fellow bowlers.



I would be remiss if I did not mention Mert Isaacman, who at a late date stepped up to the task and coordinated the first Open Houses for the SWD. For those of you that do not already know, Mert initiated the idea of a Division Wide Open House with all the clubs participating on the same day. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has endorsed May 9th as California Lawn Bowls Day, a salute to the state's 59 lawn bowling facilities that will be hosting local and regional Open Houses. It has proved to be a very fruitful method of increasing our membership.

Mert deserves the credit for this idea, but its success would not have been possible without the support of Myrna Chan and Len Cormier who handled much of the publicity and flyers as well as sending out the much needed supplies to each club.

So as you can see, providing the effort is put forth by our existing membership, we can increase our numbers. Any division or club that wishes to obtain information on setting up and running an Open Day is welcome to contact either Len & Myrna at mclc@mac.com.

Let's all get on the band wagon and run Nationwide Open Houses next year to increase our membership throughout the country.

About the front cover photo:

Team USA (Phil Dunn, Dan Christianson, Jim Copeland and Burl Roller) carries its flag during the parade at the beginning of the Tiger Bowls Tournament in Shenzhen, China.

About the back cover photo:

Created by Simon Chadwick of Palo Alto LBC; it shows David Hale, Jerry Knott, Annet & Kevin Latham and Terry Hogan spending a typical afternoon at the immaculate Palo Alto facility.

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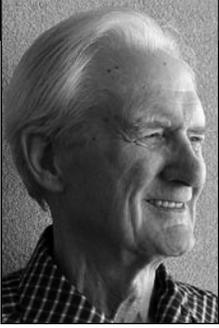
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The Editor's Rant



It's always something

by Trevor Colby, *Editor*

Solutions to My Problem.

I am indebted to Ron Jones (Clearwater), Bud Birkenseer (Palo Alto) and Len Hitchcock (Sun City) for providing answers to my problem of devising a round robin schedule for a Mixed Pairs League comprising 16 men & 16 women. The object is for each person to have a different partner every week and to play against a different team every week.

Ron made a 15 week schedule, Bud made one for 6 weeks (my request for help said that would be sufficient) and Len gave me advice on how to search Google for relevant information. Should anyone want the solutions, I can send Bud's and Len's but not Ron's, because it is in Clearwater FL and I will be on vacation in Burlington ON until the fall.

Solution to a Problem.

I firmly believe that the greens keeper is one of the most important people in a club and should be treated with the respect that is deserved. I was going to say 'He deserves' but I read that San Diego has a woman by the name of Melanie Visenor in charge of their improved and well groomed greens. This is very unusual, but is a welcome departure from the norm. Many women are fond of gardening, so this is a good step in the right direction.

Repair of grass can take a lot of time. Damage to a green can be caused by activities such as: placing the mat in the same position all the time, not switching rink positions frequently enough and dumping the bowl.

I believe the last item is worthy of discussion. Green keepers must be horrified to see players dumping their bowl onto the grass from a great height, because every dump spot means that area of grass will die and have to be replaced by a core of new grass.

Dumping is usually caused by stiffness in the knees and back, resulting in the player not being able to bend and get low enough to roll the bowl onto the playing surface. Another area where stiffness occurs is in the shoulder which prevents insufficient backswing and thus too little power is generated to enable the bowl to reach the jack when released at the proper 6 o'clock position. In this case and in order to generate enough power, the bowl has to be released later in the swing and so it starts off in an upward trajectory which results in the "Dreaded Dump." Stiff knees and shoulders combined are the green keeper's worst nightmare.

To alleviate the dumping problem caused by stiff knees and hips there is the **Drakes Pride B6514 Bowling Arm** that is approved by World Bowls for use by bowlers who have difficulty

bending down to deliver the bowls. It is available in 4 sizes.

At Clearwater FL there are three members who use bowling arms. Ron Jones made his own and has been using it for a few years, is very proficient and uses it about 50% of the time. Russ Tees uses one made by Ron and Bill Farrell is trying to get acclimatized to using one manufactured by Drakes Pride. A second benefit of the device is that less effort is required to deliver the bowl which makes it easier to reach long jacks.

N.B. It should be realized that the bowling arm will not solve the problem of dumping due to insufficient backswing. Regular use of stretching exercises for the shoulders would help.

We always do it that way.

Life is a matter of habit and we often do something habitually without trying to think of a better way.

Many one day tournaments consist of three 12 end games in which opponents in the first round are determined by a random draw. The winning teams of the first round that scored the highest points play each other in the second round and so on in the third round. In other words, high plays high in descending order.

The advantage of this system is that it enables the event to be completed in a single day, but the disadvantage is that the luck of the draw in the first round has a profound effect on the final results. Consequently; the overall winner and placed teams are not necessarily the most deserving because the eventual champion may have had an easy passage through the first game and amassed a score of 25-4, whereas two other very good teams both capable of winning the tournament could have met and had a low scoring game with a result of 8-6 thus putting both of them out of the running for the top prizes.

I would like to suggest that a more equitable method be used. Something along the lines of a Soccer Championship or Tennis where the teams are seeded would be fairer than the present system.

The gauntlet is thrown down and the challenge is out to all the bright sparks in our sport to devise a better method than high vs. high in a three game one day event.

I would like to be informed if anyone is already using what is considered to be a better format than the present one.

A Very Busy Person

I am pleased to announce that Linda Jahraus has taken over the USLBA Memorial Foundation from Sandy Souza who ran it so successfully. Linda must be very busy because in addition to being the contact person for the Fund, she is the secretary of the Southwest (Women) Division. Nevertheless, she still found time to win the women's pairs in the South Central Open with her partner Kim Heiser.

There is no bowls testing facility in the Americas that is approved by World Bowls. However, there is a bowl testing unit in an historic building that is preserved by the City at St Petersburg LBC. I wonder whether there would be any demand for its services if it were approved.

Major Tournament Calendar

2009

August 15-16	NE Hall Of Fame Triples Pittsburgh, PA	Jack Lucey 617-376-2509	jacklucey@comcast.net
August 29-30	NE Drevitch Pairs Wilmington, DE	Jack Lucey (above)	
Sept. 5-6	Otto Hess Triples Milwaukee, WI	Norma Harrington 262-242-2099	bill.norma25@sbcglobal.net
Sept. 12-13	PIMD Open M/W Singles Oakland, CA	Pete Knopf 650-493-6328	petenann@sbcglobal.net
Sept. 14-15	PIMD Open Men's Pairs, Women's Triples Rossmoor	Pete Knopf (above)	
Sept. 16-17	PIMD Open Men's Triples, Women Pairs San Francisco	Pete Knopf (above)	
Sept. 26	Steve Ringwood Mixed Pairs Oakland, CA	Pete Knopf (above)	
Oct. 24-30	US Open Sun City Area, AZ	Dora Stewart 623-875-1211	isleofmull@aol.com
Nov.9-10-11	Roberta Lane Open Fours Sun City West, AZ	Jim Penrod 623-214-6958 or Bob Lane (below)	
Nov.13-14-15	Bob Lane Mixed Triples Sun City West, AZ	Jim Penrod (above)	
Dec. 5-6	Bill Weaver Men's Pairs Sun City, AZ	Len Hitchcock 623-974-3214	scdtourn@yahoo.com
Dec. 5-6	Cy Stephan Women's Pairs Sun City, AZ	Lorraine Hitchcock 623-974-3214	scdtourn@yahoo.com

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Jan.9-10-11	R. Gil Stephan AZ Rinks Sun City, AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
Jan 12-13	Salisbury Singles Sun City, AZ	Grant Summers 623-933-5066	summers12@cox.net
Jan 14-15-16	Thomson Zivec Open Pairs Sun City West, AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
Jan 23	SE Bert MacWilliams Mixed Pairs Sarasota, FL	Michael Maneilly 352-343-4009	shepman@comcast.net
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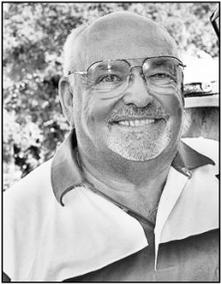
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By Conrad Melton

USLBA National Umpire in Chief and SWD Instruction Chairman



Conrad Melton

Be Your Own Coach

Do you need a coach? The test is simple. Is your game producing the results that make you and your team mates happy? If so just keep on with what you're doing; but if you can't say yes to that question, perhaps it's time for you to step up and coach yourself to a higher level. A good

coach begins with what is, and compares that to what could be. Are you using a fixed stance or a step-delivery? Does your arm go straight back and straight forward or do you take your backswing in one direction and your downswing in another? Are your feet aimed at your aiming point? Might it make a difference if they were? Do you even have an aiming point? When you need to make a small adjustment on how much grass you take, can you find the correct new aiming point, or do you just hope that the "little change" you make will do the trick?

If I notice that I'm not accurately hitting my aiming line, I sometimes change my grip from three fingers to four. That little bit of difference jogs my mental focus and has helped me get back to laying my delivery line right on top of my aiming line. There are other grips you could try; Canadians and Australians put as much skin as they can onto the surface of their bowls in their grips. A good coach would at least direct you to try that for a few minutes. If it seems to maybe show some promise, try it some more. If it's awkward and uncomfortable, your coach will likely advise you to not pursue that change any further. It's critical to remember that changes are initially experiments to be tried and then evaluated.

Surely one of your coach's first questions is going to be "what do you think about when you step on the mat?" There are very few acceptable answers. The first and foundational issue is ALWAYS the same: what is your intention for this shot? Usually, perhaps 90+ percent of the time, the answer is "draw to the jack." If you've been playing a while, or your skip is kind of laid back, you may be allowed to pick your own hand. The rule to remember is simple: an identifiable risk is an avoidable risk. Don't come on the hand that could push up your opponent to shot or push the jack back to your opponent. Take the safer hand. And that reminds me; if you're "one handed," get busy practicing so you'll have full confidence and full ability coming either fore, or backhand.

A good coach is certainly going to observe your pace. "Pace" is the amount of time it takes you to release your delivery, starting from the second you get possession of the rink. High level tournaments last longer than the daily draw games because experienced players are very careful to avoid rushing. Being fast paced is characteristic of novices. This isn't an absolute, but if you deliver

your bowl in less than ten seconds after you gain possession of the rink, you're rushing your shots. Any good coach will tell you to slow down a bit, take a bit more time, relax for a second or two when you take the mat and think about which component of your delivery needs to be performed in just the right way for you to successfully accomplish your intention.

One of America's best bowlers, Jim Olson of San Diego, who at the time of this writing is competing with Team USA at the Atlantic Rim Games in South Africa, is the *poster-boy* for a perfectly balanced delivery. He uses a step stance that never varies. It's poetry to watch. He's also one of America's newest umpires! Congratulations Jim. Anyway, if you've ever thought that you stagger off the mat as often as you glide off it, then it's time for you and your coach to invent some way to add some balance and stability to your delivery. This won't guarantee that you'll become a better bowler, but it's true that the best bowlers are well balanced.

Of all the components of delivery, nothing is more important than weight control. And here's where your coach can start with the flogging. Get out there and practice. There are three drills you should be practicing every week if you want to improve your game. The first is called "Put It On." Predictably you roll your first bowl to the hog line, and put on a yard of weight for each of the next three bowls. The second is – guess what? – "Take It Off." Bowl your first to about two yards from the front ditch and take a yard of weight off each of your next three bowls. In both those drills, you'll be perfect when you have a straight line of your four bowls, each a yard from the next. The Granddaddy of weight drills is the "Long-Short" drill. Roll your first to about two meters from the front ditch, your second to the hog line, third long again and fourth short. Try to have all your bowls on center line. Jim Olson credits this drill with helping him become the Men's Singles National Champion.

Finally, your good coach will want you to do some work on your mental game. A few concepts deserve repeating. Perhaps the first is that your opponent isn't really an opponent. He's your com-padre and you're playing with him, not against him. The challenge you must rise to is the pattern of the bowls in the head. Can you sneak another draw shot into the count? Can you increase your weight enough to surgically remove one of his counters? Can you lay down an accurate block and force him to change his hand? Or draw to within a foot of the plinth and claim shot for a live jack in the ditch? All of these questions are about you and your skill as you challenge the pattern of the bowls. Your opponent is there to enjoy sharing the challenge with you. Everyone knows that a landslide victory is a mismatch that makes neither side happy. Ah, to play with a skilled friend and bowl beautifully... there may be no greater feeling.

**Honor the Laws of the Sport of Bowls
They make the game the same wherever you go**

Membership Trail



Frank Ransome

By Frank Ransome
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It felt good to be bowling again at the PIMD Open Day at Oakland after almost a two year lay-off. The gentleman on the right is Ken Andrews who is now the Instructor at Richmond having taking my place. Between us is his first graduate Lydia Stewart, who lives close to the green and has really added some spirit to the club.



*Frank Ransome,
Lydia Stewart &
Ken Andrews*

Now that there is an official recession, this would be a great time to sell the sport of lawn bowling. Just think of all the people that don't want to spend a fortune to play golf. Or look at it another way. Despite not having a job, people should find some inexpensive way to exercise in the great outdoors. If ever there were a time when a sport is needed to save a life, now is the time. When the roman legions were called back to save Rome, what did the British do? They picked up the sport the Romans left behind and ran with it right into the 21st century.

We all have friends that would benefit from ridding their minds of the problems of the world, but they should continue to keep their minds busy. What's better than standing in the head of a lawn bowling game and wondering why your vice isn't doing what you've asked him to do. That can be a stressful way to spend an hour or so, but it must beat reading the 'help wanted' adverts in your local newspaper. Your membership committee has plenty of posters and sales aids and the instruction committee is well stocked with primers and syllabi.

Why not make use of what's available and help your friends and neighbors lift their spirits and improve their out-look on life?

Someone mentioned to me that their city's budget for

maintenance has been cut to almost nothing. This is not the end of your bowling green. It is an opportunity for your club to pitch in and help themselves. The city will benefit because of your assistance and will look on keeping your green as an expression of friendship. If you're under 80 and able to bowl 16 ends you should be able to follow a Scott Bonner mower around the green. If it takes three hours twice each week you've saved the maintenance people a couple of hundred dollars and all you're asking in return is some fertilizer two or three times each year and some water. Let's help ourselves by helping others and use our knowledge and our greens to benefit everybody.

Professional Bowls Association

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Twenty things for you to think about.

1. Every division, at one time or another has had a Bill Campbell. (See page 24 of the spring 2009 issue.)
2. There has been on rare occasions, a time when a wrong bias has become the shot.
3. Driving on a green with older members who don't move as spryly as they once did, requires more forethought to protect them in case something goes awry.
4. A handshake before a game should put you in the mindset that you are competing against someone to be respected and after the game we should put a cap on all the bad bowls we had. This would be a nice way to start anew.
5. Buzzards circling overhead shouldn't concern us, but we should check that everyone on the green is still vertical.
6. A hangover on the green is better than a hangover at the office.
7. Running after a bowl should be considered a gift for the young and the sport; and if the older guys and gals can still do it, then it ought to psyche out those young bucks a bit. I still remember Bobby Smart in his eighties following down the good shots, and no, he didn't beat his bowl to the head but who cared. Dumb rule.
8. Only in bowls will you find a guy with a name like Long Jack Mac.
9. A short bowl isn't a killer every time, but boy, it's a lot more fun when there aren't any!
10. When you're down eight with two ends to go – you can still win. And if you're down by six in pairs with one end to go, sometimes you don't have to roll your last bowl. You shouldn't quit until the math makes it impossible to win.
11. Whites look nice; until you spill a coffee all over yourself on the way to a tournament. (We still miss Charlie Duffy.)
12. If there isn't a Scottish brogue somewhere on the green..... Well, let's hope it never comes to that.
13. A full biased bowl can always go around.
14. When you're down – Be up!
15. A bad game is still better than a good day at the office!
16. Every green has its challenges. Some are how far to go out, some are in trying to figure out the bumps and bruises. They're all good greens when you figure them out. Not so, when you don't.
17. Bowling is a lot like baseball, the heroes of the past will always be better than the players of the present. A-Rod couldn't hold DiMaggio's jock strap, never mind brew his coffee and we know we couldn't shine Jim Candellet's bowls in his prime.
18. It is better to be in the ditch with a toucher than short and in the way.
19. The last thing that you want to say about lawn bowling is it's

for a bunch of old folks. Just because they're the ones who are good at it doesn't mean the young ones can't try.

20. The hammer rule just plain stinks.

Here's a quickie from the vaults: There was a story about a bowler in Rhode Island who was in the middle of a game when his wife showed up at the green angry that he spent too much time bowling. She walked out on to the green, picked up his bowls and got back in her car and went home. It was also reported that this same wife once took an axe to this man's bowls taking out a huge chunk out of one of them. We wonder if the bowls would pass inspection after that.

The brew for this article is from the Reaper Ale cellar. Sleightor Double IPA is an Imperial version of the West Coast-style India Pale Ale. Tipping the charts at over 9% ABV, this ale has a full-bodied copper color with a sweet malty flavor, intense hop bitterness and a fresh floral and citrus aroma. Topped with a thick tan head, this complex blend of hops has a fresh clean after taste that will leave you craving for more.

Now we can't say for sure if it was the quality of the beer or the company we kept while enjoying this fine drink, but we can say for sure that one of best Ale/Friend combinations is drinking Sleightor Double IPA with Marty & Annette Schans.

A Reaper Toast:

"You may go to Heaven
You could go to Hell
It's not for mortals to decide
And that's just as well.

No matter your destination
When your life's come to pass
It will first be the Reaper
Who comes for your Ass."
Cheers!

Editor's Apology

On page 17 of the 2009 spring issue I wrote that "The Burnoski family is the only one ever to provide all three entrants of the male sex to the US National Championships in the same year."

Unfortunately, this has been proved to be incorrect as the following letter from Ed Quo states:

"Hi Trevor,

The Burnoskis were not the first family of entrants in the US National Championships. Father George Sayer led the Pairs for son Dick, and Bobby was the Singles player in 1992 at Joslyn-Lake Hodges CA, if memory serves. Sorry, but I don't have their addresses.

Cheers, Ed Quo"

Consequently, I have no hesitation in offering my sincere apologies to the Sayer family and to anyone else that I may have disrespected.

SUPER SHOTS CLUB

7 SHOTS PAIRS

Kings Point West, FL
Rene E. Aube, Lorraine Lacusta.....3/16/09

Mount Dora, FL
Angela Carkhuff, Brian Bogue.....03/31/09

Southeast Division Men's Playdowns
Bud Ricucci, Gary Williamson.....04/20/09
Al Pelliccio, Jay Alphin.....04/21/09

Oakmont, Sun City, AZ
South Central Open
Marilyn Appollo, Annette Schans.....02/12/09

San Francisco, CA
Men's Handicap Pairs
Peter Knopf, Leon Simpson.....04/05/09

San Jose, CA
San Jose Winter Pairs
Konrad Beck, David Salazar.....03/01/09

Sarasota, FL
Club Ladies Pairs Semi-Final
Flo Barclay, Grace Smith.....01/06/09

Orange Bowl
Rico Silvestro, Flo Barclay.....03/22/09

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Holmby Park, CA
George Rajacch, Peter Barna,
Steve Siracusa.....04/07/09

Taylor Triples First Round
Linda Bator, Dave Horner,
Edna Wilks.....04/14/09

Kings Point West, FL
Carl Zajac, Judi Freibeth,
Al Johnston.....02/05/09

Frank Crowley, B. J. Armstrong,
Roger Sell.....02/12/09

Bud Mendrala, Ron Doncouse,
Carl Zajac.....04/20/09

Laguna Beach, CA
Club Mixed Triples
Shirley Price, Bob Schmalholz,
Christy Diller.....03/01/09

Long Beach, CA
Long Beach Carnival
Bob Schmalholz, Bud Shelley,
Frank DelPonte.....04/11/09

Mount Dora, FL
Mount Dora Holiday Bowl
Al Pelliccio, Margo Pelliccio,
Mary Meldrum.....12/07/08

Home League
Janiice Kline, Tom Jagel,
Bill Schaefer.....02/10/09

St. Patrick's Day
Beth Forbes, Frank LaRocca,
Martha Whaley.....03/15/09

Wally Green, Brian Bogue,
Jesse Hadaway.....03/21/09

Oxnard, CA
Anne Wallace, Bob Smith,
Dina Bongiovanni.....02/11/09

Doug Dow, Bob Smith,
Gloria Brown.....02/21/09

Wesley Johnson, Joe Brown,
Bill Gerrish.....03/13/09

Warren Stanhope, Juliet Watson,
T. W. Wilkes.....03/25/09

Dave Rankin, Ray Anderson,
Doris Hughes.....04/06/09

Wesley Johnson, Juliet Watson,
Jim Wilkes.....04/06/09

Sal Mollo, Rosalie Hutton,
Conrad Bilodeau.....04/17/09

San Francisco, CA
Bill Ryan, Leon Simpson,
Janet Mednick.....03/31/09

Santa Anita, CA
Bowler of the Month
Houdini Ho, Elvie Powell,
Ray Obazawa.....03/03/09

Santa Barbara, CA
Gold Coast League Tournament
Jim Morton, Eileen Morton,
Hildegard Kennedy.....04/29/09

Sun City, CA
Senior Triples
Marinko Tudor, Steve Dowd,
Houdini Ho.....03/14/09

Sunnyvale, CA
Winter Friendship Games
Bud Birkenseer, Jerry Taylor,
Linda Flores.....01/21/09

7 SHOTS FOURS

Sarasota, FL
Southeast Division Open
Championship Flight Final
Maureen O'Brien, Claire Sargent,
Flo Barclay, Sheila Kerr.....03/12/09

8 SHOTS PAIRS

Lakeland, FL
Polk Senior Games
Christine Neale, Brian Neale.....03/05/09

Mount Dora, FL
Southeast Division Ladies Playdowns
Beth Forbes, Brenda Bullock-Paget.....04/22/09

Southeast Division Men's Playdowns
Ron Buck, George Tucker.....04/25/09

Riverside, CA
Australian Ladies Pairs
Olga McCord, Duxie Smukler.....03/28/09

Sarasota, FL
Southeast Division Men's 2009 Open
Mike Lawson, Mile McEvoy.....03/09/09

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Cambria, CA
Jim Nash, Joanne Kluck,
Bob Gardenhire.....05/03/09

Laguna Beach, CA
Club Mixed Triples
Shirley Price, Bob Schmalholz,
Christy Diller.....03/01/09

Mount Dora, FL
Women's Triples
Angela Carkhuff, Jan Kline,
Janet Vassallo.....02/12/09

Sy Carkhuff, Gary Williamson,
Kathy MacPherson.....04/02/09

On Top of the World, FL
On Top of the World vs. Clearwater
Clarence Poirier, Peter Koukoutsis,
Rick Carr.....03/31/09

Oxnard-Joslyn, CA
Bert Kessler, Mark Volkov, Ssl Mollo...03/07/09

Paul Perez, Sharon Gibson,
Jerry Overmyer.....03/13/09

Wes Johnson, Dina Bongiovanni,
J. W. Wilkes.....04/10/09

Wes Johnson, Gloria Brown,
John Op De Coul.....05/01/09

Santa Ana, CA
Vet-Novice Triples
Rose Blennov, Angie Salgado,
Debbie Gregory.....03/15/09

Coast League-Laguna Woods
Tom Glass, Angie Salgado,
Carrie Fossati.....04/03/09

Santa Barbara, CA
Gold Coast League Tournament
Jim Morton, Eileen Morton,
Hildegard Kennedy.....04/15/09

On Top of the World, FL
Morning Games
Betty Dean, Dave Murray,
Norman Coutre.....01/06/09

Barbara Thomson, Betty Dean,
Pauline Mckenelrick.....03/16/09

9 SHOTS TRIPLES

Johnson, SCW, AZ
George Ralston Mixed Triples
Grant Summers, Scott Peterson,
Marcia Masterson.....01/30/09

Sarasota, FL
Grass League
Stan Bacon, Ray Steptoe,
Bill Ashley.....02/14/09

Sun City Center, FL
Ted Henshaw, Chris Heller,
Carl Hansen.....02/13/09

The Groves, CA
The Groves Mixed Triples
Bill Hiscock, Leonard Wasserman,
Olga McCord.....04/25/09

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Team USA in China

By Phil Dunn

Once a year there is a wonderful tournament called the Tiger Bowls World Invitation China Tour organized by an industrious and excellent bowler by the name of Jacky Wong. 58 teams from China and its various provinces entered this year, plus teams from about 19 other countries. The participants came from as far away as Botswana, England, Scotland & Wales and as close as Macau, Japan and the Philippines. Some of the other participants were from Fiji, Brunei, Cyprus, Canada, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, Thailand and of course the USA. The U.S. team was composed of Burl Roller (Florida), Jim Copeland (Sun City AZ), Dan Christiansen (Long Beach) and Phil Dunn (Santa Monica). Some countries like Australia entered three teams and Malaysia entered two.

The tournament is broken down into two segments, comprised of two days in Hong Kong, followed by an award ceremony and luscious banquet; then two days in Shenzhen on the mainland of China with an award ceremony and banquet.



Burl Roller, Jim Copeland, Dan Christiansen and Phil Dunn

Bowling in Hong Kong was a rare treat as the Hong Kong Football Club and Craigenhower Cricket Club are hold overs from the time when British influence pervaded social life. There is an aristocratic flavor to the whole experience.

The clubs are large and impressive with many amenities. For example in the HKFC they have a football field, horse race track, outside and inside restaurants, gymnasium, indoor and outdoor bowling and of course plenty of room for entertainment. To belong to the club costs about \$30,000 per year plus a monthly membership fee of about \$1,000. We heard different stories as to the cost, one member told us that there are different levels of membership and you can pay as much as \$250,000. There is valet parking and tight security. You got the feeling that if you were a member of this club it would be your main

source of entertainment and social interaction. At the CCC it is similar to the HKFC with its own restaurant, entertainment areas, indoor and outdoor bowling, etc. One of the things I got a kick out of was watching the waiters in formal black ties and white shirts bringing water out for the players. While you are there enjoying this wonderful environment you start thinking that this is the way bowling should be everywhere.

The games themselves were quick and exciting eight enders and we would typically play three to five games a day. Before the games started we were able to take a picture with the other teams from the various regions and countries and exchange souvenirs. Everyone is on their best behavior since you are like an ambassador for your country. As a result you make a lot of good friends from all over the world.

E-mail addresses are exchanged and it is great to be able to communicate via the Internet with these new friends; some of whom hopefully will come to the USA one day and experience our hospitality.

The conditions in Hong Kong were quite good, but the greens in China ran only about 8 to 10 seconds. It was a good place to use a bending bowl. After the Hong Kong Tournament we spent the next day traveling by bus to Shenzhen. This journey involved going through customs and hearing stories about how last year you had to make your own way back from China to Hong Kong with some players spending three and a half hours in line at the Chinese border. We had no such problem. Our transitions from Hong Kong to Shenzhen and back again were as smooth as silk. On the way into the park, banners lined the roadway which displayed the flags of the various competing nations. At the beginning of the tournament in Shenzhen each team member held a corner of their country's flag and walked around the green enabling videos and photographs to capture the moment. This was followed by speeches and introductions in Chinese and English.

USA did not win the tournament, but we held our own and finished in the middle of the pack. We had some good wins against Australia, Shenzhen and Hong Kong amongst others. China with its 58 teams also did not win. A team called the International Barbarians (a team comprised of men from different countries) walked away with the honors in Hong Kong. In Shenzhen the winner was Malaysia for the Trophy and Philippines for the Plate. USA lost its match to the Philippines by one point. Last year the USA team of Bob Schneider, Richard Broad, Chris Booth and Bill Brault won first place in the China Tournament making us all very proud to be American. In summary it was a grand experience, although to be sure, there is no place like home.

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Opening Day: Oakland hosted a full house of 120 bowlers on March 28 & got the season off to a great start. As always, they were generous hosts. Tournament Director Peter Knopf distributed prizes to about 30 bowlers.

Women's Fives: In April, six teams competed again this year at the San Francisco club. A good group of markers braved the cool morning to cover the singles matches. Thanks again to all; we couldn't do it without you. The winners won all their games: Marie Guterres (San Francisco), Lucy Guterres (Rossmoor), Laura Lewis (Oakland), Millie Brown (SF) & Felice Santos (SF).



The Women's Fives

California Lawn Bowls Day proclaimed by Gov. Schwarzenegger on May 9: Most clubs held open houses to attract new bowlers. Promotional flyers, banners, balloons, bowling instructions, refreshments & media coverage helped to make it a very successful day. Every club expects to gain membership from this event.

American Heart Association: Past President Frank Ransome initiated this event in 1995. Oakland hosted the annual event and 33 bowlers aged 9 to 81 took part. As a result, the AHA received a check for \$300 from PIMD plus another \$125 from individual players. Winners: Bud Birkenseer & Sam Hebert (Palo Alto) and Bob Schwartz (Berkeley/PA).



Kathy Peirand from the AHA receives a check from Peter Knopf (right) PIMD Tournament Coordinator. Looking on behind are Oakland President Wyman Chew (with hat) & VP Jerry Knott

NorCal Men's Singles: This event with 22 entries took place at Oakland on April 25-26. Thanks to Oakland for their hospitality and hard work along with the invaluable dedicated markers.

The new champion is Josh Burnoski (Berkeley) who won 18-17 in his final match against his brother Jon Burnoski (Berkeley) who came second. 3-Nick Christensen (Richmond). 4-Stephen Cooper (Richmond).

B Flight: 1-Ian Harris (Palo Alto). 2-Jerry Louis (Santa Cruz). C Flight: 1-Tom Burnoski (Berkeley). D Flight: 1-Bud Berkenseer (Palo Alto). E Flight: 1-Larry Murphy (San Francisco).



Josh & Jon Burnoski, NorCal Men's Singles winner and runner-up

PIMD Memorial Weekend Pairs: This annual event took place on a cold and windy weekend in San Francisco but the competition was "Hot!" Tournament Director Rod Arriaga (standing-in for Peter Knopf) did an excellent job for the men as did E B Parkell for the women. Men's A Flight: 1-Josh & Tom Burnoski (Berkeley). 2-Nick Christensen (Richmond) & Jon Ogden (San Jose). 3-John Hickson & Ian Harris (Palo Alto). B Flight: 1-Bob Schwartz (Berkeley) & Jerry Knott (Oakland). 2-Joe Shepard & Michael Overton (Sunnyvale). 3-Gordon Lockhart & Alan Bushell (Palo Alto).



Skip Josh Burnoski & his dad Tom Burnoski

Women (Round Robin): 1-E B Parkell & Linda Flores (San Francisco/Palo Alto). 2-Ginger Harris (Palo Alto) & Nikki Schrage (Oakland). 3-D. J. Doring & Maureen Xavier (San Francisco). 4-Sarah Howald & Tirisa Biukoto (San Francisco).

Berkeley By Irving Gershenberg

May 9 will be remembered as a gala occasion because the Open House & Yard Sale were successful as the two events complimented each other. More than 100 people came to the sale with 20 waiting at the door when we opened. Another 60 or so came to try their hand at bowling. Everyone enjoyed themselves and our rather quiet club came alive for a few hours. We made \$1000 at the yard sale and may well get new members.

Del Mesa Carmel By Lloyd Wells

On June 20 many bowlers and friends from throughout PIMD attended our 40th Anniversary Party on the green. There were lots of challenging events and refreshments flowed all day. It was a win-win situation no matter how you bowled.

The first issue of the club's newsletter

ter, hereafter known as the "Bias Report" was published in the spring. We intend to bend the news to make it entertaining and as inaccurate as humanly possible. For club news we will always be "Over the mat" and "On the jack".

We joined in the statewide May 9 Open House bowling event. Many neighbors came and enjoyed learning about the game and left with smiles on their faces. As a result we have acquired several new members.

Three players competed in the PIMD opening day in Oakland. Genevieve Clichy, Allan Sindelar and Sam Harrison joined 117 other players on the sunny greens near Lake Merritt. Genevieve, playing her usual strong lead position, brought home first place money from her afternoon game.

We now have our own web site! www.delmesalbc.org

President Sam Harrison created this entertaining delight.

On a more somber note we report that Emery Wanless, former resident, excellent lawn bowler and intrepid pilot, passed away at the age of 99. All who shared the green with him enjoyed his good humor and his dedication to the sport. As Emery often declared after one of his great shots, "How do you like them apples?" This joy-filled bowler will be missed but never forgotten.

Santa Cruz

By Christine Palochak

It has been a great spring and we have made a good start with our new website www.sclawnbowls.org

We are working with the City Parks & Recreation Dept. to develop new permanent signage for the perimeter fencing. Together with new portable signs they will reflect our efforts to expand public access to the green.

Our membership outreach programs are being restructured to maximize our exposure and so far this year we have added eight new members. In order to get our new members playing quickly, we have reorganized our training programs. A phone line (831) 421-9660 plus an answering machine has been added in the club house.

Eight new benches have been constructed around the green and we completely renovated our bowls & maintenance equipment storage.

We began our season with our brand new Turbo 1 tournament. Under the direction of Glen Johnson, 16 members played singles in a double elimination event that was won by Jerry Louis. Turbo 2 was won by Greg Fyvie. Turbo 3 and 4 are yet to come. Our Friday Night Bowls and Dinner program has begun. We are hosting a visit from the San Francisco Club on July 15 & Cambria on Aug 21-22.



Turbo 1 Director Glen Johnson (center) presents trophies to winner Jerry Louis (right) and runner-up Mark Forrester (left)

Santa Clara

By Frank Cieplinski

Kathy Allen and Frank Cieplinski won Bowlers of the Year for 2008. Night bowling every Wednesday & Friday at 6:45 pm began on May 9.

Rossmoor

By Pauline de Assis

Our season began with the Winter League and on Feb 18 we had the President's Day Handicap Draw Triples. In March we had the Handicap Draw Pairs for men & women plus the Handicap Draw Triples. April saw the last of the handicap tournaments with the Singles.

A special inaugural Memorial Day event was held that honored our bowlers who have passed on. The ceremony included the unveiling of memorial plaques donated by spouses and others. In addition, a triples draw tournament was played for which a perpetual trophy was awarded with each year's winner's names to be inscribed on it. The game was followed by a luncheon for over 100

people to acknowledge donors. The happy winners, Miguel Roliz, Bobby Frankel & Gladys Marques received great cash prizes as did the second & third place teams. Entertainment included music by our talented bowlers on the guitar and drums etc and the changing of song lyrics to those of bowling or bowlers - a rousing success! This Memorial program was initiated by Gwen Kilgour (whose husband Jimmy passed away last year).

Ed de Assis & Jeanne Lauritzen have trained five new bowlers who have been certified and are eager to take part in draw games and tournaments.

San Francisco

By George Scarpato

The season got off to a rousing start under our newly elected President D J Doring who is a big fan of parliamentary procedure. The first quarterly meeting was convened on March 8 and the Opening Day and St. Patrick's Day get together took place on March 14.

The Men's Handicap Pairs was won by Rod Arriaga & Alex Xavier.

On May 9 we participated in California Lawn Bowls Day and information, orientation, free lessons and refreshments were available all day as many members of the general public got the opportunity to participate. We hope to recruit six or more new members as a result. Also taking place was the Women's 4-3-2-1 Singles that was won by Sarah Howald.

Richmond

By Frank Ransome

We had a good write up in the West County News in May and we held an introduction to lawn bowling on May 9.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declares May 9th California Lawn Bowls Day.

How about other states following suit? One big push gets recruiting going for the year and lets your community and members know that beginners are really welcome, even if they will be better bowlers than us next year!

SunRiver

By Diane Cobb-Adams

On a perfect day in St. George (65 degrees and not a cloud in the sky) we held our first annual St Patrick's Day Pairs Tournament in which players were asked to wear green in honor of the leprechauns that were probably lurking about. Charlie Wilkinson & Ken Chase took home the Pot of Gold.

We give free lessons to residents at least three times a year and are always hoping to infect new ones with the lawn bowling bug! Our membership currently numbers more than 50 with a small percentage of them being snowbirds. We will be hosting the Huntsman World Senior Games from Oct 12-16. For more information visit website www.hwsg.com

San Jose

By Lou Audino

Gov. Schwarzenegger proclaimed May 9 California Lawn Bowls Day so we

seized the opportunity and combined it with our Teaching Day.

Our instructors were Murray Brunt, Ken Gillett, Joe Sacco and Dr Mario Giorgianni. After this session we had a draw game followed by lunch. The turnout for the Open House was great and it looks like we will sign up a number of new members.

Special thanks are in order for the following members who worked so hard and made it all come together: Jerry Patrignani, Dave Salazar, Heather Seacrist, Walt Davis, June Pattison, Fred Gardner, John Ogden and Gary Pelton. We had a surprise guest representing the City of San Jose who turned out to be Council Member Pierluigi Oliverio and it didn't take him long to get into the swing of things. He joined the group in a spider and then rolled about 10 bowls. He enjoyed himself and hopes to return again. It was a long day but the effort, planning and hard work were certainly worth it.

Sunnyvale

By Al Mendoza

We hosted a California wide May 9 Lawn Bowling Day as proclaimed by Governor Schwarzenegger. 12 volunteers provided activities for the 15 guests who came for the day's festivities. Lawn bowling instruction and a skills game were highlighted events along with hot dogs and refreshments. Six visitors indicated a keen interest in lawn bowling and set up appointments for further coaching instructions.

The John Brown Friendship Games were hosted at our club on May 13. The day was very well supported with 42 bowlers representing all Bay area clubs. Al & Dorie Mendoza visited friends in the UK in March and were taken to the site of the Southampton Old Bowling Green. Outside, there was a sign which proudly proclaimed "The World's Oldest Lawn Bowling Green circa 1299.

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NED Paul Motta Pairs at Williamsburg Inn VA Southeast Open cont'd from p2

The Women's competition was held at Sun City Center in perfect weather March 7-12.

Women's Singles (28)

Championship flight: 1-Mary Meldrum (Sarasota). 2-Sandra Whitelaw (Sarasota). 3-Valerie Bechard (Lakeland). 4-Heather Comba (Maple Leaf).

A flight: 1-Julia Farrell (Sun-N-Fun). 2-Judy Harwood (Sarasota). B flight: 1-Christine Garbett (Lakeland). 2-Linda Hawken (Suncoasters). C flight: 1-Claire Sargent (Sarasota). 2-Diann Hegley (Suncoasters). D flight: 1-Ardis Haist (Sarasota). 2-Jackie Nieberg (Sarasota).

Women's pairs (32)

Championship flight: 1-Mary Meldrum & Sharon Farrish (Sarasota)



*Mary Meldrum
(Woman Bowler
of the Tournament)
& Sharon Farrish.*

Photo by
David Burbery

2-Joelle Massey & Heather Comba (Maple Leaf). 3-Carolyn Cole & Nancy Spencer (Suncoasters). 4-Christine Neale & Valerie Bechard (Lakeland).

A flight: 1-Jo Koegel & Judy Harwood (Sarasota). 2-Sandra Whitelaw & Margot Pelliccio (Sarasota).

B flight: 1-Marion Payne & Gerry Belair (Lakeland). 2-Claire Sargent & Flo Barclay (Sarasota).

C flight: 1-Jenny Lawson & Kathy Smith (Maple Leaf). 2-Linda McDougall (Suncoasters) & Barb Roller (Clearwater).

D flight: 1-Norma Phillips & Ruth Cottingham (Lakeland). 2-Barb Smith & Diane Kruger (Mount Dora).

Women's Fours (16)

Championship flight: 1-Maureen O'Brien, Claire Sargent, Flo Barclay & Sheila Kerr (Sarasota). 2-Shirley Vidler & Julia Farrell (Sun-N-Fun), Sheila Lumley (Canada) & Jennifer Fisher (Sun-N-Fun). 3-Mary Meldrum, Sandra Whitelaw, Margo Pelliccio & Sharon Farrish (Sarasota). 4-Joelle Massey, Kathy Smith, Jenny Lawson & Heather Comba (Maple Leaf).

A flight: 1-Christine Garbett, Christine Neale, Arlene Marshall & Valerie Bechard (Lakeland). 2-Linda McDougall & Carol Fahnstock (Suncoasters), Barb Roller (Clearwater) & Dodie Hahn (Suncoasters).

B flight: 1-Jo Koegel, Eileen Mills, Pam Durdey & Judy Harwood (Sarasota). 2-Marjorie Lange, Christine Burbery, Natalie Lanouette & Lorna Ruggiero (Suncoasters).



Sheila Kerr, Flo Barclay, Maureen O'Brien & Claire Sargent

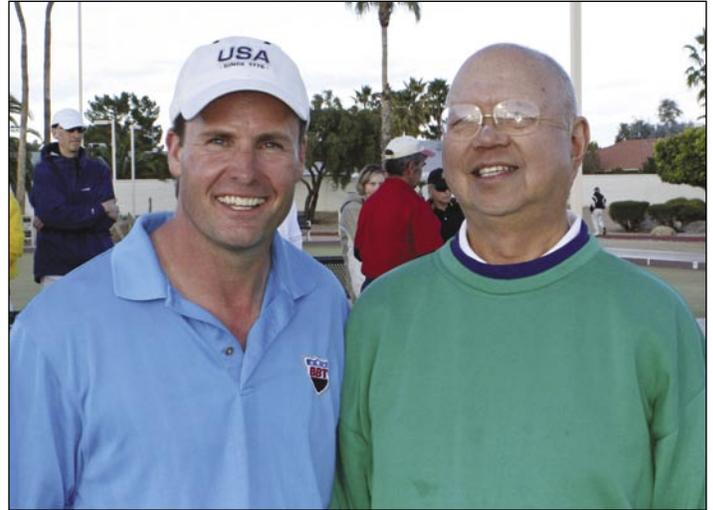
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South Central Open cont'd on p17

The men's event was played at the Johnson Lawn Bowls Club in Sun City West, AZ on Feb 7-12. Charlie Herbert of California was Man Bowler of the Tournament due to his wins in singles and pairs. Players are from Sun City unless otherwise noted.

Men's Singles (48):

Championship Flight: 1-Charlie Herbert (CA). 2-Jurgen Fessler (Canada). 3. Bill Brault (CA). 4-Jack Behling.
2nd Flight: 1-Jim Roth. 2-Jim Copeland.
3rd Flight: 1-Keith Roney (Canada). 2-Bill DesBrisay (Sun City Grand).
4th Flight: 1-Phil Dunn (CA). 2-Andre Banares.
5th Flight: 1-Jim Olson (CA). 2-Grant Summers.
6th Flight: 1-Richard Krueger (WA). 2-Joe Murphy



Charlie Herbert & Ed Quo



Charlie Herbert in action

Men's Pairs (42):

Championship Flight: 1-Charlie Herbert & Ed Quo (both CA). 2-Loren Dion (CA) & Gordon Fall (Canada). 3-Len Hitchcock & Frank Souza. 4-Michael Siddall (CA) & Gary Fischer (CA).
2nd Flight: 1-Bill Hiscock & Len Wasseraman (both CA). 2-Dick Saunders (Scotland) & Warren Simon.
3rd Flight: 1-John Wilson & Gerry LaPorte (Canada). 2-Rich Enockson & Tom Benstead.
4th Flight: 1-Don Wood & Ivo VanBastelaere. 2-Bernard LaValliere & Chris Krogh (both Paradise).
5th Flight: 1-Steve Nelson (WI) & Carl Landgren (WI). 2-John Scutt & Pete Davies (both Paradise).
6th Flight: 1-Keith Roney (Canada) & Jim Webster. 2-David Smith & Rich Ringhofer (both Sun City West).

Men's Triples (34):

The final game was hotly contested with fine shot making by Dick Saunders of Scotland while trying to hold off the California team led by Michael Siddall. With the score tied in the last end and Siddall holding the go ahead shot, Saunders' last bowl just missed.

Championship Flight: 1-Michael Siddall (CA), Loren Dion (CA) & Gordon Fall (Canada). 2-Dick Saunders (Scotland), Andre Banares, Joe Moletta (CA). 3-Willie Weir, Chris Davies, Richard Krueger (all WA). 4-Ivan Hyland, Liam Courtney, Jim Olson (all CA).
2nd Flight: 1-Keith Roney (Canada), Al Burdick & Jim Webster. 2-Joe Murphy, John Burns & Ed Edwards.
3rd Flight: 1-David Smith, Rich Ringhofer & Dave Reinersten (all SCW).



Gordon Fall, Michael Siddall & Loren Dion

South Central Open and Southwest Playdowns

The women's event was played at Lakeview, Bell and Oakmont in Sun City AZ on Feb 7-12. Kim Heiser of California was Woman Bowler of the Tournament due to her wins in singles and pairs. Players are from Sun City unless otherwise noted.

Women's Singles (40):

Championship Flight: 1-Kim Heiser (CA). 2-Dora Stewart. 3-Jean Roney (Canada). 4-Chris Adams.
2nd Flight: 1-Marlene Cleutinix. 2-Jackie Tucker (NC).
3rd Flight: 1-Barb Roller (FL). 2-Heather Stewart (CA).
4th Flight: 1-Dee McSparran (CA). 2-Eileen Morton (CA).
5th Flight: 1-Hildegard Kennedy. 2-Melanie Vizenor (CA).
6th Flight: 1-Hazel Reid. 2-Linda Jahraus (CA).

Women's Pairs (38):

Championship Flight: 1-Kim Heiser & Linda Jahraus (both CA). 2-Sandy Souza & Rita Wilson. 3-Marlene Cleutinix & Jan MacNaughton. 4-Erika Sistas & Jo Mumma (CA).
2nd Flight: 1-Dora Stewart & Marcia Masterson. 2-Jean Brighton & Betty Mayne.
3rd Flight: 1-Regina Banares & Barb Roller (FL). 2-Jeannie Christie & Hazel Reid.
4th Flight: 1-Pat Harrison & Mary Wright. 2-Jan Hargraves & Brenda Wright (both CA).
5th Flight: 1-Verna Roth & Dale Davidson. 2-Eileen Morton & Margie Rambo (both CA).
6th Flight: 1-Eileen Luba (PA) & Rainey Urquhart. 2-Debbie Tupper & Kat Marriner (both WA).

2nd Flight: 1-Sandy Souza, Jean Brighton, Ria Wilson & Betty Mayne. 2-Linda Butler (Canada), Ursel Bucholz, Ellen Edwards & Marlyn DesBrisay (Sun City Grand).
3rd Flight: 1-Sue Roth, Verna Roth, Julie Foley (Canada) & Dale Davidson. 2-Jean Roney (Canada), Heather Stewart, Linda Jahraus, & Brenda Wright (all CA).
4th Flight: 1-Cecile Langevin (CA), Erika Sistas, Verna Wallace & Jo Mumma (CA). Challenge: Sue Sleeper, Kathleen Nesbitt, Jessie Saunders (Scotland) & Irene DeBrock.



Anne Bastelaere, Jan MacNaughton, Pat Harrison & Marlene Cleutinix



Kim Heiser & Linda Jahraus

Women's Fours (32):

Championship Flight: 1-Marlene Cleutinix, Pat Harrison, Jan MacNaughton & Anne Van Bastelaere. 2-Mary Ann Beath, Patricia Cronshaw (CA), Kathy Alton (Sun City West), Carrie Fossati (CA). 3-Maryna Hyland (CA), Irene Webster, Jan Hargraves (CA), Kim Heiser (CA). 4-Arlene McGinn, Nell Smitheringale, Henrietta Goplin (Canada) & Coreen Brost (Sun City West).

Southwest Playdowns

The men's event was held at Santa Anita and the women's at Long Beach. Men's Singles: - Stars: Phil Salt. Stripes: Michael Siddall. Also in the picture are Steve Smith & Loren Dion. Women's Pairs: Stars: Kottia Spangler & Anne Nunes. Stripes: Patricia Cronshaw & Carrie Fossati.



Steve Smith, Loren Dion, Michael Siddall & Phil Salt

Photo by John Gonzales

Southwest Open cont'd on p31

The men's events were held May 30-Jun 4 at Santa Anita CA. Bill Brault was named Man Bowler of the Tournament.

The women's events were held May 28-Jun 2 at Santa Anita CA. Mary Ann Beath was named Woman Bowler of the Tournament.

Men's Singles:

Championship Flight: 1-Bill Brault. 2-Phil Dunn. 3-Len Hitchcock. 4-Bill Pearson. 2nd Flight: 1-Jim Olson. 2-Charlie Herbert. 3rd Flight: 1-Howard Harris. 2-Houdini Ho. 4th Flight: 1-Steve Smith. 2-Rick Warren. 5th Flight: 1-Bill Hiscock. 2-Chris Kennedy.



Bill Brault (Winner) & Phil Dunn (Runner up)
Photo by Gene Plunkett

Women's Singles (24):

Championship Flight: 1-Mary Ann Beath (Buckeye). 2-Regina Banares (Sun City). 3-Lorraine Hitchcock (Sun City). 4-Margi Rambo (Santa Anita). 2nd Flight: 1-Brenda Wright (Oaks North). 2-Dee McSparran (Newport Harbor). 3rd Flight: 1-Tanya Hills (Laguna Beach). 2-Melanie Vizenor (San Diego). 4th Flight: 1-Cecile Langevin (Long Beach). 2-Hildegard Kennedy (MacKenzie Park).



Mary Ann Beath
Photo by Gene Plunkett



Loren Dion, Brian Stewart, Charlie Herbert & Michael Siddall
Photo by Gene Plunkett

Men's Pairs:

Championship Flight: 1-Charlie Herbert & Brian Stewart (Newport Harbor). 2-Michael Siddall (Newport Harbor) & Loren Dion (MacKenzie Park). 3-Steve Smith & Bill Brault (San Diego). 4-Liam Courtney (Santa Anita) & Dan Christensen (Long Beach). 2nd Flight: 1-Lloyd Kennedy & Barry Pickup. 2-Roger Teske & Phil Salt. 3rd Flight: 1-Jon Burnoski & Tim Regoli. 2-Neville Sachs & Joe Siegman. 4th Flight: 1-Len Hitchcock & Phil Luth. 2-Steve Bezanson & Bill Pearson. 5th Flight: 1-Bill Reidy & Ed Quo. 2-Rich Warren & Robert Humphrey.



Robin Olson & Lynda Borkum
Photo by Gene Plunkett

Women's Pairs (22):

Championship Flight: 1-Robin Olson & Lynda Borkum (San Diego). 2-Marcia Masterson & Regina Banares (SCD). 3-Myra Wood & Annette Schans (SCD). 4-Linda Jahraus (Laguna Beach) & Pat Gonzales (Long Beach). 2nd Flight; 1-Patricia Cronshaw (MacKenzie Park) & Lorraine Hitchcock (SCD). 2-Christine Ludwig (San Diego) & Eileen Morton (Santa Barbara). 3rd Flight: 1-Mary Anne Beath (SCD) & Dee McSparran (Newport Harbor). 2-Evelyn Tiel (SCD) & Shirley Price (Laguna Beach). 4th Flight; 1-Maryna Hyland & Anne Nunes (Newport Harbor). 2-Jan Hargraves (Newport Harbor) & Brenda Wright (Oaks North).

Central News



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Membership

The most active lawn bowling club in the USA is at Brit's Pub in Minneapolis. League play consists of 64 teams of four and it also boasts a 10-year wait list of 50 more teams. Although Brit's remains a non-USLBA club, all 64 team captains have joined the Central Division as at-large members. Two members of another non-USLBA club in Cincinnati have joined as at-large members and another one from St. Paul, Mitchell SD is in the process of building a green and has solicited advice from various Council members as their goal is to be a USLBA club.

Central Division Open

A new format is being used for 2009. In recent years bowlers of other divisions have not made the trip to Milwaukee and given that most Central tournament bowlers are still active in the workforce, participation in the weekday events has declined. For this reason the 2009 tournament is being spread over two weekends. Triples play will permit teams of all men or all women or mixed gender. Pairs and singles will use the traditional format of separate men's and women's divisions.

Annual Meeting

A major rewrite of the governing documents has been undertaken and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting this summer. New officers will also be elected.

Chicago Lakeside

By Tom Michael

Lawn bowlers can go to extraordinary lengths to add members to their fraternity. Our outgoing president Karla Rotondo extracted not only an "I do" from Tom Simmons, but also a "Yes" from him to join the club. The elegant wedding ceremony took place in a small park on the north side of Chicago with the reception held across the street in the famed Newberry Library. Congratulations and best wishes!

At the annual meeting new officers were elected: President Tom Michael, VP-Samuel Wright, Secretary-Lorrie Michael and Treasurer-Don Sneddon.

The club continues to reach out to the community by hosting corporate events. Lakeside and the croquet club who share the two greens jointly hosted a security firm that brought in its own caterers, chairs, tables and tents for a family event that included many children of all ages. The participants were initially drawn to croquet because of their familiarity with the game, but they were surprised and happy to discover the fun of lawn bowling. Carpet bowls were brought out for the little ones.

Club competitions will be keen this year given that last summer's men's singles tournament resulted in a five-way tie for first place. The eventual winner and the man to beat this year was Michael Vadeboncoeur who is also in charge of keeping the greens in shape. Mike is back on the green after a fifteen year hiatus to be super dad and to coach his son in sports.

Opening Day was May 17, but the die-hards have been bowling since May 2. A successful Open House was held on June 14. Chicago Lakeside has a great location within sight of Lake Michigan and is visible to passersby as they walk on their way to the beach. Stop by when you are in Chicago!

Milwaukee Lake Park

By Steve Nelson

30 bowlers turned out for the Blind Pairs tournament, the first of the year held over the Memorial Day weekend. Under the great organization of Mark Mathwig,

this long-standing event in which leads were matched randomly with a different skip in each of the four 8-end games on day one, with each bowler earning points based on their success. On day two, the top eight skips were matched with the top eight leads in seeded bracket play. The results are:

- 1-Leif Andresen & Barb Hamm.
- 2-Max Cavender & Norma Harrington.
- 3-Jim Cavender & Bill Harrington.
- 4-Carl Landgren & Maureen Nelson.

The Potlicker. This tournament of six pairs teams competing in a round robin, probably has the most unique and controversial name of any in lawn bowls. The dictionary describes a 'Potlicker' as; Dialect: a worthless or disgusting person or animal. The Glaswegian phrase can be used in an expression such as, "That dog's a pure Potlicker." Milwaukee bowlers however, are proud to hoist aloft the trophy that depicts a bowler bent over to kiss, or is about to lick, a cup.

- Results:
- 1-Steve Nelson & Carl Landgren.
 - 2-Joe Zinna & Bob Schneider.
 - 3-John Kirkwood & John Devine.

An open house, new brochures and a corporate marketing strategy are just some of the ways the club is promoting lawn bowls. Saturday coaching and instruction is organized for all new bowlers as well as a novice singles league. Weekday and evening play began in earnest on June 1 with tournament play held nearly every weekend through Labor Day.

Club officers were elected: President-Norma Harrington; VP-Mark Mathwig, Secretary-Barb Althoen and Treasurer-Roger Senn.

Bob Schneider and a crew of able volunteers keep the greens in tip-top shape. A new heavy roller also helps to keep the greens running at a fast pace, all this despite a vehicle that did a U-turn on the green sometime in May.

Here's a tip for new bowlers:

Should you want to get a lot of experience, then you will have to play in a lot of tournaments.

Northwest News



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Over the weekend of May 16-17, King City hosted the Northwest Division's Short Jack Tournament where the jack is always set at the minimum legal distance no matter where the mat is placed. We enjoyed good weather over the entire weekend, one of the few this year without any rain. Teams from Jefferson Park and Woodland Park in Seattle as well as from King City and Portland participated. Results: 1-Its & Nancy Nishikawa (Jefferson Park). 2-Jeff Covell & Andy Kluberud. 3-Roger Green & Nita Chambers.



Its & Nancy Nishikawa

Our division playdowns are scheduled for June and July, and the Summer Open will be held in Seattle Aug 8-16. Two day events include the team event, pairs, singles and triples. A one day novice competition will complete the schedule.

King City

By Larry Edgar

Our year's activities began in February and March with potluck lunches while waiting for the weather to improve to the point where bowling was possible.

Opening day in April was very pleasant, and we held an Open House in May to try to recruit new members. A Fun Day is scheduled for June 13 and the club championship and an ice cream social will be held Aug 22. A barbecue in September and a potluck in October will finish up the social occasions for this year.

Jefferson Park

By Lauren Heyne

Jefferson Park celebrated its official Opening Day with barbecued pulled pork, chili and coleslaw. It was a tad drizzly and chilly in early May, but plenty of members turned out. During the first night of "Bowling Boot Camp" we experienced a downpour, thunder and even hail, but it didn't deter those who came prepared to bowl, rain or shine.

Summer means league nights get started again. Both seasoned and new bowlers alike join the Women's League, the Men's League, and the Mixed Pairs League weekly through the summer months. This year the club has over 15 brand-new lawn bowlers joining up for leagues. We're continuing to recruit many new members to the club through the leagues, folks who may have never lawn bowled, but who wish to play a game that is not only fun but introduces them to a whole new community of people. The grill is always fired up early to encourage leaguers to prepare some dinner, sit down



Team Aloha celebrates after a game of Fours during the Jefferson Park Team Tournament

and relax, and get to know their fellow players. Summer also means Jefferson Park's two Open Bowl events begin again. The club opens its doors to the public, giving members the opportunity to show off the club to family and friends, while also allowing us to reach out to the larger community and share a bit of what lawn bowling is all about. At Friday Night Open Bowl & BBQ each week the grill is hot, music is playing and volunteer hosts show any new bowlers the basics while answering questions from curious passersby. Brunch-N-Bowls occurs one Sunday morning per month, catering to a slightly different crowd – those who enjoy the weekend morning hours, fresh brewed coffee and homemade baked goods.

A Remarkable Woman in the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division

27 years ago Genevieve Cichy took up lawn bowling at Rossmoor CA after moving from New Jersey and she says "I have never missed Opening Day Tournaments."

Genevieve joined in 1982 and has been bowling ever since. While at Rossmoor she won the US Pairs Playdowns four times, 1988, 1990, 1991 & 1994. She was runner-up in US Pairs in 1990 & 1991 and she won the US Open Pairs in those same years.



Her accomplishments at Rossmoor are legendary. She won club singles three years in a row. She became a US certified umpire, served as club treasurer, and bowled in 6 out of the 7 bowling divisions in the USA. She also bowled in both Vancouver and Victoria, Canada.

Luckily for Del Mesa LBC, Genevieve brought her talent and expertise to it in 2005. She has served as Vice-President for the two terms allowed, all the while inspiring others in the sport.

By the way, Genevieve may be the oldest woman competing in lawn bowling today because this October she will turn 95 years young.

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Feb 1. Jun 1. Oct 1.

WEBS and BLOGS

It seems to me that every other week some club or other is either creating a new web site or making a total redesign of its existing one. Until a few months ago the Southeast division didn't have one at all but now it has a spanking brand new one. The USLBA web site even has a spot for the Bowling Website of the Month, which in June was granted to the Johnson Lawn Bowls Club of Sun City West in Arizona. You can see it at www.scwlawnbowls.com. Previous web sites of the month have been Del Mesa LBC and Santa Cruz LBC, both in California.

How long will it be before many of us are signing up to use Twitter on Facebook, or running our own personal blog that might, for example, inform all and sundry about how we fared in the Jitney last Saturday afternoon? Perhaps I am out of touch and a lot of bowlers already are doing so and if that is the case, let me know about it.

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Northeast News



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The Classic Singles was held May 16-17 at Du Pont, Wilmington DE with 24 entries. Results: 1-Bud Fickley (Frick Park, Pittsburg). 2-Dan Berg (Williamsburg Inn). 3-Michelle Arculli (Essex County NJ). 4-Robin Goldman (Du Pont & Williamsburg Inn).

A record number of 34 bowlers from as far away as Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Florida gathered in Williamsburg Inn on May 30-31 for the Paul Motta Pairs. After the first day four Williamsburg teams were undefeated. After the final rounds and playoffs on the second day they took the top four honors.

Results: 1-Bob Hunt & Lorri Veden; 2-Joan Miller & Lew Lecompte; 3-Ed Reynolds & Dan Berg; 4-Jack Edwards & Joann Proper (who unfortunately sustained an injury) and substitutes Tom Miller and Emilio Bracalente.

Buck Hill Falls PA

By Gene Goodwin

We are enjoying four days of bowling most weeks to prepare for our club and open tournaments in July and August.

We offer lawn bowling to our entire Buck Hill community at 2 pm every Sunday. Our golf club does a similar thing on a few Friday evenings that has become so popular on those days that we no longer try to compete. We hold our practice sessions at 5 pm every Monday, Wednesday & Friday, with a social added on Fridays except on the two or three

Fridays when we bow to our golfers.

Our two club tournaments are scheduled for July 26 in Singles and Aug 16 in Pairs. In late August on a day yet to be determined, we go up against our nearby neighbors at Skytop to see which can claim to be second best lawn bowls club in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 2009. Skytop won this right last year.

We are eligible to bowl in the NE Open that will be held on our green Aug 1-6, but most of our 25 or so members feel less than ready for that level of competition. Even though the NE Open no longer attracts the world-class bowlers it once did a decade and more ago, the top bowlers from the NE who come to this tournament are quite capable of maintaining that same high level of competition.

Carlisle Nostrame continues to serve as club president this season, supported by VPs-Dale Frehse and Hank Walker, Treasurer-Brenda Norwick and Secretary-Barbara Wilson. Executive Committee members are Charlotte & Ken Blamble, Linda Goldfarb, Lois & Paul Grunder and Sue Walker.

DuPont - Wilmington DE

By Tom Lawlor

Officers for 2009 are President-Barry Gibson, VP-Tee Adams and Treasurer-Tom Lawlor.

Classic Singles were held May 16-17 with 24 entries. Congratulations to Winner Bud Fickley (Frick Park, Pittsburg) and further congratulations to Patrick Duffy who left the games in a hurry to welcome his new son.

Our Club is offering a \$100 prize to any new player that can beat our President. This challenge is expected to bring golfers, tennis players and others into the game.

Essex County - Bloomfield NJ

By George J. Schick

President Colin Smith welcomed members and guests to our Club's 2009 opening tournament on Saturday May 2. At the conclusion of the opening ceremonies, we played the Essex Open featuring

bowlers from the Tri-State area. Results: 1-Skippy & Michelle Arculli (Essex County). 2-Duncan Farrell, Brian Drozd & Lorraine Urquhart (Essex County). 3-Colin & Debbie Smith (Essex County). 4-Patrick Duffy, Tom McLaughlin & Judy Chamberlien (Brooklyn).

We are bowling Wednesday evenings each week through the season. We mix the teams up each week to allow all members an opportunity to bowl with each member at least once. All participants have a great time and enjoy the games.

Once again, our Club will be hosting Sunday afternoon "Learn to Lawn Bowl" sessions throughout the season. We work with local civic and youth organizations to introduce our sport and hopefully increase our membership. We offer a great deal of thanks to Colin & Debbie Smith and Bob & Lorraine Urquhart for leading this effort on behalf of our Club.

We are looking forward to hosting the Singles Playdowns in July. This event always features a great display of lawn bowling.

New York

By Charles Crawford

The end of May is Fleet Week in New York City and the Marines have landed on the greens at the New York Lawn Bowling Club. Social member Rebecca Winson invited three of our country's finest to learn the game, and they learned quickly, getting several bowls directly on the jack - looking sharp in their blue dress uniforms. It was an honor to share the rinks with these fine young men.

On other fronts, membership is up from last year and we expect to pass 100 members before the end of the season. Our increase in membership is probably due to the large number of spectators during weekend club games, our schedule of tournaments, arranged by Tournament & Games Chair Kjell Wikestam and the Monday evening open houses organized by Bingo Wyer, Head of Membership.

Congratulations go out to former NYLBC president Charles Crawford and his lead Jean Lithgow for winning the prestigious George Reid Pairs on May 23. It was an active green.

As we prepare the greens for the NED Pairs Playdowns in June we are hoping for dry weather. Jim Murphy and Patrick Duffy were out playing on Memorial Day afternoon with Gene Oka and Jonathan Kingman and said that the green was running well. We look forward to a big turnout and welcome divisional players to Manhattan. We promise large galleries.

All USLBA members are welcome to join us and for dates and times of club games, check the calendar on our website www.nybowls.com

Give us a call ahead of time if you can.

Fernleigh - West Hartford CT By Gordon B. Fowler

Membership and improvement of the greens are the major agenda items for us this year. On May 16 we held an open house for all who would like to try or just learn about lawn bowling. Despite a cloudy, rain threatening day, more than 25 came and of those, 17 signed up for a subsequent lesson. The person responsible for this successful event was our Second VP, Ginger Stolzenberg. She designed an invitation with color photographs which with the help of Mary Bjorkman were widely distributed to local stores, public buildings, newspapers and to others by mail or by hand. Although still a work in progress, our greens thanks to a very generous gift, are much improved.

In the first tournament of the season on the Saturday before Memorial Day, John McNeil & Don Wood won out over Frank Mastranardi & Mark Gifford in a play off for first place.

Williamsburg Inn By Susan Berg

Our Club kicked off its spring season with an Open House on April 11 that despite cold, wet and windy conditions attracted 16 individuals who got a chance to try out the sport. Many thanks go to Colonial Williamsburg which issued a press release prior to the event and to the local newspapers for their excellent publicity. President Ann Wuest has been very active in promoting the club and our membership now stands at 58, the second largest in the NED.

Jack Edwards & Paul Howland won the first tournament of the season (the Round Robin Pairs) with an undefeated record.

On April 25 the club held an "Old Timers" Reunion in memory of Dave Lee, a recently deceased member. Dave was one of the original Craftsmen League that Colonial Williamsburg sent to bowl in colonial costume at the Spaulding Inn in New Hampshire each summer in the late 1950s and 1960s. For the reunion, several surviving members of the league came to the green to play or watch club members bowl a game and to participate in a spider. Lew Lecompte, Bill Holcombe & Dan Berg organized the event.

In May we were pleased to host the NED sponsored Paul Motta Pairs in which our bowlers took the first four positions (see NED News).

Congratulations to Ed Reynolds for bowling so well in the Southeast Open in Sarasota in March. Ed finished first in B flight in the Triples, first in D Flight with Dan Berg in the Pairs, and second in A flight in the Singles. Congratulations to member Burl Roller for being selected for Team USA.

Bob Hunt and Ann Wuest have reinstated an old custom of members going out for dinner after Thursday Social Bowls, and many members are enjoying food and fun that follows a good game of bowls.

Late News

Northeast Pairs Playdowns

This event was held June 13-15 at New York.

Results: Men: Richard & Bob Sayer.

Women: Eileen Luba & Lois Saladin.

Dear Cassy: I am well adjusted with a low profile and like to avoid any controversy. Who marks the score at the completion of each end? I was told when I started bowling that it is done by the losing skip or vice-skip. One of our members either does not know the rule or ignores it. The moment the end is completed this person dashes to mark the board regardless of who won or lost. Shall I let it ride or take some action?

Irritated in Ipswich.

Dear Irritated: Hide the chalk or win every end. **C.**

Dear Cassy: I am not a novice bowler and have played with many different people. The problem is what can be done about the few skips who criticize their teammates during or after the game. Friendly suggestions are appreciated but belligerent behavior is entirely out of place. What if anything, can be done without a clash? **Play for Pleasure.**

Dear Play: Just think what their spouse must endure. **C.**

Dear Cassy: In some clubs the losing lead at each end does the gathering or raking while at other clubs the leads take turns. Is there any rule regarding this? **Wants to Conform.**

Cassy's Corner



Dear Wants: It is up to the leads to decide; but if you feel you are on the strongest team, hold out for loser to push. Save your strength. **C.**

Dear Cassy: I have been a lawn bowler for a long time but am not quite good enough to be a skip. I am happy in my position as vice-skip and measuring for a point gives me a pleasant sense of power. My question is that assuming both vice-skips have a measure, which one does the measuring? **Ann in Andover.**

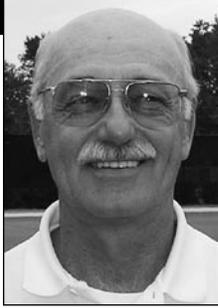
Dear Ann: The one with the fastest draw. **C.**

Dear Cassy: How about the skip who always blames the other members of his team? How should I handle such a problem? **Puzzled.**

Dear Puzzled: By becoming a skip. **C.**

Should you have a problem that relates to lawn bowling, send it to Cassy via the editor.

Southeast News



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Division Playdowns

By Bud Ricucci

The Playdowns were held at Mount Dora beginning April 20.



Singles: Earl Shaner (runner up) and Abe Kaplan (winner)

Abe Kaplan (Lakeland) and Earl Shaner (Mount Dora) were undefeated after six games in the round robin and in the play off Abe defeated Earl 21-14. Abe resides in Georgia, is a U.S. citizen and was a highly ranked bowler at one time in South Africa.



Singles: Bobbi Elwell (runner up) and Jackie Tucker (winner)



Pairs winners: Ron Buck (Sarasota) and George Tucker (Pinehurst)



Pairs winners: Angela Carkhuff and Jean Adams (Mount Dora)

North Central Florida League

By Beth Forbes

The 2009 league was composed of 14 teams and all games were played at Mount Dora. Players came from Mount Dora and from Lakeland.

Winners: Championship Flight:
1- Mike Maneilly, Jean Adams & Bobbi Elwell (Mount Dora). 2-Christine Garbett, Don Woodington & Arlene Marshall (Lakeland). 3-Sy Carkhuff, Tom Eppich & Angela Carkhuff (Mount Dora).

Awards are given to players who have played 100 games in the league. This year, Beth Forbes achieved the 200 game mark, without even missing one game since she joined in 1994.

New board members: Secretary- Cindy Cote & Wayne Martin (Mount Dora), Christine Garbett & Don Woodington (Lakeland).

Clearwater

By May Blair

This year saw the inauguration of the Ede MacWilliams Memorial Open

Woman Skip Tournament which is sponsored by Ede's family. Ede represented the USA at World Bowls, won the first US Women's Pairs National Championship and is in the USLBA Hall of Fame. 26 teams participated from Clearwater, Mount Dora, Sun-N-Fun, Sun City, Lakeland, World Parkway and Kingston Ontario. Cecilia Noble, Lindsay Blair & Joe Platania (Clearwater) were the winners.

Al & Maureen Ferguson won the Valentine's Day Mixed Pairs.

Joyce Lannan organized the very successful Lasagna Supper and Bingo night that drew a total of 91 members and friends. Betty & Neil Kelly baked and served the lasagna. We also held a Pizza and Bingo night organized by Kathleen Mein.

Teams from Sun-N-Fun, Lakeland and Sarasota competed in the 4-3-2-1 Mixed Pairs and Al and Maureen Ferguson were declared the winners. Sheila Lumley skipped her team of Eleanor Calder & Shelley McCartney to victory to become the Ladies Triples Champions.

20 teams from Lakeland, Mount Dora, Sarasota and World Parkway competed in the Hall of Fame tournament. Winners were Ron Buck (Sarasota), Sheila Lumley & Alex Graham (both Clearwater).

The Australian Pairs League Division One was won by Russ Tees & Denise Marinacchio. Division Two champs were Joe Lannan & Barb Roller.

On St Patrick's Day, teams decked out in green vied for the Pot of Gold at the end of the rainbow. Rick Wall, Eleanor Calder & Edna Smith were fortunate to find it.

Congratulations to Jack Mein, Les Jarvis & Kathleen Mein for winning the William Kaestle Memorial Tournament.

In February we all went on the bus to play Mount Dora in our annual reciprocal match and won by one point.

Two new directors were elected at the Annual & General Meeting: Rick Wall and Shelley McCartney.

Cecilia Noble and Ron Mulvaney were made Life Members in appreciation of their many years of dedicated service to the club.

42 players participated in the Mayor's Charity and \$645 was donated to the Homeless Intervention Program. Winners of the plaque were Ron Jones, Joy Sinclair & Joe Platania.



Joe Platania, Joy Sinclair & Ron Jones

Delray Beach

By Barry Brown

We completed a busy winter schedule packed with tournaments, luncheons and a trip to Mount Dora. Our membership has increased to 43 active bowlers. Current officers: President-Toby Johnson, VP-Bill O'Day, Secretary-Sandy Johnson & Treasurer-Viviana Lebel.

Our tournaments included one for novices that was won by Martin Salent & Paul Littman. Club triples was won by Barry Brown, Bill Mason & Arnie Kass. Denise Taylor (women's singles winner) took home the title and trophy for the South Florida Lawn Bowler of the Year by edging out Toby Johnson (men's singles winner).



Denise Taylor being presented with the South Florida Lawn Bowler of the Year trophy by Past President Barry Brown

Kings Point West

By Bernie Dooley

Sun City Center hosted us to a friendly match between seven triples teams from each club. We lost 4-10.

We held our annual cookout at the Gazebo and 83 hungry bowlers showed up. Frank & Myrna Crowley brought their music machine and everyone claimed it was the best party of the year.

Crazy Bowls was held in February and you should have seen the smiles on the winning teams. Bob Lang made up the squads and named them after major league baseball teams. It was social events so each team played a couple of ends with one team and then moved on to play a different team. The top three teams won a few dollars. After bowling there was a hot dog roast by Stuart Maginnis. This is an annual event to celebrate President's Day with the bowlers wearing red, white or blue.

President Ron Doncouse opened the awards and banquet by giving thanks to Bob Lang, past president, for his help in guiding the club to its present position. He also thanked members who help maintain the club. We learned that Ginger Anzalone, Vice President of the Federation, put in an application for a brand new lawn bowling green to be installed near the existing one.

Trophies were presented to the tournament winners. Richie Bozza won the Triple Crown, which comprises the men's singles, pairs, and club championship and is the first ever to win all three events. Judy Fenwick won the women's crown for the eleventh straight year. Peggy Lang & Richie Bozza took the Pair's championship. Ellen Gentile won the Women's Beginners title and Rene Aube won the Men's.

Lakeland

By Christine Garbett

Winter bowling season has drawn to a close with the departure of many of our members to their summer homes. The remaining members will continue to bowl through the summer furthering their efforts to attract new members to join us.

A full and varied program of bowling has taken place over the past few months, with several tournaments and leagues being completed. Lakeland was a joint winner with Sun-N-Fun of the West Florida League. Winners of the

Lake Parker League Men's Section were Arnold Mueller, George Landon & Gene DeWitt and the Women's Section winners were Christine Garbett, Norma Phillips & Marion Patterson. The last tournament of the season was the Strathallan Pairs run by the Garbetts along the same lines as tournaments in Scotland with round robin play in sections, a semi-final and final. The eventual winners were Doug Marshall & Jim Claydon.

The Annual Closing Dinner was held at the Magnolia Building in Lakeland and members enjoyed a pleasant evening with dinner and dancing. The highlight of the evening was the presentation to Charles (Chuck) Best aged 90 of a plaque and certificate in recognition of his many years of service to the club. He was also presented with an Honorary Membership. At the Polk Senior Games Lawn Bowling tournament in March Christine Garbett and he won the silver medal.

President of the Southeast Division and Lakeland member John Garbett has spoken several times at different tournaments, encouraging bowlers to support each other's clubs, continue with membership drives and generally raise the profile of lawn bowling in Florida. Lakeland looks forward to the new season with an updated and revised calendar of events that are designed to cater to every level of bowler and encouraging all members to participate more fully in all aspects of bowling.

Mount Dora

By Jackie Williamson

Our January Open House resulted in seven new members. Another Open House is scheduled for May along with evening classes.

New Officers: President-Brian Smith, VP-Tracy Wulbrecht, Secretary-Jackie Williamson and Treasurer-Claire Weston. New Directors: Games-Earl Shaner; House-Ruth Pivonka; Long Range Planning-Sue Roberts; Membership-Joe Bender; Social-Linda James.

21 bowlers travelled to Lakeland to play in a two game friendly. Mount Dora skips were assigned two Lakeland bowlers and vice versa. The day's bowling resulted in a tie.

The annual Clearwater Reciprocal visit was held at Mount Dora this year and resulted in a narrow victory for Clearwater with 13 wins vs. Mount Dora's 12 wins and a tie. Members from Delray Beach visited us and have invited us to visit their club next year.

Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day were well-attended with the usual good food and lots of fun. The Annual Banquet was a catered event with 100 members and a Margaritaville theme. On our Founders' Day, bowling was followed by lunch and the annual awards ceremony for tournament winners.

Tournament Results: Lady Skip: Jane Keneipp, Clarence Fickel & Frank Ackley. Bill's Game: Michael Maneilly. Men's Triples: Bob Wulbrecht, Dave Kruger & Tom Jagel. Women's Triples: Angela Carkhuff, Jan Kline & Janet Vassallo. Home League: Bill Baird, Don Cote & Suzanne Peele. Major Marsh: Cindy Cote, Dave Kruger & Brian Bogue. Men's Singles: Bill Forbes. Women's Singles: Beth Forbes. Men's Pairs: Sy Carkhuff & Larry Stull. Women's Pairs: Angela Carkhuff & Doris Cole. Fox Hill Mixed Triples: Leon Lambert, Lee Kline & Lois Lindley.

Bud Ricucci was selected to be our club's Chief Umpire. He is the Southeast Division's Head Umpire and has been busy recruiting and training new umpires. The addition of Bob Wulbrecht, Tom Cole, Barb Smith & Jim Gingrich brings our club's total to ten.

Sun-N-Fun

By Jean Stuhlmuller

The tournament season is over and most of us are heading north after a wonderful season on our superb green.

Tournament results: Farrell Tournament: Kathy Whitehead. End of Year Tournament: Wayne Riddell, Jean Stuhlmuller & Bob Colquhoun. The OWNERS beat the RENTERS.

The Grass League ended with Sun-N-Fun and Lakeland tied for first place. Sun-N-Fun beat Port Charlotte in the home & away series 10-6 with the team of Julia Farrell, Tony Farrell & Donna McLeese taking first prize.

New Executive Board: President-Don

Rice; VP-Jerry DeJulia, Secretary-Jean Stuhlmuller, Treasurer-Ron Bonhomme, Social & Hospitality-Donna McLeese, Property-Peter Bunce & Tournaments-Tony Farrell.

Sarasota

By Duncan James

An increase in membership coupled with the taking over of more of the greens upkeep responsibilities from Sarasota County, enabled us to keep the membership fees unchanged and to purchase some much needed rakes.



Who says work parties are not FUN?

Photo by Ingrid James

Congratulations to Graham Smith and his team for the splendid condition of the greens that earned much praise.

President Ron Buck, despite considerable health problems, worked tirelessly to promote the bowling activities and to create a very pleasant atmosphere. Our women playing in the Southeast Open reached for the stars by winning the singles, pairs and fours, crowned by Mary Meldrum being the Woman Bowler of the Tournament.

Club championship results: Men's singles & club champion-Dick LaBrie. Women's singles-Sandra Whitelaw.

St. Petersburg

By Audrey Shane

It has been a very exciting year and City Mayor Rick Baker has been very generous to us. Our bowls testing facility was renovated with a new roof and awning. The club house exterior was painted recently and a new awning was fitted. We are currently renovating the interior of the club house with a coat of paint and new carpeting. We introduced lawn bowling to 33 members of the Salty Sisters Yacht Club and some of them are interested in joining us.

We have been in several parades in St. Petersburg proudly displaying our club's lawn bowling banners. A local Chrysler dealer loaned us one of their convertibles for the parades making us quite proud. Our year ended with a picnic at Fort Desoto Park.

The club's website has been a success thanks to Linda Ricker keeping all activities updated. We are looking forward to a new year with many plans being formulated.

Pebble Beach (Men) & Suncoasters (Women)

Sun City Center

By David Burbery

The Del Webb Triples was held February 22. The event was run by Tony Hawken and it attracted teams from eight clubs throughout the state. The greens played extremely well thanks to the efforts of Bob Ferguson and his helpers. Three 12 end games were played and the overall winner was the team of Rex Pickles, John Shanklin (Pebble Beach) & Sue Bellerose (Sun Coasters).



John Shanklin, Sue Bellerose & Rex Pickles

The Challenge Match between Pebble Beach (Men) & Sun Coasters (Women) for the Burbery Trophy resulted in a win for the men.



Ray Turman (Pebble Beach President) receives the Burbery Trophy from Christine Burbery (Sun Coasters President)

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California Bear Trophy

By Gene Plunkett

25 ladies from the SWD took to green #3 in Santa Anita to compete for a California Bear. It was 100 degrees during the afternoon but Gayle Plunkett the kitchen guru, kept things cool. After lunch, Tournament Director Izzie Forbes, got the ladies rolling again. The winning team was: Cecile Langevin (Long Beach), Evelyn Tiel (Sun City), Verna Wallace (Hemet) & Jo Mumma (Riverside).



Jo Mumma, Evelyn Tiel, Verna Wallace & Cecile Langevin proudly holding their California Bear trophies

Photo by Gene Plunkett

Hermosa Beach

By Tony "Mate" Crutchfield

Our wee club is now up to 45 members. The Open House was successful with over 100 people showing up and from them we obtained 15 sign-ups. Thanks to Rosa, Tony, and Phil from Newport for assisting us with instruction on that day. Our club could become a force to be reckoned with as quite a few of our newer members are under age 40.

Aaron Zangi (lead) was on the winning team at the Southern California Rinks.

The rumor that our club was put on the chopping block by the Parks and Recreation Committee has been put to rest. The Committee was under the assumption we were a private organization but President Julian Katz, 20 club members and others, attended a meeting and assured the Committee we are a public entity and a benefit to the community. It also helped that Rosa Gandara, Bryan Studwell, Bill Wolf, Myrna Chen, and Len Cormier showed their support by attending the meeting.

Laguna Woods

By Eileen Donohue

Our clubhouse is receiving a facelift! There's a new paint job on the inside and one scheduled for the outside. The plinth and backboards have already been repainted.

Thanks to Dick LeRoy we have new flags from around the world hanging across the clubhouse.



These flags represent countries that send bowlers to the US Open which is scheduled to be held in Southern California next year. This tradition was started in our club by Virginia Marlar a number of years ago as a reflection of pride and gratitude to visitors.

Our club entered the 6th Annual Senior Games in May. The Gold medal was won by John McRoberts & Frank DelPonte, the Silver by Lillian Hardgrove & Loyde Stewart and the Bronze by Harvey Miller & Bert Lehman. The leads on all three teams are novices.

Long Beach

By Bernie Crabtree

The Winter League finished in March with our team coming in a close second only losing first place to Santa

Monica by one point. On St. Patrick's Day many a green leprechaun was seen around our greens celebrating the bowling and a delicious potluck.

The 14th Annual Carnival held in Long Beach in April was a big success with 99 bowlers participating. The monies received will help with the US National Championship expenses.

The Coast League is well underway with two teams from each of the five participating clubs: Long Beach, Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods, Newport Beach & Santa Ana.

Tournament results: - Chris Hyland Triples: 1-Cecile Langevin, Pat Gonzales & Katy Stone. SWD Rinks; 1-Dan Christensen, Aaron Zandl, Ed Quo (Newport) & Liam Courtney (Pasadena). The Groves Mixed Triples: 1-Bo Bowbeer, Cecile Langevin & Pat Gonzales.

Even though our Open House started out slowly we did get nine people to sign up for the special membership discount thanks to Treasurer Frank Impinna's fantastic sales pitch. Most of the visitors were drive-bys or walk-ins which tell us our banners and signs were effective but not our local newspaper coverage.

We bid farewell to Frank Impinna who has been the treasurer, editor of the newsletter and the creator of our club directory, just to mention a few of the many hats that he has worn over the years. He is moving to the Denver CO area to be close to his family. Staci Baker will take over his duties as treasurer.

Santa Barbara

By Ken Gould

Time does fly—we are midway through our club bowling year! The last five months have been extremely busy. Tournaments held included the Veteran Novice Pairs, Novice Pairs, Novice Singles, and the Super Senior Singles (for the older oldies). Unfortunately we had to cancel some because of bad weather or lack of participation.

To open the visitation season, MacKenzie Park came to challenge us on our artificial turf. We had a good turnout and great bowling matches.

During March & April we conducted a four-week, blind-draw Australian Pairs league on our grass green. It was a lot of fun and will probably be a regular yearly event. In April, we began twilight bowling for those who prefer equal time for bowling and snacking.

In early May, the open house we had planned so carefully had an unwelcome visitor - our devastating Jesusita fire in the foothills. Turnout for the Open House was pretty sparse because of the turmoil due to firefighting activities plus the evacuation and sheltering of thousands of people. That was our third major fire in the past year; enough already!

Riverside

By Kottia Spangler

Saturday April 18, the temperature in Riverside rose to over 90 degrees but that didn't squash the enjoyment of invited guests. A potluck luncheon was followed by bowls instruction and play.



John Ruelas is giving tips to Susan and Sandy on how to grip the bowl.

Club members on hand to offer instruction were: Mary Assay, John & Wanda Ruelas, Kottia Spangler and Anne Nunes.

Santa Ana

By Bob Lindsay

Once again our club participated in the Annual SW Open House Day on May 9. There were almost 50 guests present and we signed up about half of them on that day. There was great support from our "regulars" and particularly we want to thank Joe Egerer for his advertising expertise. We even signed up a family of six that spanned three generations!

Club tournament winners: Horwood Triathlon Pairs: Leo Smith & Robert Alessi. Triples: 1-Rose Blennov, Charlyn Moltane & Rick Gregory. Pairs: 1-Charlyn Moltane & Dick Clark. Men's Singles: Tom Glass. Women's Singles: Marion Horwood.

The Groves

By Cliff Hilliard

Starting with the Winter League, our first year entry blundered along. Winning some and losing too many, our claim to fame came in our last match when we became the only team to defeat and spoil a perfect season for the league champs of Santa Monica. Our team was skipped by Joe Moletta, followed by Chet Miller, Andy Kerr and Cliff Hilliard.

The Australian Pairs six-week tournament was won by Cliff Hilliard & Fanchion Michaelson. The Groves Invitational Mixed Triples was a great success with one thousand dollars in prize money. Bill Hempe did a great job of running this event. The winners were awarded their prizes with strands of one dollar bills taped together and draped across the club veranda.

The May 9 Fun Day, organized to attract new members, also "rained" money in the form of Gold and Silver Dollars being thrown into the pile of spider games. This was followed by a fun "backward triples" game and lots of pizza.

Santa Anita

By Gene Plunkett

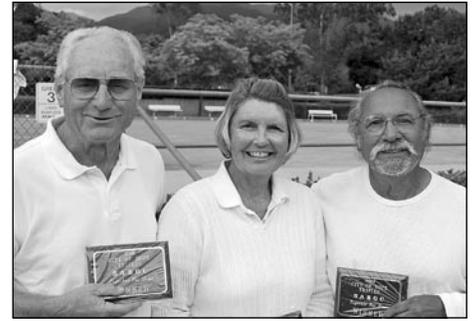
We hosted the SW Open May 28-June 4 and over 580 bowlers competed.

On June 6 we held our 39th annual Mixed Triples fundraiser for the City of Hope Charity in Aid of Cancer. The event consists of three ten end games and is divided into A and B greens.

The A green had 12 teams, the B green had 10 and the top scoring team on each green received a plaque for their efforts. Each bowler has to pay a minimum of \$20 or more to enter and all of the money collected is given to the City of Hope.

Results: - A green: 1-Marinko Tudor, Margi Rambo & John Gonzales (Santa Anita).

2-Bill Kagan (Oaks North), Conrad & Judai Melton (Sun City). 3-Todd Werner (Santa Monica), Colin Stead & Marty Bierman (Holmby Park).



Marinko Tudor, Margi Rambo & John Gonzales

B green: 1-George Rajacich, Richard Mason & Linda Baton (Holmby Park). 2-Dee McSparran, Tony & Rita Greenberg (Newport Harbor). 3-Alan Ngo, Julia Tong & Raymond Che (Alhambra).



George Rajacich, Richard Mason & Linda Baton

Tournament Director Gayle Plunkett presented Brenda Warner from the City of Hope with a bundle of checks totaling \$3360. Gene & Gayle Plunkett provided the food with some help from Ralph's Market in Hastings Ranch Shopping Complex. Everyone had plenty to eat and drink and all were invited to come back next year.

There is good attendance at the Bowler of the Month Draw on Tuesday evenings and we recently had 24 bowlers show up. We also have a good turnout on Saturday mornings for Bowling for Bucks. We play one game and every bowler contributes \$2 and the club responds with \$1 each.

We didn't get to hold our Open House on May 9 but we intend to hold it later in the season. Instead, the Wood Carvers held their show and sale in the clubhouse.

We are sad to say that we lost Bob Padgett on Feb 16 and Ed Whitney on May 18.

San Diego

By Bill Hiscock

We have been doing well in tournaments. Bill Brault was not only named "Bowler of the Tournament" in the Southwest Open, but our bowlers along with Bill took all five singles flights. So far as is known, no club has ever done this before.

Special congratulations to new bowler Lynda Borkum who with her skip Robin Olson won the pairs in the Southwest Open.

Good greens make for good bowlers and kudos to Melanie Visenor, member in charge of our improved and well groomed greens and to all those who assist her. Thanks also to our members who have contributed to the cost of the new tile floors in the Club house. 59 potential members signed up for lessons at our open house in May.

Come on Down

By Carrie Fossati

22 bowlers from different clubs in the SWD, along with relatives and friends kept their fingers crossed in hopes of hearing Drew Carey shout out their name at The Price Is Right's CBS TV Studio in Hollywood. Donna Punaro was chosen to 'Come on Down'. From contestant row, Donna won an exercise bicycle and made her way on stage.

The process of being interviewed for being one of ten contestants takes about 3 hours. The actual taping is close to 1 1/2 hrs. Once inside, the studio set the tone for an exhilarating mood with loud music and comedic rapport. After last minute instructions, the host took the stage for one of the best known audience participation game shows on TV.

Letters to the Editor

Magazine Cost Reduction

I have enjoyed having Bowls USA as a PDF file. The cost in the printing is the set-up (plates/film/layout). You need to stop printing the magazine completely and have each of the clubs have their "Club Computer Person" print 2 or 3 copies from the PDF file and let those

without e-mail come to their club and read the magazine. I think USLBA could use the thousands of dollars saved for a better purpose.

Bud Birkenseer, Palo Alto

It is very easy to reduce the cost of your great magazine as a percentage of USLBA revenue income and all it takes is one simple act of courage on behalf of the board and counselors - to double the USLBA's trivially small membership

fees. Sure, we may lose some 25% of our members that way. So what? We will have double the revenue from the 75% who pony up again. These will be the ones that care about preserving and growing the sport. It is time for the USLBA to mount major marketing and promotional campaigns, not to be saving pennies. Growth of membership solves all financial problems.

Athol Foden (USLBA Web Master)
See article below.

Marketing Corner

1-Review your bowling hours

Realize that to grow your club, your recruiting target is primarily but not exclusively, active adults over 50, many of whom are still working. This means that they can only bowl at weekends or after work. Plus in this day and age, their weekends are rather crowded, so they cannot spend a whole day bowling. Bottom line; move your bowling hours to mornings or afternoons but not lunch hours, and you will immediately make it more convenient for working people as well as busy retirees.

Unlike older retired folks, workers typically eat lunch 12 to 1:30. Weather permitting, we have found 9:30am and/or 1:30pm as much better starting times than 12 noon or even 12:30, plus 5pm one evening per week in summer.

2-Review your city or community connection

Should someone move to your neighborhood and approach the city parks and recreation department in person; via newspapers, bulletins or the internet, will lawn bowls be recommended as a possible adult activity? Are you listed on their maps, guides and directories? They have much larger community outreach programs than your club will ever have, so make sure your data is current and complete. For some clubs this is your only marketing presence online or in public, so give it the respect it deserves. Make sure you personally invite the city parks and recreation department to bowl at least once a year. Offer your club-house for some of the city's small offsite meetings so you continue to stay on their radar.

Marketing Corner is brought to you by Athol Foden (www.svmarketeer.com)

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The highlight of our year will be the hosting of the US Open during October 24-30. The welcome mat is out and anticipation is high as clubs in the area spruce up their facilities and greens. Volunteers have been hard at work under Chairman R. Gil Stephan Jr., Councilor Dora Stewart and Co-chair Marcia Masterson to make it a success. We hope you all will join in to meet old friends and make new ones.

Dollar Monday hosted by the Sun City club will resume in October for all USLBA members to enjoy an afternoon of social bowling at the Lakeview greens.

Lindsay Towns Senior Open

Participants had to be 70 years old this year and all players are from Sun City unless otherwise noted.

The Open Triples with 12 teams entered was held at Johnson LBC, Sun City West on Feb 27-March 1.



Dick Rice, Bill Neville & Norm Dean

Championship flight: 1-Norm Dean, Bill Neville & Dick Rice (all from Casa Grande). 2-Larry Brohammer (Sun City

West), George Ralston (Sun City West) and Len Rice. 3-John & Jenny Scutt and Bob Hill (all from Paradise). 4-Ken & Wanda Truckenbrod and Ann Howland. 2nd Flight: 1-Joe Murphy, Hazel Reid & Marcia Masterson. 2-Andre Banares, Gene Haugen (SC West) & Gene Johnson (SC West).

The Open Pairs with 14 teams entered was held at Johnson LBC, Sun City West on March 3-5.



Jennie & John Scutt on each side of Sheryl Towns (widow of Lindsay Towns)

Championship Flight: 1-John & Jennie Scutt (Paradise RV Resort). 2-Bill DesBrisay (Sun City Grand) & Bob Christie. 3-Ken & Wanda Truckenbrod. 4-Gerry Jones & Allan Robertson. 2nd Flight: 1-Rich Mills & Chris Krogh (both from Paradise RV Resort). 2-Joe Murphy & Hazel Reid.

Rebecca MacArthur President's Fives

This was held March 7 at Bell LBC, Sun City with 10 teams participating.



Jean Brighton, Irene DeBrock, Mary Wright, Ria Wilson & Anne Van Bastelaere

1-Anne Van Bastelaere, Jean Brighton, Irene DeBrock, Mary Wright & Ria Wilson. 2-Myra Wood, Regina Banares,

Nita Burdick, Annette Schans & Lorraine Hitchcock. 3-Pat Harrison, Dora Stewart, Sue Sleeper, Nancy Davidson & Beryl Harrington.

All the above players are from Sun City.

Paradise

By Marilyn Appollo

In March we ended the active bowling season with a banquet during which we recognized our club bowlers for their achievements.

Singles tournament winners were Lil Davies for the women and Lloyd Peterson for the men. Novice winners were Diane Dumont and Paul Christensen. A barbeque was held after the singles events for all club members. Lloyd Peterson & Elaine Hansen took the pairs title and James Mackey, Eileen Milsom & Dave Carlson were victorious in the triples.

Most bowlers have headed back to their summer homes in the spring and we appreciate Bob Gabreilson and Brian Sherwood who give the green loving care during the summer.

Sun City Grand

By Bob Walters

Our green was closed May 1 for a complete renovation. It was first sprayed with a broad-spectrum herbicide in May and in June the old sod and soil were removed down to two inches below the existing green level. New sand and soil was applied; laser leveled and re-seeded, all under the supervision of Lyall Adams, President of Wood Bay Turf Technologies.

In addition to the work on the green, all benches, scoreboards and rakes have been replaced. Nearly \$40,000 was provided by our community association for this project. Upon its completion, we anticipate having one of the finest lawn bowling surfaces in the South. Our facility will be one of several in the area available for practice and competition during the US Open in October. We look forward to co-hosting this prestigious event.

A special thanks to the Johnson Lawn Bowls Club in Sun City West for the use of their greens during this renovation.

South Central News

Sun City West

By Jim Penrod

In January and February we had a busy time of hosting the South Central Division Men's Open, the Lindsay Towns National Senior Open and the Arizona Olympics.

The Tomie Ferrao Memorial Mixed Pairs Open was held in March with 26 teams competing and Bob Christie made a great job of directing it. The winners were Regina & Andre Banares. All participants enjoyed the one day tournament and requested more similar events.

We are looking forward to the US Open in October and in November we will again host the Roberta Lane Open Tri-ples and the Bob Lane Open Pairs. A Mixed Fives Open is on the calendar for December.

Division Playdowns

This event was held at Lakeview, Sun City. All players are from Lakeview LBC and everyone has played in the US National Championships before, except Marcia Masterson.



Pairs: Dora Stewart & Marcia Masterson



Pairs: Len Hitchcock & Frank Souza



Singles: Jack Behling and Irene Webster

Southwest Open

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Men's Triples:

Championship Flight: 1-Joe Regan, Mert Isaacman & Bob Kort (all Newport Harbor). 2-Bob Schneider (Milwaukee), Michael Siddall (Newport Harbor) & Loren Dion (MacKenzie Park). 3-Ian Ho (Laguna Beach), Tony Baer (Newport Harbor) & Liam Courtney (Pasadena). 4-Phil Dunn (Santa Monica), Chris Booth (San Diego) & Dan Christensen (Long Beach). 2nd Flight: 1-Charlie Herbert, Ed Quo & Brian Stewart (Newport Harbor). 2- Jonathon, Joshua & Tom Burnoski (Oakland). 3rd: Flight: 1-Reinie Kramer (Laguna Beach), Jerry Grady (Newport Harbor) & Dale

Lucas (Newport Harbor). 2-Roger Teske (Oaks North), Phil Salt (Oaks North) & Gary Fischer (Laguna Beach). 4th Flight: 1-Steve Bezanson (Nova Scotia), Larry Murphy (Santa Cruz) & Bill Pearson (PIMD). 2-Rick Warren, Rob Hum-phreys & Kelly Warren (Cambria).



Bob Kort, Mert Isaacman & Joe Regan

Photo by Gene Plunkett

Women's Triples (16):

Championship Flight: 1-Mary Ann Beath (SCD), Lorraine Hitchcock (SCD) & Patricia Cronshaw (MacKenzie Park). 2-Sybil Bernash (The Groves), Gisela Schmidt & Tanya Hills (Laguna Beach). 3-Kottia Spangler (Riverside), Anne Nunes (Newport Harbor) & Rosa Gandara (Hermosa Beach). 4-Regina Banares, Marcia Masterson (SCD) & Olga McCord (San Diego). 2nd Flight: 1-Cecile Langevin (Long Beach), Erika Sistad (SCD) & Jo Mumma (Riverside). 2-Linda Jahraus (Laguna Beach), Brenda Wright (Oaks North) & Sharon Grady (Newport Harbor). 3rd Flight: 1-Maryna Hyland (Newport Harbor), Robin Olson & Lynda Borkum (San Di-ego). 2-Myra Wood (SCD), Annette Schans (SCD) & Margi Rambo (Santa Anita).

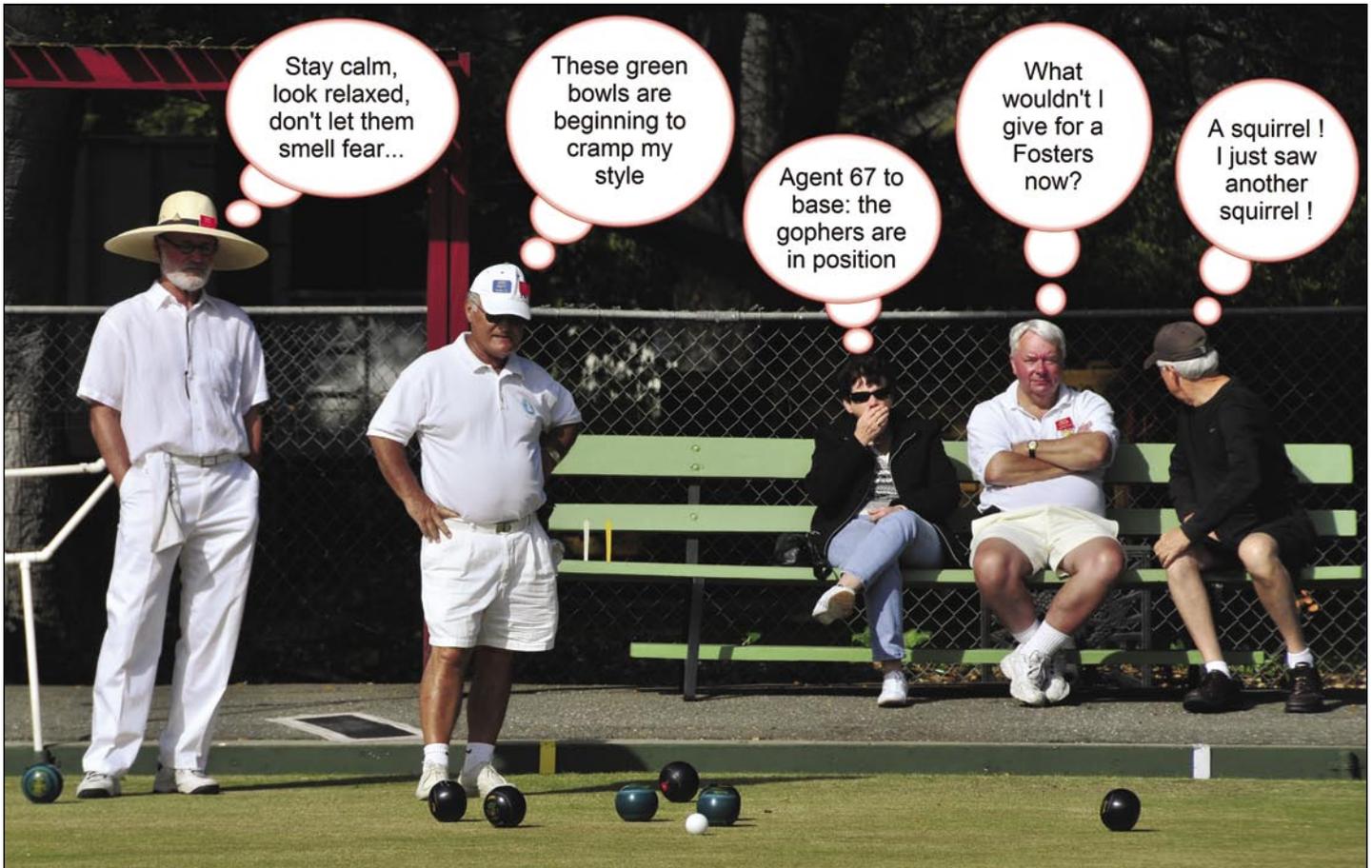


Patricia Cronshaw, Lorraine Hitchcock & Mary Ann Beath

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David Hale, Jerry Knott, Annet & Kevin Latham and Terry Hogan spend a typical afternoon at Palo Alto Photo by Simon Chadwick
Palo Alto

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We now have the following champions: Women's Pairs - E B Parkell & Linda Flores; Men's Pairs - Bob Schwartz & Jerry Knott. In both events there were surprise winners, exciting finishes and shots that drew enthusiastic applause.

The club hosted several Friendship games and our members have enjoyed the competition from players they do not normally see. The green has been playing well and bowling has been a real pleasure. Many thanks are due to the City of Palo Alto for their great work.

More of our club members are now entering PIMD tournaments where they have a chance to play against the best bowlers in the area and on varied greens. Most of these players have enjoyed meeting very pleasant people and gained a lot of experience which has improved their game. In August the City of Palo Alto hosts the National Senior Games with over 13,000 athletes participating. Lawn Bowling will be a demonstration event this year.

Pizza Bowls on Wednesday evenings has had a very good turnout every week. Groundhog Day baked potato bar, French Bistro Night and the Cinco de Mayo celebration have all been well attended. A Luau and an Australian BBQ are being planned.

Our first Open House of the season was coordinated with clubs throughout California. We expect to recruit six to eight new members from the 35 who attended.

As the club has expanded its membership, it has needed more members to organize things. Someone has to keep the web site up-to-date, organize tournaments, and inform everyone of what is happening, write the newsletter, organize draw games, meetings, dinners and other social events and generally run the club. We are blessed with a very hard-working group of people and we are grateful to all of them.

Our challenge is to expand the number of members who are willing to contribute their time, ideas & energy.