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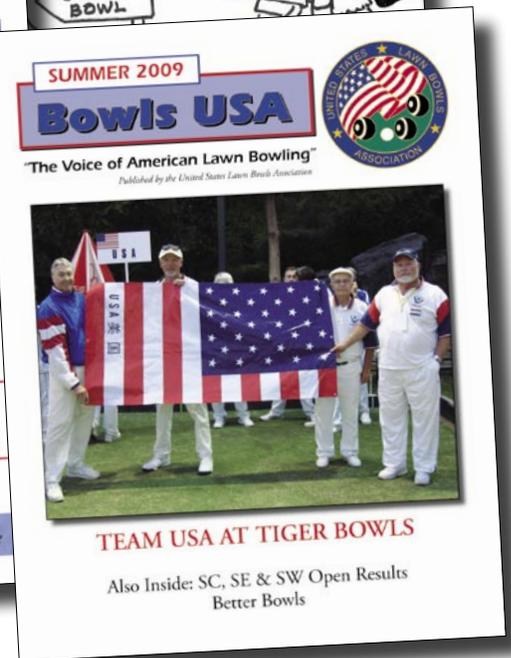
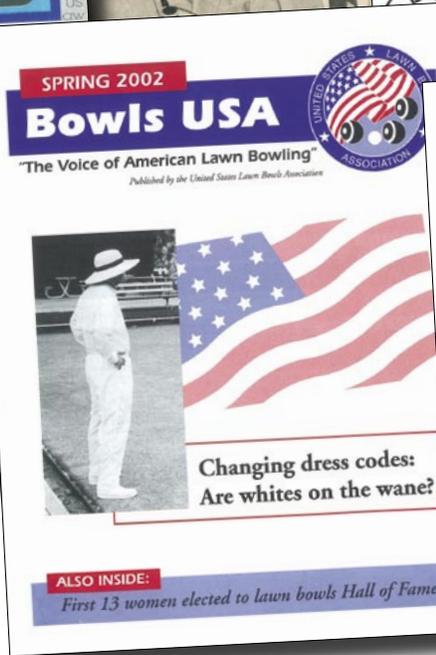
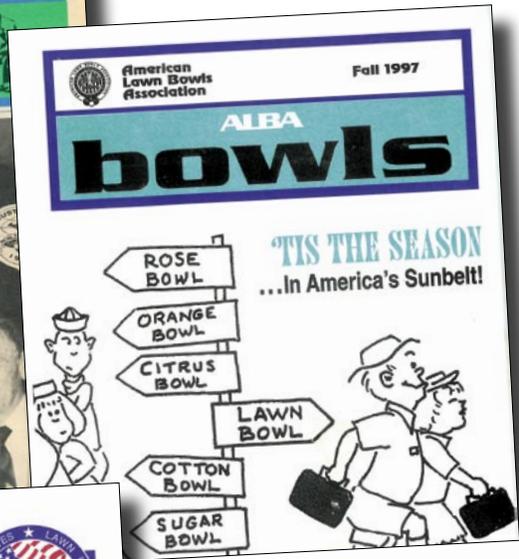
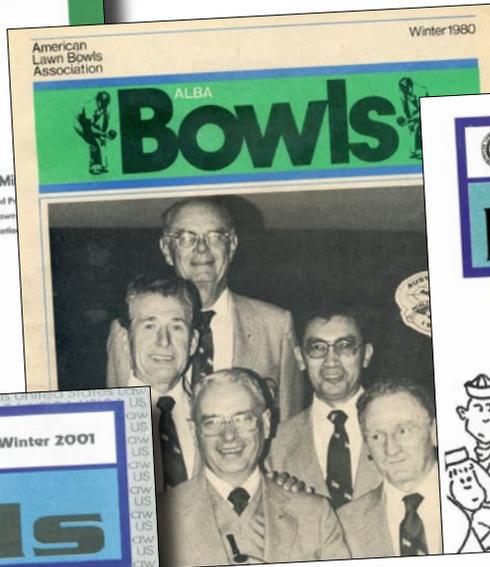
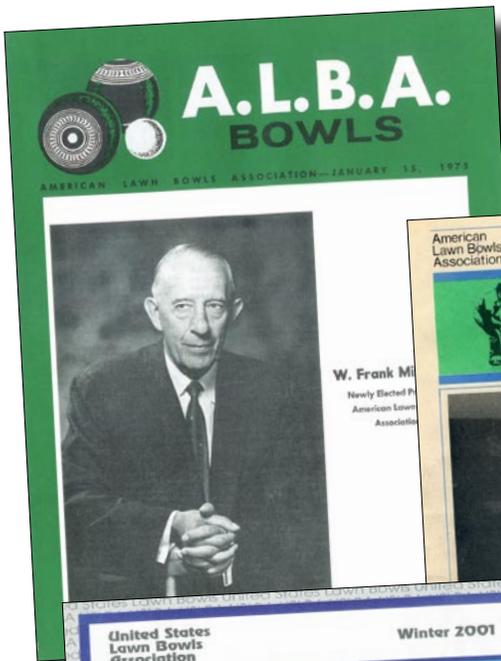
# BOWLS USA



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## BOWLS Magazine: A Rich History



# PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN OPEN

The Rossmoor, San Francisco & Oakland Clubs hosted the following events from Sept 12-18.

**Men's Singles:** 1-Jerry Knott (Oakland). 2-Gordon Lockhart (Palo Alto). 3-Larry Murphy (San Francisco). 4-Mario Galletta (San Jose).

**Men's Pairs:** 1-Nick Christensen (Richmond) & Peter Knopf (San Francisco). 2-Ed Guterres & Miguel Roliz (Rossmoor). 3-Gordon Lockhart & Alan Bushell (Palo Alto).



*L to R-Runners up: Miguel Roliz, Ed Guterres. Winners: Nick Christensen & Peter Knopf*

**Men's Triples:** 1-Andre Banares (San Jose), Gerry Roliz (Rossmoor) & Al Mendoza (Sunnyvale). 2-Larry Collaco (Sunnyvale), Oscar Collaco (San Francisco) & Miguel Roliz (Rossmoor). 3-Robb Pawlak & Rod Arriaga (San Francisco) & Jerry Knott (Oakland).



*Al Mendoza, Andre Banares & Gerry Roliz.*

**Women's Triples:** -Jackie Purdy, Vera Belton & Carol Moyes (Rossmoor). 2-Marcia Cozez, Carol Manderched & Mary Kung (Rossmoor). 3-Regina Banares (San Jose), Pauline de Assis & Mimi Rodrigues (Rossmoor).



*Vera Belton, Jackie Purdy & Carol Moyes.*

**Women's Pairs:** 1-Sandy Souza & Joanne Segovia (Rossmoor). 2-Judith Perkins & Janet Mednick (San Francisco). 3-E.B. Parkell & Linda Flores (San Francisco).

**Women's Singles:** 1-Regina Banares (San Jose). 2-Sandy Souza (Rossmoor). 3-Mary Scott (San Jose).

**Bowlers of the Tournament:** Men: Jerry Knott (1st in Singles, 3rd in Triples) had also just turned 70 and his birthday was celebrated at Rossmoor. Women: Sandy Souza (2nd in Singles, 1st in Pairs).



*Jerry Knott surrounded by Roe Hazelwood & Sylvie MacDonald (Rossmoor) carrying his birthday cakes*

**Steve Ringwood Memorial Mixed Pairs:** On the last day of the PIMD Open, 20 teams competed in the second annual event to honor and remember Steve who died December 18, 2007 after a heart attack. Steve was twice elected president of the Oakland club and had been secretary of the PIMD for several years. Results: 1-Oscar Collaco (San Francisco) & Mary Scott (San Jose). 2-Andre Banares & Mayou Bernard (San Jose). Thanks to the generosity of the Ringwood Trust, 10 prizes were awarded & presented by Diane Ringwood.



*L to R-Runners-up: Andre Banares & Mayou Bernard. Prize Presenter: Diane Ringwood. Winners: Mary Scott & Oscar Collaco.*

## President's Message

Isabella Forbes, President USLBA



We have accomplished a lot this year, but our biggest task still lies ahead. We must increase our membership. Both older and younger members are needed in order for us to improve the awareness of bowls throughout the country and keep it alive in the USA.

While many of the older members bowl daily and the younger bowlers bowl in tournaments on the weekends, both are a vital part of our organization. The older members keep our greens used during the week so that local officials can see that their monies are not being wasted. The younger members, as well as some of our older members use the greens on the weekends mainly for tournaments. Without both age groups, we as well as the Parks and Recreation organizations might possibly determine that money is wasted on just a few.

Just recently the Long Beach LBC hosted the US National Championships and the Newport Harbor and Laguna Beach clubs hosted the MAP tournament, the only international lawn bowling event held in the USA. These two events, while being strictly for tournament bowlers, would not have been possible without the 'behind the scenes' members of these clubs. This seems to be where we show that we can all work together to make a successful event for lawn bowling and without the everyday bowlers these events would have been impossible to hold. These members had to give up the use of their greens as well as join in the work that had to be done for hospitality and organization etc. Hopefully, you can all see why we need both our everyday bowlers as well as our tournament bowlers. We must work together to promote our game to the rest of the public and make it aware that it is really a sport for all ages.

As I indicated in my last message, California succeeded in raising awareness & membership with the implementation of an Open House which was widely advertised throughout the state. This raised the awareness of many of our communities to our sport.

I would like to see the USA as a whole

organize an Open House on the same date. Probably the best time to do this would be in May when almost all the divisions would have members available to promote bowls within their own and adjoining communities. We can do this! If you as a member of a great organization are interested in getting involved in this venture, I would appreciate your comments and ideas. We have plenty of information available for those interested and we do need all our members involved to continue with the promotion.

I recently appointed Athol Foden as the Marketing/Promotion Chair and as a result the committee led by Kathy Alton has been renamed Merchandising/Sales which is a truer description of its activities.

Athol will be organizing a committee that will focus on promoting our sport throughout the nation and he is in the process of enlisting members to serve on his committee. If you are called upon to help, it is hoped that you will help and work together with all bowlers to promote our sport throughout the country.

I was browsing through some of the old magazines and while reading the club news section in the winter 1980 issue, I was very surprised to see that in the Southwest division there were 19 different clubs contributing to the magazine at that time, whereas in this issue there are only five. Little wonder why I have had to find a lot of fillers for various pages.

This is a sign of the times. There are many excellent web sites where members can find out what's happening at their club without waiting several months for the next magazine.

Many commercial magazines are on-line only, so when I took over the editorship of the magazine it was obvious that this form of communication was inevitable and that is why I have distributed the last three copies by email in addition to the paper version. Ed.

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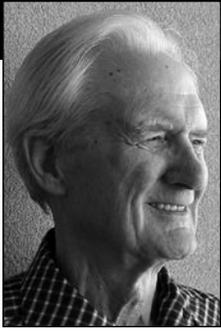
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## The Editor's Rant



### Farewell and adieu

by Trevor Colby, *Editor*

With the demise of Bowls USA magazine, I wish to say that I have enjoyed the experience of being its editor; but now that the magazine will no longer be published in hard copy, I believe my usefulness in that direction is at an end. Apparently, Steve Nelson the councilor from the Central division has been asked to head a group to quickly come up with a replacement strategy for the magazine. Having viewed many of the excellent club and division web sites, it seems to me that there are many more capable people than I in the membership who could make a first class on-line product to cater for the requirements of the USLBA Board.

I was very fortunate to have been able to see the US Open this year in the Sun City area of Arizona and afterwards to take my friend Joy Sinclair on her first trip to the Grand Canyon. It was an experience for me to see many of the players in action whose name I had only known previously through typing tournaments results in various reports. The standard of the greens was excellent and they easily fulfilled the specification of 12-14 seconds required by the USLBA for this tournament.

It was extremely unfortunate for Charlie Herbert to have suffered the pain of having all his personal belongings stolen from his vehicle just before the tournament started. These included all his clothes and personal belongings. I heard him say to a friend that he was particularly disappointed to lose his bowls because he had done so well with them recently. I suppose he used them in winning the MAP to become the first US man to win an international lawn bowls tournament.

I was very impressed with the organization of the event and one can only imagine the amount of hard and time consuming work spent on the project. Gil Stephan Jr. remarked to me that a track had been worn in his carpet due to the number of meetings that had been necessary to ensure its success. I have no hesitation in believing him.

During the banquet, purely by chance Joy and I had the privilege of sitting at the same table as the two men from Spain and learned that the sport is thriving there at the coastal holiday resorts. I might be tempted to pay a visit one day.

The Sun City area is a perfect venue because it has a great advantage in that there is no more than 10 miles between the bowling venues and I was rather alarmed to hear that this may have been the last time that it would be held there. It was said that the current organizers want to give it up because they have been doing it for so long. This is perfectly understandable, because I can remember that when I lived in Sun City in 2000/01 the same people were in control.

No organization can be succeed in the long term unless there is a policy for the planned succession of its officers, and

this applies at all levels, not only to the USLBA board but also down to the smallest club and its general duty personnel and ground staff.

Training is of the utmost importance and I also remember attending a lecture given while I lived in Sun City by Tom Stirrat (a former US National Singles Champion) to Vices who wanted to learn the finer points of bowling in order to be considered for promotion to Skip. One of the things that Tom taught his students was how to change one's position on the mat in order to draw either inside or outside of an obstructing bowl by placing the stationary foot on any corner of the mat as necessary to achieve the desired result. I found this technique to be fascinating, but have still not mastered it.

The subject of The Newsletter of USLBA Umpires - Issue #12 November 1, 2009 was violations of the LOTSOBs. One item in his article paid attention to foot faulting and it might be asked whether a foot fault is done intentionally to gain an advantage in being able to make a shot that could not be made without it, or is it just a matter of ignorance of the law. Other items mentioned the "one minute rule" and "position of players."

My own feeling is that the following question has to be asked. Is any law more important than any other? My answer would be that they are all equally important. We know that games are won and lost according to how the laws are carried out by the umpire on the spot and for an officiating umpire to see a law being violated and do nothing about it could be construed as "dereliction of duty" on his part.

The newsletter also asked for a vote on the color of the stripes on the zebra shirts for umpires. I recorded mine for black & white because it's the same as used by the Football League referees and would be instantly recognizable by most spectators.

**VACANCY: USLBA is seeking a new Super Shots Club person to continue the seven great years that Eileen Love has put in. Eileen will be a hard act to follow because I have always found her input to the magazine to be accurate, well presented and timely.**

**Just email or call Isabella Forbes. The position is ideal for the person fascinated by these kinds of statistics or numbers, but anyone can step up and do it.**

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### How do you handle stress?

I often wonder how other people handle stress and I often see cell phones being used as what I consider to be pacifiers. I once saw a guy being told by an immigration official to put away his phone while his passport was being checked. Opening lines that I have overheard are: What are you doing? How is it going? What's happening?

Skips may often feel stressed out and I think a good tip for them to reduce stress is never to watch the opposing skip's bowl all the way to the head. If you have to look at it, only do so for the last few feet. Otherwise rely on your Vice for what shot to make. This will bring him more into the game and encourage him to feel like he is an essential part of the team.

# Major Tournament Calendar

Jan. 2	Open Men's Pairs Clearwater, FL	Russ Tees 727-797-5950	lawntees2@verizon.net
Jan.9-11	R. Gil Stephan AZ Mixed Fours Sun City, AZ	Len Hitchcock 623-974-3214	scdtourn@yahoo.com
Jan 12-13	Salisbury Singles Sun City, AZ	Grant Summers 623-933-5066	summers12@cox.net
Jan 14-16	Thomson Zivec Open Pairs Sun City West, AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
Jan. 23	MacWilliams Mixed Pairs Clearwater, FL	Mike Maneilly 352-343-4009	shepman@comcast.net
Feb 6	Ede MacWilliams Mixed Triples Clearwater, FL	Cathie Stephan 727-669-8608	cad32@rogers.com
Feb 13	4-3-2-1 Mixed Pairs Clearwater FL	Trevor Colby 727-669-5268	trevorjcolby@yahoo.com
Feb. 13-14	SC Div. Open Women's Fours Sun City West, AZ	Lorraine Hitchcock 623-974-3214	scdtourn@yahoo.com
Feb. 13-14	SC Div. Open Men's Triples Sun City, AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
Feb. 15-16	SC Div. Open Women's Singles Sun City West	Lorraine Hitchcock (above)	
Feb. 15-16	SC Div. Open Men's Pairs Sun City, AZ	Grant Summers (above)	
Feb. 17-18	SC Div. Open Women's Pairs Sun City West, AZ	Lorraine Hitchcock (above)	
Feb. 17-18	SC Div. Open Men's Singles Sun City, AZ	Len Hitchcock (above)	
Feb. 20	Hall Of Fame Mixed Triples Clearwater, FL	Russ Tees 727-797-5950	
Feb 20	Rebecca McArthur President Fives Women's Sun City, AZ	Lorraine Hitchcock (above)	
Mar .5-7	Lindsay Towns National Senior Open Triples Sun City, AZ	Grant Summers (above)	
Mar. 9-11	Lindsay Towns National Senior Open Pairs Sun City, AZ	Grant Summers (above)	
Mar. 6-7	SE Open Men's Singles Sun City Center, FL	To be confirmed	
Mar. 6-7	SE Open Women's Singles Clearwater, FL	Cathie Stephan (see above)	
Mar. 8-9	SE Open Men's Pairs Sun City Center, FL	To be confirmed	
Mar. 8-9	SE Open Women's Pairs Clearwater, FL	Cathie Stephan (see above)	
Mar. 10-11	SE Open Men's Fours or Triples Sun City Center, FL	To be confirmed	
Mar. 10-11	SE Open Women's Fours Clearwater, FL	Cathie Stephan (above)	
Mar. 13	SE Div. Mixed Fours Clearwater, FL	Cathie Stephan (above)	
Sept. 9-11	North American Challenge, Lake Park, Milwaukee, WI	R. Gillie Stephan Jr. 715-649-3758 or 623-933-3665	

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Other ways to support the future of lawn bowls include trust arrangements, will bequest and other specially designed legal instruments. You should consult your financial or legal advisor.

By Conrad Melton

USLBA National Umpire in Chief and SWD Instruction Chairman

### An Aiming System



Conrad Melton

Too many new bowlers are so overwhelmed with the difficulty of trying to just keep their bowls on the rink, that they miss the window of opportunity to learn an aiming system early in their bowling career. Consequently they spend the rest of their bowling days aiming “by feel” which is sometimes OK, but sometimes not so OK.

The foundation of every aiming system is knowing how much your bowl biases. Of course, it will bias in different amounts on different surfaces and under different conditions. But if you find yourself on an “average” green with “about equal hands” under “normal” conditions, you can find pretty accurately, what your bowl’s bias is.

Assuming you’ve found that piece of a green with all those average, normal conditions....put your mat on center line at two meters and try to roll four bowls exactly straight ahead (your aiming point is the center mark straight ahead of you,) with the same hand and weight. If your release, your weight, and your delivery line are all pretty consistent, your four bowls will finish in a group. While still standing on the mat, draw a line visually through the middle of the group. Where that line intersects with the back board should be a pretty good measure of how much bias your bowl takes. In most cases, that line will probably intersect between the first and second mark. Marks on the backboard are generally seven feet apart. Perhaps it is close to the first mark, so you might say “my bowl biases about a mark and two feet.” If it is closer to the second mark, your bowl biases a mark and five or six feet. Medium biased bowls on a green that’s in “tournament condition” will often bias about a mark and a half.

If all your test bowls were rolled on the forehand, you can expect that if you deliver toward an aiming point a mark and a half to the right of the center line, your bowl will finish on the center line. If the jack becomes displaced to the left or right of center line, you can accurately adjust your aiming point by adding or subtracting just the right amount of grass so your next bowl...assuming the right weight...will be a toucher. Easy, eh?

A couple of points before we leave this subject. First, this is just one aiming system. As with every component of your game, you may be perfectly happy with the aiming system you have. And if you are, don’t change it. But if you feel as though your system is not as accurate as you want it to be, this is a

system you could try. If it works for you, great. If it doesn’t, try something else.

Also let’s review our glossary. Your aiming point is the point that you look at. Perhaps it is exactly “a mark and a half” right of center line. Your aiming line is the line between you and your aiming point. Your delivery line is the line on which your bowl actually travels. The part of the delivery line that you must “scrutinize meticulously” is its first 10-15 feet before it starts to take any bias. You want your delivery line to be exactly on top of your aiming line (the first part of it anyway). If it isn’t, your bowl will be wide or narrow when it comes to rest. Your target is the jack to which you’re (usually) intending to draw (except when you’re trying to put in a block or a position bowl).

### Hitting Your Aiming Line

After establishing your aiming point, the next job is to deliver on it. Champion Bill Brault, winner of the prestigious Southwest Open Singles this past June, has a tip he is willing to share.

Bill concluded that he needed his “delivery line” to be “automatically achievable and absolutely dependable.” His theory was that if his delivery line was “guaranteed,” he could then focus exclusively on how much weight he should impart to his deliveries. He accomplished that by practicing in his own living room, placing pillows against the wall and using a dime about eight to ten feet in front of his mat, as the aiming point.

Thanks to Bill’s tip, anyone can accelerate the learning time it normally takes one’s body to accomplish this foundational requirement of good bowling.

### Saving the Best for last

And now for the (not very) secret ingredient. I repeat it every year in my articles as the single most effective technique to help bowlers deliver exactly on their aiming line: follow through. As part of your release, concentrate on continuing your arm forward in a straight line toward your aiming point and don’t stop until your arm is horizontal. Then hold it still, right there, for a complete second. We’ve all watched the best golfers exaggerate their follow through and hold that pose after a shot. Well now it’s your turn to pose and you don’t have to feel like a pretzel doing it!

One of the great teachers and distinguished gentlemen of the Southwest Division, Mr. Jim Whittaker, explains that an exaggerated follow-through is like “reaching for the money.” A wonderfully large number of his students have done just that.

**Honor the Laws of the Sport of Bowls  
They make the game the same**



## Membership Trail

By Frank Ransome  
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Membership Committee*

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Frank Ransome

It's time for me to leave the joys and the tribulations of the USLBA organization. I made it to 85 this year and I want to spend my spare time rolling bowls and having fun without answering a lot of questions.

There are some things I should leave with you before I ride off into the sunset. First, it is my opinion that rolling the jack is the basis of all lawn bowling. Ezra Wyeth began his new bowler lessons by using a tennis ball to simulate the bowling action. His premise was that the proper stance, delivery, follow through and aiming point was easier for a novice to simulate with something familiar like a tennis ball. I agree with his reasoning, but have substituted a jack for the tennis ball because the jack is part of the game.

When you hold the jack with your fingers under it and your thumb at one o'clock you are doing what you should do to hold a bowl. When you step forward to deliver the jack straight down the green you are aiming at your Skip's feet. When the jack comes out of your hand you should end up with your fingers pointing at the Skip's head. So your step is straight; your hand and arm are straight and the jack will go straight, if your knee and your hip don't get in the way. The arm and the hand can't go straight if they have to go around your knee, so you fold your back knee in behind your front knee and you are lawn bowling. Every time you roll a bowl you should roll it straight toward your predetermined aiming point and it will go where you want it to go.

I have other little foibles. I'm a firm believer in common courtesy, not just on the green courtesy, but everyday courtesy. Many of the lawn bowling rules are based on simple courtesy. When your bowl stops rolling, you step off the mat to the right so that the next bowler can step on to it from the left behind you. The bowls are assembled about two or three feet behind and to the right of the mat as you look out on the green. This is so you won't stumble or trip over them when you step off the mat. Since you will be bowling after the person on the mat, you should stand so you can watch what he does. The correct place to stand is to the left and behind the bowler. You will be able to see the path his bowl takes and understand his strategy. Then you will find a way to beat him.

I'm a firm believer in following the Skip's instructions. It is not a question of whether the Skip is right or wrong; it is protocol to do what you are asked to do no matter what you think about it. The Skip's job is to build a head so that his team will be able to win the end. That is his biggest job and he or she should work at it. Skips don't win games by being the best bowlers; they win because they are smarter than the competition and their team does what it is asked to do. It makes me a little ill when I hear a

Skip ask his Lead to roll the jack wherever he thinks it should go, or says to him, "Should we go first or second?" In most countries the new bowler must be able to roll a jack to within 2 feet of the Skip before he graduates from training. Setting the length of the jack is one of the game's principal strategies and getting the first bowl behind the jack has saved many games.

The Seconds and Leads should always stand behind the jack for the entire game because they are a vital part of the team and should understand the strategy. There is no reason for a Skip to go down to the head if his Second does what a Second is supposed to do. Certainly there is no reason for the Skip to confer with the Second unless something has changed drastically. The Skip has been in the head and should know what to do when he picks up his bowl. Any conversation between teammates while traveling to or from the head can only detract from the Skip's ability to remember his own strategy. Certainly being in the head is not a license to exchange recipes or to make idle conversation. Calling an umpire is the Skip's job. When complaints are generated in the head call your Skip first. Marking bowls, removing dead bowls, guarding the ditch and indicating any changes in the head are the job of the Second.

I have made the game look easy and it really is if every bowler remembers that he is part of a team effort. I believe that no one should be graduated from training until they have experienced some of the things a Second must know about.

The rules are simple to understand despite some efforts to make them look complicated. It takes concentration to roll a bowl down a previously selected path with just enough weight to take it where you want it to go. Anything that interferes with your concentration should either be ignored or discussed with your Skip. When you bowl you need to be isolated from outside interference and when others are bowling you should remember that you could be considered to be the outside interference. You are an integral part of the lawn bowling fraternity and should display your active courteous behavior.

I wish you all well and look forward to meeting many of you on a green somewhere close by Walnut Creek, California.

Sincerely,  
Frank Ransome

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In his letter to Isabella Forbes, Frank wrote, "It is with regret that I must submit my resignation as Chairman of the Membership and Instruction Committees of USLBA. It has been a long haul with more happy than sad times. It only seems a few years ago that ALBA formed the Membership Committee because the new instruction program couldn't be used when the clubs only had one or two new bowlers to work with. Unfortunately that seems to be the case now despite the large accumulation of visual aids and a widely used Syllabi.

I look forward to seeing you all again at the Council meeting and voting one more time for a better USLBA. I have a great collection of materials especially those extolling the benefits of artificial surfaces. If health permitted I would be shoulder to shoulder with all lawn bowlers that love the sport and want to see it become a vital part of our personal lives. My replacement from the PIMD in 2010 will be Robb Pawlak from San Francisco whom you all know and respect."

Two caveman, Jerry (pronounced Trog) and Glenn (also pronounced Trog) were sitting around the campfire one night with their beards glistening from the fat dripping off the brontosaurus knuckle they got from Grog (pronounced Dave) the butcher who received the dinosaur's leg in his delivery earlier in the week. The two seemed bored having done the same thing, staring into the fire, night after night ever since they could remember.

Glenn began to push stones together with his feet and began to grin from ear to ear. Jerry noticed this and decided to try it for himself. They couldn't believe their joy and showed this to all their friends. All the villagers began to push stones together with their feet; some pushed their stones into the pile of the person next to them making an even bigger pile. This pastime spread from village to village and soon it was the national sport. It went on for years and everyone was happy.

As the years rolled by, Jerry and Glenn began to get bored with this and suddenly found themselves sitting around staring into the fire, piles of stones all around them, with their beards glistening from the mammoth trunk meat from Pakistan that Jerry's uncle Gunnar had traded for a ferret in Milan. Jerry picked up a handful of these stones and began to sift them through his fingers. Glenn smilingly did the same and they suddenly were both smiling again and thrilled at their new found game. They showed the others and everyone again found joy. This too spread and took over from pushing stones together with feet as the national sport. More years passed.

Just like before, Jerry and Glenn began to grow bored with this game. Jerry picked up a handful of his stones, beard glistening from the T-Rex shoulder he had just grilled with some onions and grasses he had picked up in a neighboring pasture. This time he didn't sift the rocks through his fingers. Instead, he threw one out about 25 feet and watched it bounce and stop. Glenn seemed unimpressed.

Jerry, not sure why this didn't excite his friend, took a larger stone and tossed it out as close as he could to the first one. Glenn's eyes lit up and he took one of his larger stones and tossed it out to try to get closer than Jerry's stone. Lawn bowls was born.

Based on the above story perhaps it's not wise for us to offer a beer suggestion for this article and we should lay off the stuff ourselves for awhile!

Actually we don't have a beer to offer, but we do offer a venue. One of the great times we've had in lawn bowls was at the 2006 United States National Championships in Milwaukee WI and no, we did not win the tournament.

Go to: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/wuwm/sets/72157608308402638/show/> and look at the last picture in the slideshow featuring one of the all-time greats and one of our favorite bowlers - Ken Degenhardt in the Milwaukee club house and you'll see why when we saw this picture two words came into our minds - Our Hero!

Author's note: Admittedly, we did have a few before sitting down to write this stuff.

## PBA Qualifiers at Santa Cruz CA

By Frank Souza

The Professional Bowlers Association held its qualifying events Sept 5-9 in the beautiful settings of Santa Cruz that is known as a surfer's paradise. We received a warm welcome from the club and its hospitality is second to none. President Jerry Louis and his hard working committees did a fantastic job in catering for our members.

Among the 49 entries for each of the singles events and 23 entries in the pairs, there were 19 new members.



Neil Furman won the Scottish International Open. He had been away from playing bowls for four years due to his work schedule. This win was impressive, especially after such a long layoff.

Neil is shown on the left with runner-up Ivan Hyland.

Dee McSparran will be our representative in the World Indoor Bowls Singles Championship. This performance has to be at the top of her bowls achievements since she started bowling in 2004.



Dee is shown here with runner-up Grant Summers.



In addition to running the tournament I was fortunate to be in good enough form to win the Welsh International Open against a very fine bowler (Phil Dunn) by just edging him out of his shots on many occasions.

My partner Grant Summers recovered from his tight match against Dee McSparran to play good leading bowls for me and we won the World Indoor Bowls Pairs Championship.

# SUPER SHOTS CLUB

## 7 SHOTS PAIRS

**Kings Point West, FL**  
 Ron Doncouse, Sam Giliberto..... 05/20/09

**Holmby Park, CA**  
 Marty Bierman, Molly Smulian ..... 07/09/09  
 Linda Bator, Tom Seres..... 07/09/09

**Oxnard-Joslyn, CA**  
 Ann Johnson, Juliet Watson ..... 06/14/09  
 Douglas Dow, Dina Bongiovanni..... 07/03/09  
 Joe Brown, Gloria Brown ..... 07/29/09  
 Hans Mehner, Jerry Overmeyer ..... 08/28/09  
 Sal Mollo, Rosalie Hutson..... 09/21/09

**Milwaukee Lake Park, WI**  
 Joan Joas-Faas, Jerry Mathwig ..... 09/08/09

**Mount Dora, FL**  
 Earl Shaner, Martha Whaley..... 09/01/09

**Redlands, CA**  
 Mary Asay, Angie Salgado ..... 05/20/09

**San Francisco, CA**  
 Rod Arriaga, Norm Tiernan..... 08/04/09

**Santa Anita, CA**  
 Myra Wood, Annette Schans ..... 06/01/09

## 7 SHOTS TRIPLES

**Alhambra, CA**  
 Houdini Ho, Dick Hu, Fan Hung ..... 06/29/09

**Cambria, CA**  
 Jim Nash, Pete de Bruin,  
 Gina Verrona..... 09/23/09

**Del Mesa Carmel, CA**  
 Sam Harrison, Fred Maurer,  
 Cecil Bator (HPLBC)..... 08/24/09  
 Jack Marsh, Lloyd Wells,  
 Kari Hargrove ..... 08/24/09

**Holmby Park, CA**  
 George Rajacich, Fred Fox,  
 Carol Eglin ..... 05/21/09  
 Len Foreman, Valerie Seres,  
 Edna Wilks..... 05/26/09  
 Linda Bator, Peter Barna,  
 Gisele Hartman ..... 05/28/09  
 Cecil Bator, Peter Barna, Jim Hasty..... 06/06/09  
 Armand Escalante, Juliet Watson,  
 Conrad Bilodeau ..... 06/29/09  
 Colin Stead, Mehdi Karoon,  
 Don Hedge..... 06/30/09  
 Boris Marks, Jim Hasty,  
 Dorothy Kilger ..... 07/16/09  
 Damian Anderson, Fred Fox,  
 Leo Denlea ..... 07/16/09

**Mount Dora, FL**  
 Sy Carkhuff, Leo Schumacher,  
 Sylvia Mackey ..... 09/05/09

**Oakland, CA**  
 Sandy Sousa, Virginia Farr,  
 Mimi Rodrigues..... 05/16/09

**Oxnard-Joslyn, CA**  
 Dick Gibson, Gloria Brown,  
 John Op de Coul..... 05/29/09  
 David Rankin, Wes Johnson,  
 Vince Sepick ..... 05/29/09  
 Dave Jones, Pinky Palladino,  
 Jane Brewster ..... 06/06/09  
 Bert Kessler, Gloria Brown,  
 Juliet Watson..... 06/06/09

Mike Newton, Janet Kessler,  
 Mike Basler..... 06/06/09  
 Dick Gibson, Pinky Palladino,  
 Denny Ryan ..... 06/26/09  
 Ann Johnson, Henry Richter,  
 Tom Weaver..... 06/29/09  
 Armand Escalante, Juliet Watson,  
 Conrad Bilodeau ..... 06/29/09  
 Raul Perez, Bob Ferris,  
 Jane Brewster..... 07/06/09  
 Bert Kessler, Douglas Dow,  
 Tom Weaver..... 07/25/09  
 Bert Kessler, Sunny Glessner,  
 George Love ..... 08/17/09

**Pinehurst, NC**  
 George Tucker, Margo Pelliccio,  
 Tom Kees..... 06/20/09  
*They scored two 7 Super Shots in this game.*

**San Francisco, CA**  
 Peter Knopf, Linda Flores, Jan Leja..... 06/09/09  
 Bill Lee, Janet Mednick, Peggy Benz.... 06/09/09  
 D. J. Doring, Leon Simpson,  
 Tom Rahe ..... 08/20/09  
 Steve Steier, Linda Flores,  
 Jerry Knott ..... 08/30/09  
 D.J. Doring, George Scarpato,  
 Leon Simpson ..... 08/30/09  
 Oscar Collaco, Bob Remedios,  
 Levinia Simpson..... 09/08/09

## 7 SHOTS FOURS

**Groves, CA**  
 Rose S. Blennoou, Lenora Jackson,  
 Christy Diller, Gloria Montes..... 07/25/09

**Johannesburg, South Africa**  
**Atlantic Championship**  
*United States vs. Israel*  
 Marita Niieth, Irene Webster,  
 Jan Hargraves, Maryna Hyland..... 05/13/09

## 8 SHOTS PAIRS

**Holmby Park, CA**  
 Mehdi Karoon, Bea Simon ..... 06/27/09

**Mount Dora, FL**  
 Angelia Carkhuff, Frank Askley..... 06/16/09

**Oxnard-Joslyn, CA**  
 Dina Bongiovanni, Paul Ramson..... 08/28/09

**Rossmoor, CA**  
 Ed de Assis, Pauline de Assis ..... 06/17/09

**Santa Monica, CA**  
**Bud Waheling Pairs**  
 Stuart Bell, Max Wurwand ..... 03/05/09

## 8 SHOTS TRIPLES

**Holmby Park, CA**  
 George Rajacich, Mehdi Karoon,  
 Gisele Hartman ..... 06/27/09

**Laguna Beach, CA**  
**Ladies Day Triples**  
 Mert Pambianco, Harriet Bertsus,  
 Emily Carpenter ..... 08/19/09

**Mount Dora, FL**  
 Sy Carkhuff, Leo Schumacher,  
 Sylvia Mackey ..... 09/05/09

**Rossmoor, CA**  
 Jackie Purdy, Vera Belton,  
 Carol Moyes ..... 09/14/09

**San Francisco, CA**  
 De J. Doring, Tirisa Biukoto,  
 John Lee..... 08/11/09  
 Bill Lee, Wyman Chew, Jody Allison .... 08/30/09  
 Oscar Collaco, Bob Remedios,  
 Levinia Simpson ..... 09/08/09

## 9 SHOTS TRIPLES

**Buck Hills Falls, PA**  
 Earl Shaner, Tee Adams, Abe Kaplan.... 08/02/09

**Hemet-Joslyn, CA**  
 John Thatcher, George Hayes,  
 Bill Wimer..... 09/13/09

**Milwaukee Lake Park, WI**  
 Buzz Althoen, Charlene Harmon,  
 Alice Sedgwick ..... 06/13/09

**Oxnard-Joslyn, CA**  
 Richard Purcell, Sharon Gibson,  
 Earl Waltz ..... 07/26/09

**San Diego, CA**  
 Georgie Deno, Dan Johnson,  
 Allan Einhorn ..... 08/01/09

**Sun City Center, FL**  
 Natalie Lanouette, Gretchen Meixner,  
 Jim Brainard ..... 07/18/09

**Congratulations to the following members who received a USLBA Patch for Four (4)**

**Super Shots for the year 2009**  
**Gloria Brown, Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA**  
**Bert Kessler, Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA**  
**Juliet Watson, Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA**  
**Leon Simpson, San Francisco LBC, CA**  
**Dina Bongiovanni, Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA**

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I/WE wish to claim \_\_\_\_\_ entries to the SUPER SHOTS CLUB. Our signed scorecard(s) is enclosed.

Enclosed is \$5 per person (total of \$\_\_\_\_\_), check made payable to USLBA Super Shots (Club), for which I/We are to receive a pin, certificate, and set of bowls markers per entry.

This is to certify that (Please Print)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Scored a maximum of (circle numbers) shots:  
 7 8 9 In (circle event): Pairs Triples Fours

At (club) \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament (if Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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# Atlantic Rim Championships

By Brian Studwell & Jan Hargraves

In May, Team USA comprising manager Brian Studwell, assistant manager Dee McSparran and ten players traveled to Johannesburg in South Africa to participate in some great bowling. Some of us renewed old friendships while others made new ones, but make no mistake, the hospitality was superb. **Competing nations:** England, Brazil, Canada, Cyprus, Namibia, Netherlands, Ireland, Israel, Portugal, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, USA & Wales.

Maryna & Ivan Hyland had secured safe housing for us and drove the rental van which had the steering on the right and the gear shift on the left. As if this were not difficult enough, the traffic through town was very congested with the local taxi drivers darting in and out. All 13 of us would pile into the van for the 30 minute trip to the greens, laughing and joking, to arrive happy and relaxed for our day of bowls. Everyone we met was so nice and helpful and people even approached us in restaurants to ask if we were American. I think it's safe to say "We all had a great time".

Our roster consisted of:

MEN: Richard Broad (Capt.), Jim Copeland, Charlie Herbert, Ivan Hyland & Jim Olson.

WOMEN: Maryna Hyland (Capt.), Reggie Banares, Jan Hargraves, Marita Nierth & Irene Webster.



*Dee McSparran, Maryna Hyland, Brian Studwell, Jan Hargraves, Irene Webster & Marita Nierth*

In 2007, the US men & women both finished tenth overall at the games in Ayr, Scotland. This year, with 16 countries represented, the women came eighth and the men ninth. Our two best event results were the women's Fours in which we took home a Bronze medal and the men's Triples in which we finished seventh. While our overall results were less than hoped for, there were some bright spots on both teams which I'd like to share with you.

Our Women's Rinks started with two resounding victories over Cyprus and Portugal, but then ran into strong teams from South Africa and Wales. They rebounded with a big win over Israel but got hammered by Scotland to end the round robin. However, their 500 record was good enough to get them into

the medal round where they drew England as their quarterfinal opponent. England was a tough team of veterans but our women trounced them 20-9 which put them in the Bronze medal hunt. Their semifinal adversary was Wales, to whom they had lost earlier, and unfortunately history repeated itself. Not to worry – both teams were awarded Bronze medals, and we had some very happy campers celebrating the high point of the tournament.

The Men's Triples had an inauspicious start with losses to Brazil and England on the first day, but followed up with a satisfying win over Jersey. After two more losses to Spain and Ireland, the guys rallied to spank Cyprus 31-4. Now it was time to face off against Willie Wood and his merry band of Scots in the last round robin game. The set-up was a carbon copy of the situation in Ayr when the US team bounced Scotland out of the medal round. Could they do it again? Yes they could and the 18-14 win was good enough to get them into the quarterfinals.

As luck would have it, their opponent was the home team from South Africa. Needless to say the stands were full of rabid SA supporters, but you could have heard a pin drop through the 7th end as our guys led with a score of 14-1. The Springboks scored a four in the 8th and began a short mat campaign that we just couldn't adjust to, so that by the end of regulation play of 18 ends, the score was tied at 18. Sudden death was exactly that, and we lost by one point. S. Africa went on to win the gold in triples, but both the World Bowls officials and the Head Umpire told me that our quarterfinal game was really the best game — the rest were anticlimactic.

Our Pairs team of Jim Olson & Jim Copeland, which I dubbed "*Jim squared*", had the distinction of scoring a perfect eight in their game against Namibia and was featured in David Rhys Jones' column in *BOWLS INTERNATIONAL* magazine complete with a flattering photo.

America may have a ways to go yet before we bring home more medals, but we sure are making ourselves noticed and having some fun doing it too.

Many of you may not realize that players and managers must foot the considerable cost of these trips with no financial aid from USLBA. If you would like to help out, please join the Golden Bias Club because its annual dues go towards supporting Team USA.

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# Asia Pacific Championships

By Phil Luth

Malaysia is a very interesting country filled with exotic sights, hot and humid weather and for two weeks in August it contained many of the top lawn bowls players in the world.

Staged at the Bukit Kiara Lawn Bowls Centre in Kuala Lumpur; the biennial tournament, which also served as a qualifying event for the 2012 World Championships in South Australia, featured each nation's finest teams over nine action packed days from Aug 8-16. The facility was very impressive and it was easy to keep track of all the teams.

**Competing nations:** Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, Fiji, Hong Kong-China, India, Japan, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and United States. The opening ceremony was very colorful and there was even a fire-works display to start the games.

Many of the teams stayed in a hostel at the site which had no air and no towels, but did have communal showers. Fortunately, our team had secured two beautiful air-conditioned apartments downtown which they happily returned to at the end of their 12-14 hour days on the greens.

The weather became a factor almost every day. It would normally rain for an hour at around 3 pm and produce between 2 and 8 inches in that time period. Fortunately the drainage to the greens was contained although the greens never got faster than 11 seconds and averaged between 8 & 10 for most of the tournament.

The women's team consisting of Maryna Hyland, Anne Nunes, Myra Wood, Linda McDougall & Jackie Tucker put up a brave show against teams of 20 year old young women bowling on greens slowed by daily rain. Their Triples team of Wood, McDougall & Tucker reached the quarterfinals and the Fours claimed fame by beating the eventual Gold Medal Winners who came from Malaysia.

Before the trip, we set three goals for the men's team:

1-Qualify for World Bowls 2012 in Australia. 2-Make it to the Quarterfinals in as many disciplines as possible. 3-Bring home medals.

On the men's side of this tournament, we started with the Fours and Singles. The team of Tony Baer, Bob Schneider, Loren Dion & Bill Brault played well, especially given their difficult section and the condition of the greens. They finished their section just one win away from reaching the quarterfinals.

In the Singles, Michael Siddall worked his way through an equally difficult section to make it to the quarterfinals. Three of the top-ranked bowlers in the world were in his section. He lost game one against the Australian champion, but battled back to win his next match against India. His best match of the tournament was against the eventual winner of the Singles, Ali Forsyth (New Zealand).

Bill Brault was with me to witness the match and had this to say, "I just witnessed the most amazing singles match I've

ever seen. Ali Forsyth was on fire and despite excellent play by Michael, Ali raced out to a 15-5 lead. Michael raised his level of play and pulled to within three at 15-12. A two and three by Ali and it was 20-12. Michael would not give in and caught Ali at 20-20. Michael kept taking the mat during the entire comeback and kept it on the final end. Ali's second bowl was a side toucher and rested on the jack. Michael wrested the shot bowl with his final wood to hold game. Ali drove and hit the shot,



*Bill Brault admires the world class tower that Tony Baer constructed while waiting for the afternoon games to begin in Malaysia*

but the jack moved to one of Michael's bowls in the back of the head to give him the win."

The Pairs team of Tony Baer & Bill Brault were in a very difficult section of bowls super-powers. They played some great matches but couldn't make it to the quarterfinals.

The Triples team of Bob Schneider, Loren Dion & Michael Siddall had a tough time, starting with a 1-2 record versus the young teams from the Philippines, Canada and Japan. They had a great strategic breakthrough in game four and put it right into action. They went on to defeat a tough and emerging Thailand trio as well as Hong Kong the next morning. A final big win against Singapore secured them the #3 spot in the quarterfinals.

In conclusion, the team accomplished two of their three goals. Next stop: World Bowls Australia 2012.

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# Tourists in Ireland

By Lee Kline (Mount Dora)

Foreign tourists come to America and visit Disney World, the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas and return home satisfied they have “seen” our country. Americans dreaming of an Irish trip may check off Belfast, Dublin, and Killarney; but what do they know about Carnlough, the Ards Peninsula, Portballintrae, Lake Enniskillen, Abbeyleix and Kilkenny?

The 12 of us who traveled to Ireland with tour guide Sylvia Mackey came home satisfied that we had visited parts of the island that few Americans ever see.

Our trip began in Belfast, but before setting off on our tour the group wanted to visit an indoor bowls club owned by Jim Baker the 1984 World Indoor Singles Champion. James was not in the house, but several of our members purchased bowls in his shop. A cautionary note: if you hope to buy bowls there, the shop accepts cash only. No credit cards.

After a thorough tour of the city with our driver, William Brown acting as guide, the group disembarked at the Belmont Bowls Club where we were graciously hosted by club members with drinks before the match and a tasty meal in the clubhouse after. Throughout the trip we admired and enjoyed the bar facilities in most of the clubs. Several clubs offer not only bowls memberships, but tennis and bar memberships as well. One such club in Belfast has over 800 bar-only members.



*American & Irish ladies trade compliments over drinks after bowling*

On we went to Carnlough, a village about 40 miles NE of Belfast on the coast of the Irish Sea. Our hotel, the Londonderry Arms was a charmer, with a warm inviting pub. After bowling, we heard music coming from it and there was a group of locals that played and sang traditional music. What a treat to sip our Guinness and listen to “Whiskey in the Jar.” The hotel is well located as a point from which to visit the Glens of Antrim, the Giant’s Causeway and the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge that connects the mainland with a steep-sided stony island.

Another stop found us at the Bayview hotel in the northern village of Portballintrae. We drove into Londonderry (call it Londonderry if you are Orange and Derry if you are

Green!) In Derry and again in Belfast we saw many of the murals that the opposing sides had painted on various buildings during the “Troubles.”



Back in Portballintrae we explored mysterious iron-age earthworks and walked the mile and a half to Dunluce Castle, the ruins of which are perched at the edge of a 200 foot cliff overlooking the Atlantic.

Our hosts at Portstewart fed us dinner and brought in a traditional band featuring a fellow named Jim Jack who played reels on his fiddle that were a joy to our ears. A couple of days later we were back in Belfast (the distances are quite short between towns and villages) at the Falls Road Bowls Club. Its pub was the size of a large American sports bar and had several TV sets all going at once so members could watch their favorite teams. After our game we enjoyed a tasty Irish dinner hosted by club members. For entertainment we were treated to a fantastic performance of traditional Irish dancing presented by school girls.

Then it was south to the Republic of Ireland and Lake Enniskillen, Knock, Carna Bay, Connemara and Kinvera. The village of Kinvera sits on a lovely bay with Dungaire Castle overlooking the scene. After settling into the charming, thatched-roofed Merriman Hotel we drove into Galway for a tour and found it to be worth a longer stay next time. Later at the hotel, we dressed to have dinner at the castle where we were met by mediaeval dressed serving wenches and stewards who sang and served our banquet.

In the Republic we toured the Burren, the Cliffs of Moher, the Wicklow Mountains, Kilkenny (we highly recommend) and Glendalough, a sixth century Cistercian Monastery.

Dublin is too important and full of history to treat in an article this short. If you have one drop of Irish blood in your veins, you should make a pilgrimage. If there’s no Irish in you, go anyway. The people both north and south are warm and hospitable and welcome Americans.

After Dublin, our last stop for bowls was in Skerries, a lovely small seaside town where both the beach and the bowls club were within walking distance of our hotel.

Sylvia Mackey has led bowls tours to England, Scotland and Ireland. If you have any questions about future tours you can contact her at [travelwithsylvia@yahoo.com](mailto:travelwithsylvia@yahoo.com)

# A Message from the President

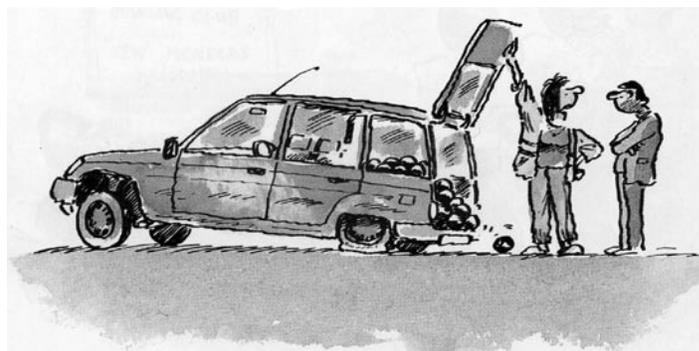
As many of you may already be aware, at the most recent council meeting it was voted to hire an outside Marketing firm to promote and market bowls throughout the USA. It was also voted to discontinue the publication of Bowls USA due to the extreme financial publishing costs as well as the timeliness of articles contained in the issues.

Another item that became a large topic of conversation and finally a vote was the issue of our yearly dues. The council voted to increase the dues for membership in the USLBA to \$20.00 yearly instead of the current \$10.00 yearly. This will take effect as of January 1, 2010. While this may seem like a large increase, we should all realize that the dues for the USLBA have not been increased for at least 10-15 years (possibly longer) and it is really long overdue. If you break down the \$20.00 into 12 months it comes to less than \$1.70 per month to belong to the USLBA. A small price to pay for the right to bowl anywhere in the world as well as at any divisional or national US tournaments. Your USLBA membership allows you to bowl in any World Bowls member country throughout the world. This is less than the price of a cup of coffee in most places.

It is my hope that you will all continue to support the USLBA and its subsidiaries (Golden Bias and Memorial Fund). Without your support and continued interest the sport as we know it faces demise within the US. Hopefully, we will continue some of the popular articles that have been in Bowls USA in the website. Some of the items that appear to be popular are Better Bowls for ideas in improving our game, Super Shots where we hear of those that have managed to score 7 to 9 shots in 1 end, as well as reports from our teams that participate overseas.

Also, hopefully every division will create and update their individual websites so that their division and club news is available to all members on a regular and current basis.

Respectfully,  
Isabella "Izzie" Forbes, President



*"For really important matches, I can never decide which set to use."*

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## California Leads Again

California has long led the nation and the world in groundbreaking solutions that provide all kinds of benefits. Time and again, California's leadership has spurred other states, the nation and other countries to take similar action. Examples spring to mind such as: Efficiency standards for appliances and buildings in 1977 & 1978 and then Clean Car Laws in 2002.

Now another breakthrough: The USLBA and the Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club announced that one would have near instantaneous access to results from the 2009 US National Championships. There were several options to find out the latest results: Texting, Blog, Twitter and the USLBA web site.

In a letter to the editor, Howard Harris wrote,

"America is more connected than ever before. We desire more current information every day, which is one of the problems with the dating of the magazine. Although bowls has been around for centuries, if we would like it to live on we must continue to make it viable in our current times. I have had a bowler check with me to make sure that his results were being reported on the texting as he had friends waiting anxiously for the playdown results.

The more information that we can put out there about the sport and the more interest that we can generate with the existing bowlers, the greater likelihood that we have a chance of bowls surviving in the US."

Howard Harris (San Diego LBC)  
President, Southwest (Men)

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In the summer 2009 issue I ranted about the use of the Bowling Arm and I was fortunate at the US Open to see a bowler from Australia using one in the most proficient manner. He had the most excellent delivery possible and he released his bowl at the six o'clock position without a hint of dumping. I saw him bowling in the pairs and he gave a very good account of himself. There is hope for us all. Ed.

# US OPEN

At the opening ceremony of the US Open held Oct 24-30 in the Sun City Area AZ, Donna West and Dora Stewart



were announced as new members of the USLBA Hall of Fame. In addition, John Stewart already a Hall of Famer since 2003 received an award for his many years of outstanding service to the lawn bowls community. Many thanks are due

to John & Dora Stewart, Gil Stephan and Marcia Masterson for organizing the event and directing the many volunteers who did such an outstanding job during the preceding months of the event and the event itself. Also to all the club members who gave up their greens and pitched in to help.



The tournament was truly international because of the 202 men entrants named in the prospectus there were: 128 from USA, 66 Canada, 9 Australia, 3 Ireland, 2 Spain, 2 Wales & 1 Scotland. Similarly, of the 140 women there were: 74 from USA, 64 Canada, 1 Ireland & 1 Scotland.

The Men's Bowler of the Tournament was Michael Siddall and the Women's equivalent was Jean Roney.

**Men's Singles:** 159 players.



*Michael Siddall  
- Man Bowler of  
the Tournament*

1-Michael Siddall. 2-Jeff Harding. 3-Patrick McCafferty. 4-Pat Bird. 2F: 1-Steve Nelson. 2-Jonathon Burnoski. 3F: 1-Keith Roney. 2-Rich Enockson. 4F: 1-Phil Dunn. 2-Mert Isaacman. 5F: 1-Jack Behling. 2-Ian Jones. 6F: 1-Viv Ross. 2-Len Hitchcock. 7F: 1-Jim Roth. 2-Trevor Whyte. 8F: 1-John Harding. 2-Glen Taylor.

**Men's Pairs:** 96 teams.



*Michel Larue*



*Keith Roney*

1-Michel Larue & Keith Roney. 2-Ivan Hyland & Jim Olson. 3-Steve Smith & Bill Brault. 4-Loren Dion & Mert Isaacman  
2F: 1-Chris Stadnyk & Mark Sandford. 2-Wayne Wright & David Ball. 3F: 1-Tony Scott & Rod Miles. 2-Charlie Herbert & Joe Regan. 4F: 1-John & Jeff Harding. 2-Viv Ross & Wes Sterland. 5F: 1-Phil Downs & Malcolm Bishop. 2 Greg Lester & Geoff Stewart. 6F: 1-Bruce Mathison & Bill Pearson. 2 Herb Nesbitt & Bill Reidy. 7F: 1-Len Hitchcock & Frank Souza. 2-Burl Roller & Bob Patterson.

**Men's Fours:** 44 teams. (No photo available.)

1-Phil Downs, Malcolm Bishop, Phil Dunn & Liam Courtney. 2-Abe Kaplan, Earl Shaner, Bud Ricucci & Gary Williamson. 3-Michael Siddall, Charlie Herbert, Steve Smith & Bill Brault. 4-Grant Summers, Rich Enockson, Tom Benstead & Scott Peterson. 2F: 1-Mark Sandford, Chris Stadnyk, Jeff Harding & John Harding. 2-Ryan Stadnyk, Wayne Wright, Don Caswell & David Ball.

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# 2009 United States National Championships

Members of Long Beach LBC had worked diligently throughout the summer to prepare their greens for the top 48 bowlers from the seven divisions in the USA. The games were held Oct 4 - Oct 8 and a great "Thank You" is due to the club for making this event a memorable time for the bowlers and spectators. The greens were available for practice on the preceding Friday & Saturday and on Sunday morning. On Sat evening there was a casual dress welcome party for contestants and their guests, dignitaries & sponsors.

Sunday saw the opening ceremony and reception taking place at 12:30 and the first game commenced at 2:00pm. A barbecue was provided at 5:30pm for contestants, sponsors and invited dignitaries

with the compliments of Cal Elite Kids, Santa Margarita, CA and John Morris of Smooth's Sports Grille, Long Beach.

The remaining six games of the round robin were played at the rate of two per day and lunch was provided on successive days for contestants, sponsors and volunteers by Newport Harbor LBC, Santa Ana LBC and Laguna Beach LBC respectively. After the games on Tuesday there was a party for Golden Bias Club members.

When the round robin was completed on Wednesday there was a 'No Host' Cocktail Party at the Golden Sails Hotel in Long Beach. The Awards Banquet was held at the same establishment at 7:30pm.

## Contestants:



**Central:** Men's Singles-Steve Nelson. Men's Pairs-Bob Schneider & Joe Zinna. Women's Singles-Kathy Alton. Women's Pairs-Anna Witt & Glorianne Mather.



**Northeast:** Men's Singles-Patrick Duffy. Men's Pairs-Dick & Bob Sayer. Women's Singles-Michelle Arculli. Women's Pairs Eileen Luba & Lois Saladin.



**Northwest:** Men's Singles-Richard Broad. Men's Pairs-Richard Krueger & Larry Edgar. Women's Singles-Nancy Nishikawa. Women's Pairs-Pam Edwards & Debbie Tupper.



**Pacific Inter-Mountain:** Men's Singles-Jonathan Burnoski. Men's Pairs-Josh & Tom Burnoski. Women's Singles-Marie Guterres. Women's Pairs-Pauline DeAssis & Mimi Rodrigues.



**South-Central:** Men's Singles-Jack Behling. Men's Pairs-Frank Souza & Len Hitchcock. Women's Singles-Irene Webster. Women's Pairs-Dora Stewart & Marcia Masterson.



**Southeast:** Men's Singles-Abe Kaplan. Men's Pairs-George Tucker & Ron Buck. Women's Singles-Jackie Tucker. Women's Pairs-Angela Carkhuff & Jean Adams.



**Southwest Stripes:** Men's Singles-Michael Siddall. Men's Pairs-Tony Baer & Ian Ho. Women's Singles-Cecile Langevin. Women's Pairs-Patricia Cronshaw & Carrie Fossati.



**Southwest Stars:** Men's Singles-Phil Salt. Men's Pairs-Gary Fischer & Howard Harris. Women's Singles-Rosa Gandara. Women's Pairs-Kottia Spangler & Anne Nunes.

All photos of the US National Championships were taken by either Scott Boyd or Herb Glazeroff.

## Champions:



Men's Singles: Steve Nelson (Central).



Women's Singles: Rosa Gandara (SW Stars and a previous winner in 2005, 06 & 08) with USLBA president Isabella Forbes.



Women's Pairs: Patricia Cronshaw & Carrie Fossati (SW Stripes).

During the round robin, both Patricia Cronshaw & Carrie Fossati and Dora Stewart & Marcia Masterson had won six games. Consequently, there was one more day of play for these women as they had to go to a playoff to find the eventual winners.

Of this playoff game, Carrie said, "My Santa Barbara partner, Patricia Cronshaw and I beat the team from South Central (Dora Stewart and Marcia Masterson) today in a tie breaker match for first place. We elevated our game from last year's Silver medal to Gold this year. It was a close match. At one time we were ahead by 6 points, but by the 20th end it was going home 20-19. We had two shots in the head and Dora took one shot out, leaving us with only one shot in the head. It held up, as she tried to chop it out for two which she needed to win. The game ended in our favor 21-19. It was a very exciting and exhilarating game."



Men's Pairs: Bob Schneider & Joe Zinna (Central).

# National Senior Games

In August, the City of Palo Alto hosted the Senior Games and its organizing committee chose lawn bowling as one of several demonstration sports. These games are a national event in which 10,000 people participated this year. Lawn bowling took place during the first week and this was enough time for a Men's & Women's Pairs tournament and a fun "Open" Triples game on the Friday. The tournaments went very well due to the tireless work of Terry Hogan and numerous helpers. Terry ran things with his customary good humor and imagination. He ended the week exhausted but with the knowledge that he had done a great job for the club and for the game.

The atmosphere at the Palo Alto club was exciting; with good bowling; a lot of attention from the local press, a good number of local leaders dropping by and an interested group of spectators some of whom were bowlers. Most competitors were from the Bay Area, but there were also entries from other parts of the country who managed to get a share of the medals. Some athletes from other sports never having seen it before dropped by to see what our game was about.

The next Senior Games will be in Houston in 2011 and we hope that we have shown off our sport to some movers and shakers amongst the organizers and that lawn bowling will appear in them at some time in the future.



**National Senior Games Medalists: Men**  
 Gold (center): Alan Bushell & Gordon Lockhart (Skip) (Palo Alto).  
 Silver (left): Rod Arriaga & Norm Tiernan (San Francisco). Bronze  
 (right): Ian Harris (Palo Alto) & John Sanmartini (Santa Ana).



**National Senior Games Medalists: Women**  
 Gold (center): Sandy Souza, Rossmoor & Laura Lewis (Oakland).  
 Silver (left): E.B. Parkell & Linda Flores (San Francisco). Bronze  
 (right): Nikki Schrager (Berkeley) & Sarah Babin (Palo Alto). Jack  
 Morton (center) Vice Mayor of Palo Alto - award presenter.

# The Michael Aston Phillips (MAP) International

The MAP was held at Newport Beach and Laguna Beach Oct 11-17. World class players from Canada, China, England, Hong Kong, Israel, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and the United States competed in Singles & Pairs.



**Singles Winner:**  
 Charlie Herbert (USA)

This is the only World Bowls International Federation sanctioned event that directly invites world class bowlers to the USA and was established to honor one of our lawn bowling leaders, Michael Ashton-Phillips, who passed away in January 2003 due to his sudden illness that was diagnosed as terminal brain cancer. The British born Los Angeles bowler was a long standing

member of Beverly Hills LBC and had been a frequent winner in Southwest tournaments. He was selected to the US National Team every year from 1994 to 2001 and represented the USA at the Asia Pacific Championships, North American Challenge and several other international tournaments. He also served as Team USA manager on numerous occasions and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2002.



**Pairs Winners:** Thomas Mann & Iain McLean (Skip) (Scotland)

# Marketing Corner

By Athol Foden

Chair of the USLBA Marketing & Promotion Committee

Your club website - a powerful marketing tool.

If a new keen lawn bowler came to town, how would he know your club exists? In the last marketing corner I wrote about checking and updating all your signage, as well as the online information at your city's parks and rec. dept.

But that is not enough. Do you know that people living 1,000 yards from your green don't even know what the sport is or that your club exists? I recently had to visit Berkeley Lawn Bowls Club for the first time. How did I find it? Online of course, otherwise I would never have found it even though I got married in Berkeley and lived nearby for more than 10 years.

Your cheapest and most powerful marketing outreach tool is a website. It is your club's connection to the outside world and if you don't have a web designer in your extended club network, pay a freelancer or professional design firm. It will pay for itself 10 times over in two years. Should all else fail; get a basic site using some free web tools like Yola.com, Google or others. Whatever you do, have a site that says when you bowl, when your training courses are held, how to rent the facilities, your tournament schedule and basic directions and contact information. Try to have a section for beginners to know they are always welcome and give them some basics of the sport. When your web site is live, make sure you tell your divisional webmasters and the USLBA webmaster about it, as well as registering it with Google & Yahoo, etc.

A big benefit of a website that is constructed correctly is that prospective newcomers are a lot smarter before they show up. They can read about the bias, the rules of the game and the organization of teams etc., so when they come for a first lesson they are thinking the right thoughts instead of dealing with all the other small details. At least by then they should know it is not bocce, and yes, it is played in lanes on real grass using special bowls and not round metal balls.

Another benefit is that it can become an electronic history of the club. Each year before new tournaments and photos are added, the old pages should be archived with suitable links. Before you know it, you will be able to look back a few years and see who won what and how crazy that hat was you wore at the party! Notice we are starting to do this with the USLBA website and from 2008 onwards all data is archived.

We hope we can select your site as website of the month!

**P.S.** Need more help or advice on websites? Email me as I am also the USLBA webmaster: [athol@uslba.org](mailto:athol@uslba.org)

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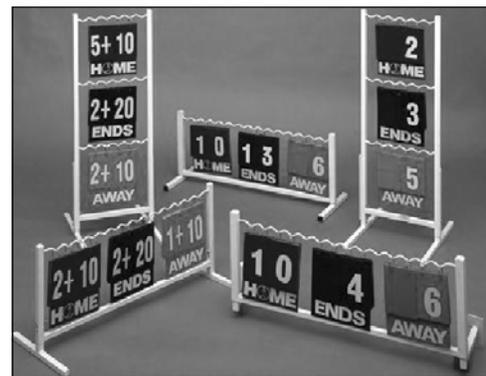
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## Central News



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Our newly elected Officers are:  
President-Leif Andresen. VP-Joe Zinna.  
Secretary/Treasurer-Bob Schneider.

**US Playdowns: Men's Singles:** Steve Nelson. **Men's Pairs:** Bob Schneider & Joe Zinna. **Women's Singles:** Kathy Alton. **Women's Pairs:** Glorianne Mather & Anna Witt.



*Steve Nelson, Joe Zinna & Bob Schneider*



*Glorianne Mather & Anna Witt*

### Central Open

The Central Open was held at Milwaukee Lake Park over two weekends. A strong field was entered in all events, and the number of entries was higher than in recent years. All place winners are members of Milwaukee.

**Men's Singles:** 1-Steve Nelson.  
2-Carl Landgren. 3-Leif Andresen.  
**Women's Singles:** 1-Anna Witt.  
2-Glorianne Mather.  
**Men's Pairs:** 1-Bob Schneider & Joe Zinna. 2-Steve Nelson & Carl Landgren.  
**Women's Pairs:** 1-Glorianne Mather & Anna Witt.  
**Open Triples:** 1-John Kirkwood, John Devine & Bill Harrington. 2-Steve Nelson, Jim Cavender & Maureen Nelson.



*Bill Harrington, John Kirkwood, John Devine*

### Chicago Lakeside By Tom Michael

We have had another successful bowling season. Chicago Lakeside again hosted Mayor Daley's Senior Olympics with 35 men and women competing for gold, silver and bronze medals. The participants enjoy the event, and the club is very pleased to host them.

**Tournament Results: Mixed Pairs:** Don Sneddon & Kathy Bohanon (Kathy is still a novice). **Women's Singles:** Lorrie Michael. **Men's Pairs:** Sam Wright & Tom Michael. **Men's Singles (leads):** Joe Sintich.

Four young graduate students from the University of Chicago joined the club in August. Paul Craddock is studying Geo-Chemistry; Andrew Leslie (Evolution of Plants); Mac Cathles, (Glaciers) & Samantha Siedlecki (Oceanography).

New member Dick Tucker used to belong to Mount Dora in Florida. He joined Chicago Lakeside in order to bowl in the Central Division playdowns which is great for our club. He is such a good example for those of us that haven't had the gumption to do that.

### Milwaukee Lake Park By Steve Nelson

Newly elected Officers are: President-Norma Harrington. VP-Crandall Hayes. Secretary-Barb Althoen. Treasurer-Roger Senn. Directors-Roland Fass, Charlene Harmon & Bob Schneider.

A portable cart was built by **John Devine** that is able to store mats & rink numbers. It also has drawers for jacks, scorecards & pencils. We can roll it from the shed to the green and it gives us the convenience of having all this equipment in one place.



### Tournament Results: Club Singles:

Jerry Mathwig.  
**Club Pairs:** 1-Buzz Althoen & Dorothy Bauer.

**Tuesday Triples and Pairs:** an average of 20 members participated each week. 1-Charlene Harmon. 2-Tom Vanderbilt. 3-Buzz Althoen.

**Labor Day Club Triples:** 1-Crandall Hayes, Norma Harrington & substitutes.

**Chili Bowl Pairs:** 1-Leif Andresen & Jim Gryzbowski.

**Friday Frolics:** 1-Ted Bailey & Roger Senn.

**Wisconsin State Open Singles:** 1-Bob Schneider. 2-Steve Nelson. 3-Leif Andresen.



*Max Cavender aged 17, executes a draw delivery at Milwaukee Lake Park*

## Northeast News



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Officers & Directors elected at our 2009 Club Delegates Meeting: President-Andrea Murphy. VP-Jack Lucey. Secretary-Jack Edwards. Treasurer-Eileen Luba. Directors: Patrick Duffy, Rob Frehse, Hank Luba, Lois Saladin, Colin Smith, Bob & Lorraine Urquhart. Patrick Duffy & Eileen Luba were re-appointed as our representatives on the USLBA Council.

Michelle Arculli (Essex County) was named Division Bowler of the Year. This season-long competition awards points to each NED tournament participant based on their finish in the top four places. Michelle received her award at the Sam Drevitch Pairs hosted by the DuPont Club. Patrick Duffy finished second and Eileen Luba third.

### NED Tournament Results: Miller

**Pairs:** 1-Burl Roller (Pinehurst) & Bob Patterson (Brooklyn). 2- Skippy & Michelle Arculli (Essex County). Alan Winsom & Ed Last (New York). 4-Duncan Farrell & Brian Drozd (Essex County).

**Hall of Fame Triples:** 1-Dick Sayer, Bob Sayer & Josh Sayer (Slater Park). 2-Wick Hall, Dick Kattan & Art Anderson (Frick Park). 3-Burl Roller & Barbara Roller (Pinehurst) & Jack Lucey (Cunningham Park). 4-Eileen Luba, Anka Bakker & Rusty Hein (Frick Park). **Sam Drevitch Pairs:** 1-Patrick Duffy (Brooklyn) & Jack Lucey (Cunningham Park). 2-Ron Buck (DuPont) & Ed Last (New York). 3-Bud & Helen Fickley (Frick

Park). 4-Skippy & Michelle Arculli (Essex County).

**US Playdowns: Men's Singles:** Patrick Duffy (Brooklyn). **Women's Singles:** Michelle Arculli (Essex County).

**Men's Pairs:** Dick Sayer (Frick Park) & Bob Sayer (Slater Park). **Women's Pairs:** Eileen Luba & Lois Saladin (Frick Park).

## Northeast Open

Buck Hill Falls located in the Pocono Mountains of eastern Pennsylvania hosted this tournament that was held Aug 1-6. The NED wishes to thank the officers & members of the Buck Hill Falls Club and the Tournament Committee members for their hard work in keeping the greens in good condition as well as their hospitality. The Games Co-Chairs were Jack Lucey & Lois Saladin.

**Men's Singles:** 1-Patrick Duffy (Brooklyn). 2-Earl Shaner (Mount Dora). 3-Wick Hall (Frick Park). 4-Colin Smith (Essex County).



*Michelle Arculli* Photo by Tee Adams

**Women's Singles:** 1-Michelle Arculli (Essex County). 2-Helen Fickley (Frick Park). 3-Eileen Luba (Frick Park).

**Men's Pairs:** 1-Patrick Duffy (Brooklyn) & Jack Lucey (Cunningham Park). 2-Jack Edwards & Paul Howland (Williamsburg Inn). 3-Abe Kaplan (Lakeland) & Earl Shaner (Mount Dora). 4-Maurice Lafond (Slater Park) & Bob Patterson (Brooklyn).

**Women's Pairs:** 1-Andrea Murphy (New York) & Michelle Arculli (Essex County). 2-Helen Fickley (Frick Park) & Lorraine Urquhart (Essex County).

**Open Triples:** 1-Eileen Luba, Lois & Claudia Saladin (Frick Park). 2-Abe Kaplan (Lakeland FL), Earl

Shaner (Mount Dora) & Tee Adams (DuPont). 3-Maurice Lafond (Slater Park), Bob Patterson (Brooklyn) & Dave Smith (Pinehurst). 4-Ron Buck (DuPont), Colin & Debbie Smith (Essex County).



*Lois Saladin, Eileen Luba & Claudia Saladin.* Photo by Tee Adams

## Cunningham Park -Milton MA By Sam Drevitch

Our new elected Officers are: President Gerry McCarthy, VP-Bob Rota, Treasurer-Dorothy Cutler & Secretary-Tom Joyce.

We suffered serious winter damage to our green, which forced us to cancel all tournaments for the 2009 season. Thanks to the generosity of Pawtucket's Slater Park which offered to host two of our events.

After 46 years, at 90 years of age, I reluctantly had to give up my favorite sport of lawn bowling because of health reasons. I have enjoyed many happy days on the greens and relish the friends I have met throughout these past years.

We bowl Sat mornings, Tues evenings & Wed afternoons and welcome bowlers to come and join us.

Division Correspondent's note: This past June, Sam and his beloved wife Dora celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to them on this milestone and a huge thank you to two of the finest people ever to grace the sport of lawn bowling.

## DuPont - Wilmington DE By Tom Lawlor

Our Club was pleased to host the Sam Drevitch Pairs on August 29-30. Winners were Jack Lucey & Patrick Duffy. All of the participants and their guests were invited afterwards to a party at Ron and Betty Lou Buck's home.

Our green is in beautiful shape despite a great deal of rain this summer.

Membership is static, but we hosted several business groups and youngsters during the summer season.

## Essex County - Bloomfield NJ

By George J. Schick

The following Officers were elected for 2010: President- Colin Smith. VP-Bob Urquhart. Treasurer-Lorraine Urquhart & Secretary-George Schick

### Tournament Results Club Pairs:

Duncan Farrell & Michelle Arculli.

Club Singles: Brian Drozd.

## Buck Hill Falls

By Gene Goodwin

This numerically tiny club of about 20 active members at the summer community in the Poconos taught lawn bowling to 165 youngsters aged 5-15 during this season alone, compared to less than a total of 100 in recent years.



*The two women in charge of this major effort – President Carlisle Nostrame and VP Dale Frehse challenge other clubs to match this remarkable achievement*

This year, increasing numbers of kids chose lawn bowling over tennis, golf and fly fishing that were available at the camp. One reason for the rise in popularity of lawn bowling could be the new games offered this year to the 5-6 year olds. Concerned about the short attention span of younger pupils, Carlisle decided to invent some new games in which players bowl to target areas. The targets were brightly colored which added to their appeal.

### Club Tournament Results: Singles

champions this year are Randy Canonico (women) and Don Quillan (men). George Ketigian & Sharon Keegan won the Pairs.

We lost our annual match against nearby Skytop for the second time in a row. Their Pairs teams won four of the seven games played on our green.



*"You're right! This new game is tougher than it looks," she says.*



*"Of course I've rolled a perfect bowl." We don't doubt you one bit little lady and your follow through is also perfect.*



*This 7-8-year old could be a US champion in the year 2025.*



*A lad from the nine-eleven year-old group delivers his bowls in a manner that brought smiles of envy from his adult teachers.*



*"Oh my, these balls never go straight."*

All photos at Buck Hill Falls were taken by Dr. Hank Walker

## Fernleigh - West Hartford CT

By Gordon B. Fowler

Despite a very wet June & July, relatively few of our Mon and Wed night pairs matches had to be cancelled or rescheduled. The winning Monday night skip for the series of eight matches was our Club president: Ellen Boyne. The winning rotating lead was new member Ed Peltier. Wed night winners were

Mark Gifford & Elsie Melita. Second were Bob O'Brien & Mary Bjorkman. Bob and Mary deserve special recognition for also having won the Bob Safford Tournament. An interclub pairs match with neighboring Thistle club saw Gene Knorr & Mark Gifford take first place. Gene Knorr & Gordon Fowler won the July 4th Tournament.

An aging infrastructure continues to challenge our repair budget. Last year it was a break in the water main serving the old sprinkler system. This year it was an expensive renovation of the "new" 25 year old system. We have yet to find any Federal stimulus money to ease the burden.

### Leisure World - Silver Spring MD

By Liz Helmick

We tried to start our season on Memorial Day weekend. Then it rained for 30 days and 30 nights. We only really got to start playing at the end of June. We held the Maryland Senior Olympics for lawn bowling on our green.

#### Tournament Results:

Triples: Bill Herndon, Jean Courey & Lemuel Beall.



*Men's Pairs: Bob Mabie & Bill Herndon*



*Women's Pairs: Hannelte Allen & Nancy Callan*

### New York

By Charles Crawford

Despite a rainy season and a troubled economy we are happy to report that we have nearly 100 names on our membership roster. Our new members are enthusiastic about our sport and have wasted no time getting involved in tournaments and other club activities.

#### Tournament Results:

**Primavera Pairs:** Brian Flynn & Susan Burke.

**George Reid Pairs:** Charles Crawford & Jean Lithgow.

**Firecracker Pairs:** Charles Crawford & Jonathan Kingman.

**Arthur Morse Singles:** Edward Last.

**Dog Days Doubles:** Patrick Duffy & Andrew Wiener.

**Men's Singles:** Brian Upbin.

**Women's Singles:** Georgina Kelman.

**New Member Singles:** Emily Gold.



*Emily Gold*

Photo by Chris Braun

We are doing our best to support Central Park and our Friends of Central Park Committee is pleased to report that members' donations to the Central Park Conservancy are way up and that this year's contribution will be twice as much as in 2008. The extra effort was sparked by the downturn in the local economy and the unprecedented damage caused to hundreds of the Park's oldest trees in a violent summer storm.

We mourn the loss of our good friend and long-time member Bernie Kurtz who passed away on August 10. We have missed his presence on the green for more than a year since his move to south Florida. We remember Bernie as a perfect gentleman, an awesome bowler and a true leader of the club for many years.

### Skytop - PA

By J Thomas Murphy

This was a good year and we had 18 members enjoying the game on our green nestled in the Pocono Mountains. We retained the Ivy Trophy (Pairs) by winning 4-3 in the annual event against Buck Hill Falls. This year BHF were the hosts for this event which has been played for more than 70 years.

#### Tournament Results:

**Women's Singles:** Jean-Maree Hellen.

**Men's Singles:** Tom Murphy.

**Mixed Pairs:** Tom Murphy & Valerie Clarke.

**Sawyer Cup (club champion):** Tom

Murphy defeated Jean-Maree Hellen

### Slater Park - Pawtucket RI

By Ed Kenney

This season was marred by several tournaments being cancelled due to rain. The Officers and Members of our Club wish all bowlers and their families a happy holiday season and a healthy 2010.

#### Tournament Results

**Opening Day:** Maurice Lafond & Bill Martley.

**President vs. Games Committee:**

Games Committee won 47-25.

**Cunningham Foundation:** Jerry

DeMello, Ken Birch & Greta Lafond.

**Ed and Shirley Kenney Open:** Jerry &

Diane DeMello.

**Al Letourneau Open:** Ed Kenney &

Ray Robitaille.

**Green Appreciation Day:** Maurice

Lafond & Bill Martley.

### Williamsburg Inn

By Susan Berg

In June we hosted Pinehurst for our annual challenge cup match. After the first day the teams were tied, but Williamsburg graciously yielded to its guests and Pinehurst claimed a 16-14 victory to retain the cup. The Fran Healy Women's Singles was held with 12 bowlers competing. Fran is a former member who learned the sport in South Africa and still loves the game at the tender age of 94. She came from Tennessee to see the competition and invited all the bowlers to lunch at Colonial Williamsburg's Golden Horseshoe Grill. After two days of play Joan Miller captured first place

with a perfect 4-0 record.

On Independence Day, 14 bowlers divided themselves into two teams: the Jeffersonians and the Hamiltonians. After two rounds the score was tied but the Hamiltonians pulled ahead in the third round to win the match. In the Summer Triples tournament each bowler had to play in each of the three positions for a portion of every game. New bowler Cary Carson with team-mates Peter Hall & Joann Proper finished in first place.

The Let Jack Lie is a tournament in which the jack is not centered, but played where it comes to rest as long as it in bounds and a legal length. Eight bowlers played a round robin and Jack Edwards won with a 5-1-1 record.

Eight teams competed in a round robin in the Mixed Pairs event and Susan & Dan Berg successfully defended their title with a 6-1 record.



*President Ann Wuest presents the Mixed Pairs trophy to Dan & Susan Berg*

Over 25 bowlers came out for Labor Day which is a record attendance. They were divided into two teams: Hearts and Diamonds. After three games and some intermittent showers, the Diamonds won the match. Bob & Sylvia Hunt hosted more than 30 club members and friends to a hot dog roast and pot luck supper at their house on the James River.

Twelve bowlers competed for the club's singles championship named in memory of Ray Townsend who was the driving force behind the creation of the Williamsburg Inn club. The bowlers were divided into a two group round robin and Berg beat Haynes in the playoff. It has been very encouraging to see new members participating in club tournaments.

## Northwest News



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### Jefferson Park

#### Lauren Heyne

We had an astounding lawn bowling season this year. The club continued its weekly league nights of men's & women's leagues during the summer, plus three mixed leagues throughout the summer & autumn.

We worked hard at including new members for tournaments this year. We started with the Jefferson Park Team Event, an event for which many first-year players turned out. In early August we held our interclub Seafair Trophy, a competition between the two Seattle lawn bowling clubs. It is a spirited annual event where members get to show off their club loyalty and hardcore bowling skills. Later in August we held our 3rd Annual Veteran/Novice Bowl which is a tournament focusing on having fun and learning the rules of tournament play in order to encourage and support new players. It was a huge success with a total of 20 teams.

We also held an impromptu Fours Tournament over Labor Day Weekend, ensuring the opportunity for fours play for many league players who primarily get a chance to only play pairs. A hearty "Wow!" goes out to the dedicated bowlers who played in the downpour!



*The gallery watches the finals of the Veteran/Novice Bowl at Jefferson Park.*



*Novice Lauren Heyne discusses strategy with Veteran Nancy Nishikawa (right).*

Heading into the cooler months, there is one last league ahead of us - the Dichard League. In the Northwest, bowling after October 1 often involves long-johns, hats, mufflers and mittens. Even with the challenge of the cold and wet, there's no shortage of lawn bowlers who just aren't ready to put away their bowls for the season.

We're looking forward to 2010, and we hope to continue our growth and think of even better ways to recruit new members.

### Portland/King City

#### Larry Edgar

As our season winds down with the coming of cooler wetter weather, we can look back on a very good bowling season. A potluck in October and the annual business meeting in November will bring the year to a close. The final event at King City was the club singles championship, won by Larry Edgar with Chris Krogh taking second.

This summer we have seen an increase in facility usage as there have been a number of groups that have held parties at the club and learned about and tried lawn bowling. One company that is going to send workers to Australia wanted to familiarize them with the game and we hope, lead to an interest in playing here more.

## Pacific Inter-Mountain News



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### US Playdowns:

**Men's Singles:** 1-Jon Burnoski (Berkeley). **Men's Pairs:** 1-Josh & Tom Burnoski (Berkeley). **Women's Singles:** 1-Marie Guterres (San Francisco). **Women's Pairs:** 1-Pauline de Assis & Mimi Rodrigues (Rossmoor).

**Mixed (2 x 2) Fours** was played at Berkeley on July 25. 1-Regina & Andre Benares (San Jose), Mike Coiner (San Jose) & Pauline de Assis (Rossmoor). 2-Charlie Thorpe, Luli Rogers, Al & Johanna Smith (Leisure Town). 3-Dick & Sally Ruddy (Leisure Town), Shiela Stout (San Jose) & Jerry Knott (Oakland).

**NorCal Open Men's Pairs:** The Sunnyvale Club hosted the event again this year. 1-Josh & Tom Burnoski (Berkeley). 2-Robb Pawlak (San Francisco) & Jerry Knott (Oakland). 3-Joe Sacco & Lou Audino (San Jose). 4-Michael Overton (Sunnyvale) & Larry Murphy (San Francisco).

**NorCal Open Men's Triples:** There were some surprises at this event in San Jose. Bill Lee (San Francisco), Millard Long & Irving Gershenberg (Berkeley) lost all three matches on the first day with a large negative score, so they had to play the top team on the second day. The saying "Tomorrow is another day" proved correct. Not only did they win that match but the next two as well, so ended up the winners! As Irving said, "Miracles do happen. I hope this improbable story encourages others to play in tournaments."

2-Oscar Collaco (San Francisco),

Bud Birkenseer & Sam Hebert (Palo Alto). 3-Larry Collaco, Joe Shepard & Michael Overton (Sunnyvale).

**McLaren Triples:** Rod Arriaga, an excellent substitute, stood in for our long-serving PIMD Tournament Director Peter Knopf who took some time out. 1-Mike Coiner, Mary Scott & Mario Giorgianni (San Jose). 2-Jon, Josh & Tiffany Burnoski (Berkeley). 3-Bill Ryan, Linda Flores & Bill Campbell (San Francisco).

### Berkeley

#### By Irving Gershenberg

Millard Long resigned from the presidency of our club effective Sept 1 to return to Washington DC. The Board expressed its sincere appreciation for his service and wished him well in his future endeavors. Geoff Chandler (current VP) is serving as Acting President for the remainder of the year.

Dave Rockhold organized our annual Singles Tournament on Sept 5 with 12 members participating. Irving Gershenberg took top honors by beating novice Dave Schmalenberger in the final. With novice bowlers also taking third & fourth place, our hopes for future tournament participation soar!



*Singles Champion Irving Gershenberg (right) with runner-up Dave Schmalenberger.*

"A hero to one's wife." Upon seeing me dressed in bowling whites for the first time, my wife said that I (Irving) looked like a baker. There was I, having hopes of being mistaken for at least a dentist, or better yet, a surgeon.

### Del Mesa Carmel

#### By Lloyd Wells

This summer saw more visitors than usual including 10 adventurous members of Holmby LBC from Los Angeles who visited us on August 23-24. We had some great matches and fun stories of bowling derring-do. Mixed draw games were

played on Sunday. On Monday there was a match of 3 triples games and its outcome was a win for each team and a hard fought tie.

Ouch! What happens in Santa Cruz stays in Santa Cruz! That's the nature of the Shark Trophy again this year. The first games were played on the Del Mesa Carmel green and three of the five triples matches were won by the Del Mesa Sharks. In Santa Cruz the story was quite different as they swept the five games in embarrassing fashion on their artificial turf. It has now been decided that there will only be one match each year in the future with each club hosting alternate years.

In local tournament play, the Double 20 Elimination Singles saw Jim Gustafson go through undefeated until succumbing to Allan Sindelar in the final games. In the Pairs competition, bowlers signed up as teams this year. The double elimination tournament saw the winning team of Daskaloff & Wells play Sindelar & Harrison three times before finally emerging as victors.

Three young men (all aged 12) who joined us at our spring open house are now being coached by Lloyd Wells and Allan Sindelar each Sat morning to enjoy and learn the intricacies of this game. We hope to have them play in our regular Sat afternoon games soon. It is a pleasure to be bringing young new players to this ancient sport.

### Palo Alto

#### By Ian Harris

We have made steady progress with our recruiting and this has been reflected in the great attendance at our draw games & tournaments. It is not unusual for seven rinks to be in use, especially on our very popular Pizza Night on Wednesdays in the summer. The large number of entries in the Men's Draw Pairs & Singles has led to some logistical problems for our tournament organizers. Nobody likes byes, but there are limits to the number of players an eight rink green will support.

Our Paris Bistro evening, Cinco de Mayo dinner, Luau & Australian barbecue have all been well attended and greatly enjoyed. We are very lucky

to have a facility that will enable us to hold these parties. They bring everyone together in a social setting which helps people to become better acquainted and also encourage the talented cooks among us to strut their stuff.

On a sad note, we lost our oldest member Dorothy Beckett, in September. She was 104 and had been a member since April 1973. She was a leader in the club for many years including being President in 1984 and managed to attend most of our social functions until quite recently. In her younger days Dorothy also excelled at tennis and played in the Wimbledon Championships for two years. She, and the sense of continuity she represented, will be greatly missed.

## Richmond

By Frank Ransome

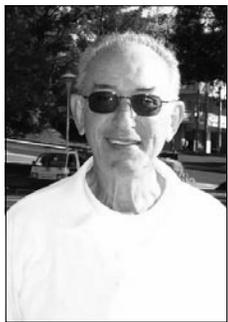
We now bowl one day a week, usually on Saturdays since the City has seriously curtailed our green maintenance.

## Rossmoor

By Pauline de Assis

We've had an exciting bowling season with our three greens being smooth and fast, thanks to the great work of our greens keeper. With sizzling hot summer days, some bowlers were eager to bowl later in the day so Sandy Souza organized a Twilight League for five consecutive Fridays in July. The six triple teams had a blast because it wasn't a totally serious tournament, but more in line with good bowling & camaraderie with each team taking turns to bring snacks. Sandy Souza, Joanne Segovia & Rick Oliveira were the first place winners.

In the PIMD Playdowns our own Pauline de Assis & Mimi Rodrigues won the Pairs.



During August in the Four Score Singles tournament, Past President Jack Landman (pictured) beat current President Harold Tunnell by 15-12 in a close match.

In September the Rossmoor's Activities Council sponsored Activities Day at the Gateway complex to give all

its organizations the opportunity to promote their clubs & activities. We manned a table to demonstrate a scaled down version of lawn bowls in order to pique some residents' interest & encourage new membership.

The training of new bowlers was completed in May and is scheduled to recommence in October. Some trainees were naturals and got hooked right away while others were still trying to master their delivery and weight.

## San Francisco

By George Scarpato

Thanks to the efforts of Board Chair Jan Leja and Associate Member Sebastian Sciacca, the rakes have been refurbished to the delight of everyone.

66 bowlers competed in our Centennial Cup Invitational. The winners were Frank Matyskiela, David Hale & Penny Bayless (Palo Alto).



David Hale, Penny Bayless & Frank Matyskiela

**Tournament winners: Hattie Bahrt**

**Mixed Pairs:** Alex & Maureen Xavier. **Men's/Women's Novice**

**Singles:** Avram Mednick.

**Women's Handicap Pairs:** Sarah Howald & Cheryl Minvielle.

**Men's Handicap Triples:** Bill McConachie, Steve Steier & Avram Mednick. **Nestor/Rezendez/VerPlanck Mixed/Matched Triples:**

Alex & Maureen Xavier and Tirisa Biukoto. **Women's Championship Pairs:** Judith Perkins & Laura Lewis.

**Men's Championship Pairs:** Robb Pawlak & George Scarpato. **Parkell Australian Pairs:** Rod Arriaga & Tirisa Biukoto. **Men's Championship Triples:** Robb

Pawlak, Peter Knopf & George Scarpato. **Women's Championship Singles:** Tirisa Biukoto.

Congrats to our club members who excelled at the National Senior Games held at Palo Alto. Rod Arriaga & Norm Tiernan won the silver medal on the men's side while E.B. Parkell & Linda Flores won silver in the women's division. The first ever Bill Ryan Mixed Fives held on August 20 was won by Bill Lee, Bea McConachie, Marie Guterres, John Lee & Zeldia Gordon.

## San Jose

By Lou Audino

Recruiting has gone well this year and we have added 18 new members bringing our total membership to 82. A "Tip of the Fedora" goes to Jerry Patrignani for making this all possible.

John Ogden, Lou Audino & Jerry Patrignani took first place in our club's Mixed Matched Draw Triples.

We have trimmed the bushes surrounding our green to a level that has exposed it to the public. The net effect has been a staggering number of people noticing for the first time that a bowling green exists in our community. It has helped our cause.

## Santa Cruz

By Christine Palochak

We hosted a visit from Cambria in August. A Friday evening interclub match of seven triples under the guidance of Peter Young, Tournament Director, was followed by a delightful dinner. Saturday morning a mixed club match was held. Both clubs agree that the exchange should become an annual event. We are looking forward to our trip to Cambria next year.

Our club has welcomed Andrew Pappin, the first recipient of the Harry Schoenfeld Scholarship. Andrew is an enthusiastic bowler and a great help as we navigate media updates on the computer. We are continuing with our Turbo Tournaments under the direction of Glen Johnson. Turbo Two was won by Greg Fyvie and Turbo Three by Bill Marzonie. We hope to try a Turbo Pairs event in the coming months.

We spent much of the spring prepar-

ing for the PBA Qualifying Tournament held in September and many members contributed much time and effort to prepare for our guests. The tournament went very smoothly and has inspired us all to spend more hours at practice. Bowler & aerial photographer Dave Sievert has updated our web site [www.sclawnbowls.org](http://www.sclawnbowls.org). It includes some wonderful views of Santa Cruz and our green. When you have a few minutes, take a look at David's work.

## Sunnyvale

By Al Mendoza

In August we hosted the PIMD Vet/Novice event organized by Tournament Director Joe Shepard. 10 pairs participated. Three games were played and each novice played with a different skip. All the novices gained valuable bowling experience which was the reason for the format. Three of our novices participated: Barbara Frevert, Bill Vawter & Shawn Ranck.

We have a broad membership ranging in age from a college freshman to retirees.

## SunRiver

By Diane Cobb-Adams

Summer attendance was steady in spite of temperatures in the low 100's with bowling starting at 8:00 a.m.

We hosted the Huntsman World Senior Games Oct 12-16. The average temperature in October is low to mid 80's and is truly a wonderful time of year here in St. George.



"I'm getting just a bit fed up with your reliving of the deciding end, Gordon."

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## South Central News



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## Sun City West

By Jim Penrod

This summer our greens received extra attention in preparation for hosting the Singles event of the 2009 US Open. Our club was excited and eagerly awaited the honor. Sun City Grand bowlers joined us in bowling while their green was being rebuilt. Early morning and evening bowling was more enjoyable having the SC Grand bowlers adding extra competition. When their green was again available to them, they surprised us with a farewell ice cream and cake party.

## CALLING THE SHOT

Some bowls shots produce unfavorable and undesired results. **SOMETIMES** Skips have the chance to obtain better performances from their Players if they take the blame for such results.

For example: Bill (a Skip) asks his Vice (Bob) to draw a third shot by the use of a forehand draw.

The opposition has a short bowl nearly in the draw, but a good bowl would get inside it by a few inches or so.

Bob bowls and knocks in the opposition bowl for shot.

What do Skips say in such a situation? The following possibilities exist.

1. "You've given the shot away." Bob already knows that information. He probably feels disappointed that it has happened. Thus, why point out the obvious and possibly make Bob feel even worse.

2. Bill says nothing. Probably Bob feels bad about the result. Will it make him play worse in the future if the Skip says nothing? Will this situation make Bob have less faith in the Skip's calls in future?

3. "That's my fault, I called the shot. I decided to take the risk." This comment should help Bob to feel better about knocking in the opposition bowl. The Skip's response shows that he had weighed up the possibility of a bad result and decided to take a chance. Thus the Skip should accept the blame for the result that occurred or, at least, some part of it. Probably Bob will not think so badly of the Skip's call.

### CONCLUSION.

The above possibilities suggest that Skips should blame themselves in the above situation. If they do, they have a good chance of obtaining a better performance in the future from players involved in such situations.

## Southeast News



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### Asheville

By Jim Morgan

The Asheville club highlighted its 6th year of existence on Aug 23 by presenting Jack & Nicki Benatan (its founding members) with a commemorative plaque. They had the vision and profound dedication to work with the Parks and Recreation Dept to establish this lawn bowling facility.

We extend an invitation to all to come and bowl with us here in the "Land Of The Sky". Call ahead and we will roll out the 'green carpet' (artificial turf, naturally) for you! Contact Stan Glickman (828) 665-7768 or Hans Momkes (828) 684-1815.

### Clearwater

By Trevor Colby

Because of its reduced revenue from property taxes the City Rec. Dept has not exactly pulled the plug, but it is making us pay the utility bills which are considerable, especially for the water that we use to prevent the Hartru from blowing away. To combat this situation Bill Farrell has been instrumental in sinking a well on the property so that we can supply our own water and we are making every effort to increase income by recruiting new members by conducting Open Houses and distributing flyers etc. Hopefully we will be able to rent our facility to corporations and local organizations for meetings & social gatherings.

### Delray Beach

By Barry Brown

With the temperature and humidity both over 90 most of the summer, only the diehards who did not go north appeared on a regular basis. Jay Unger, Paul Lefkowitz, Arnie Kass, Ray LePage and Bill & Ellen Mason to name but a few, were out there week after week. Bill recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

This writer hopped up to the Poconos for the summer to bowl with Skytop in the NED and promptly found himself in a tournament having a heart attack. Thanks to fast reactions from Eileen Luba (Pittsburgh) and a crew of terrific medics and doctors I am happy to be here writing this. We won the first game before I left so it was all worth it.

We are looking for an exciting winter season as club membership continues to increase.

The lawn bowling community lost a wonderful person and mentor who bowled for many decades both here and in New York. We will always remember Bernie Kurtz and his kind face and disposition.

### Kings Point West

By Bernie Dooley

Our green is in very good condition, being quite firm and cut three days a week just before bowling. Joe White & Sam Giliberto are rolling the green every Tuesday morning.



*Joe White in action*

It is encouraging to see the number of bowlers that show up on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 am. More new benches have been installed and it is nice to sit on a safe seat.

As part of our annual Fourth of July celebration we bowl to a flag instead of the jack and dress up in red, white and blue

to celebrate our nation's independence in a visible way.

### Lakeland

By Christine Garbett

The summer season in Lakeland continued following the departure of our "Snowbird" members with the remaining residents bowling as often as possible. The green is set in Lake Parker Park and walkers & joggers often stop to watch us bowl. We endeavor to entice them onto the green to explain the game, giving them handouts with links to USLBA and SED websites.

A group from a local church came one morning and it enjoyed its introduction to lawn bowling. Flyers were given to the offices of some local parks to publicize bowls. Publicity and promotion of bowls is a constant effort in this club.

### Mount Dora

By Jackie Williamson

In spite of the summer heat and humidity in Central Florida, we still had several rinks of bowlers out on most days. Earl Shaner tried valiantly to schedule some evening tournaments, but ran up against our summer storm pattern when even the rain dates were rained out.

We celebrated Memorial Day, Fourth of July & Labor Day with morning bowling followed by lunch. This year, a group of mostly Mount Dora bowlers went on a bowling tour of Ireland led by Sylvia Mackey and all of them reported they had a wonderful time. Autumn activities included an Open House in October and a "New-&-not-so-New" tournament that included new bowlers on teams with more experienced bowlers, who encouraged them to become familiar with the tournament environment.

Marita Nierth, Earl Shaner, Mike Maneilly, Bobbie Elwell & Bud Ricucci were in the SE team that won the East Coast Challenge at Pinehurst NC.

## RATING

This job is tricky at best and the subjective nature of a player's ability makes the task of rating a possible nightmare. The best option for the role of Rater is to be the club tyrant. If you are going to be hated, why not be hated on your own terms?

## Pinehurst

By Tom Kees

Pinehurst traveled to Williamsburg in June to compete for the Challenge Cup. We managed to squeak out a victory by a single point but as one of our members said, "On the Cup it still is a victory!" We were all very appreciative of the courtesy and good sportsmanship accorded to us by our hosts.

The North Carolina Open had to be cancelled because an insufficient number of teams signed up and we hope that was only a bump in the road.

We had a very busy time preparing for the East Coast Challenge that was staged in September. This is a premier event and is frightfully competitive and yet the days are filled with laughter and good sportsmanship. We had a wonderful meal at the famous old Pincrest Hotel which is known for good food and generous drinks. Burl Roller (SE) & Colin Smith (NE) both predicted a win for their respective teams and you can read all about it on page 31.

## Sarasota

By Duncan James

This year for the first time our members are maintaining the greens and sur-

rounds during the summer. That grass sure grows thick and fast! What would we do without Carl Hichman who never seems to get tired of working on the greens? We have been active in recruiting efforts and drawing attention to our club. Our revamped website was USLBA website of the month in July.



*Carl Hichman's helpers included a group of members and some aeration specialists (Ibis)*

All Sarasota photos were taken by Ingrid James.



*Gerry Smith conducting a bowling class*

Editor Note: I have only ever seen one person bowl with the same arm and leg together; she is a left-hander named Marita Nierth who has played for Team USA.

## uslba.org

I can thoroughly recommend a visit to this web site because Athol Foden (its Director) is making it into a first class place to find a mine of information about lawn bowls in the USA.

For example, on the home page one can sign up to receive major USLBA announcements by email. The Divisions/ Clubs page gives details of where and how to contact clubs, especially useful if you are in the area or thinking of relocating. Other pages show tournament results or provide links to other sites where they can be seen and also to the divisional and major tournament calendars.

If you want to know who won the US National Championships or the US Open in years gone by, or even to buy some bowling trophies then you will be in the right place.

When you read about the exploits of Team USA in their adventures abroad in international tournaments some of which are on the far side of the world, you might be tempted to join the Golden Bias Club whose funds provide financial support to them.

There are details to be found of some of the top bowlers in the USA. For instance, did you know that Rosa Gandara who has won four national singles titles since 2005 only started bowling in 2003 and that she now is ranked #11 in the world?

Anyone trying to recruit new members can refer a prospect to a page that shows how the game is played and we all know the old adage that "a picture is worth a thousand words."

## Golden Bias Club

By Annette Schans

The Golden Bias Club (GBC) was initiated by the USLBA Council at its AGM in the fall of 2002.

The purpose of the GBC is to provide financial support to Team USA members to help with their expenses in international competition. The purpose and guidelines are covered in the USLBA Policy & Procedures Manual. The initial objective was to provide 50% of receipts to the team and 50% for expenses and to build a fund. The GBC later obtained council approval to provide up to 75% of income to support Team USA.

The Board of Trustees (Committee) must have at least 2 councilors and a member-at-large. Currently they are: Annette Schans (Chair), Heather Stewart, Muriel Rackliff, Dee McSparran & Marty Schans. Quarterly reports are submitted to the USLBA Treasurer and an Annual Report is given to the Council at its AGM.

Membership continues to be a contribution of \$50/year which should be sent to either: Annette Schans, 15472 N. Ridgeview Rd, Sun City, AZ 85351  
Or to: Dee McSparran, 48 Terra Vista, Dana Point, CA 92629.

Recognition of a member's contribution is initially noted by a GBC Pin and a set of bowls labels; subsequent years by bowls labels and a year bar which attaches to the pin. We strongly believe that a modest social event to recognize contributors and give them a chance to meet each other and Team USA members is very important. A member-only GBC party was held at the US National Championships and US Open.

GBC financial support is more important than ever since the USLBA stopped providing it to Team USA members in 2006/2007.

## Southwest News



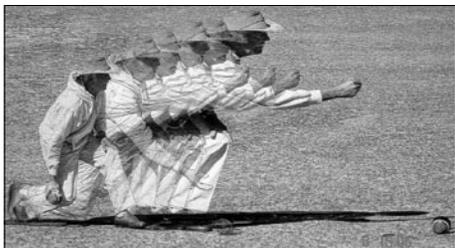
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The SW Women's Division is proud to welcome its two newest Umpires: Beverly Adams and Jean Winfield of Laguna Woods. These women split their bowling season between the desert regions and Laguna Woods. NUIC Conrad Melton certified them during the US Nationals held at Long Beach.

### Hemet-Joslyn By George Hayes

Short Jack Pairs Tournament results: 1-Ann Cantu & Bill Wimer. 2-Rob Robbins & Leon Adams. 3-Dori Mayer & Bill Shockley.

### Laguna Woods By Eileen Donohue



The above picture of Lloyd Stewart was taken during the Senior Games by Don Hill (a member of the Laguna Woods Camera Club). Don captured a classic example of the proper way to deliver a bowl. Lloyd is a novice bowler who moved very quickly to competition with great success.

Our club entered the Laguna Woods 45th Anniversary Festival on Sept 5 with a miniature bowling green built on top of a billiard table. The green was created by Brent Rickard and we showed interested spectators some virtual bowling. Al Koch made a video that ran all day showing members of our club playing actual games. Kudos to the club members who worked all day at the display.

For many years Wayne Bowbeer has been trying to get a light installed near the flagpole so the American Flag can fly day and night over our greens. The local management company has finally given permission for a solar light to be installed, but at Wayne's expense. Our greens are located at a high elevation, so the flag will be visible for miles. Thanks to Wayne Bowbeer, patriotism is alive and well at our club.

### San Diego By Georgie Deno

Requests for our club to host corporate team building events, birthday parties and other such bowls activities have taken a dramatic jump. These events with the emphasis on fun introduce as many as 30 people at a time to our game and yield significant revenue for our treasury.

Thanks to Shirley Jacob, Linda Bates, Gerrie Giseburt and a host of other club members, we recently held a "Music Movie Mania" fundraising party for members and guests which featured performances of numbers from some of our all-time favorite musical movies. Highlight of the party was the raffle for two gold coins (valued at about \$1100 apiece) which were donated by club member Bertie Woolf.

San Diego teams took first place in both the men's and women's 5-star Southwest Division tournaments. The successful bowlers were Jim Olson, Bill Brault, Steve Smith, Leonard Wasserman, Boyce Stringer, Christine Ludwig, Robin

Olson, Shirley Jacob, Brenda Wright & Lynda Borkum.

**Tournament Results: Club Singles:**  
Phil Salt.

**Arthur Crowe Triples:** Bill Hiscock, Tom Anderson & Lynda Borkum.

In nearby Coronado, the City Council has agreed to fully restore its lawn bowling green with artificial turf. We await the competition that this will bring to our club.

### Santa Ana

By Bob Lindsay

As we head into the winter season it's time to thank the bowlers who once again kept us alive and well in the very competitive coast league. Some of our new members gained valuable tournament experience.

**Tournament results:**

**Australian Pairs:** 1-Tom Glass &

Charlyn Moltane. Dick Wilson

**4-3-2-1:** 1-Marion Horwood & Rick Gregory.

**Yardstick Pairs:** 1-Gary Ginther & Bob Ralston.

**Ina Jackson Pairs:** 1-Paul Gresbrink & Dick Clark.

### Santa Anita

By Gene Plunkett

Santa Anita held its first triples tournament of the season on Oct 1 that was a lovely early fall day. The temperatures were hovering around the mid 80s, but the dedicated bowlers stuck it out for the Floy Torvid Memorial Tournament Series that is held on the first Thursday of each month of our season (September through June).

**September results:**

1-Margi Rambo, Shuman Chan & Marian Hauerwaas. 2-Houdini Ho, Sandy Dalzell & Bill Surace. 3-Dick Ashmore, Jim Miller & Jean Dowd.



*Marian Hauerwaas, Margi Rambo & Shuman Chan.* Photo by Gene Plunkett

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# Southeast make it 7 - 3 in the East Coast Challenge Series

By Burl Roller

The Motta Cup was reclaimed by the Southeast Division after only five rounds (45 games) of play instead of the six that were planned. The final score was 40-20 (two points for a win, one point for a tie) thus negating the need to play the final round. The weather was beautiful and the pace of green improved steadily as the weekend progressed. By the fifth round, it was the best we have ever seen in fifteen years. The Pinehurst grounds crew is to be complimented on their devotion to care of the bowling green.

Friday was the usual practice day when all players practice on the tournament rinks, thus precluding any advantage that might have been gained from local knowledge. Friday night featured the team dinner at the historic Pincrest Inn. Dining at the restaurant was a departure from the usual barbecue and was welcomed by most of the players.

On Saturday, after the traditional opening ceremony featuring a Stanley Cup style greeting of the teams, three rounds of pairs and triples were played by three squads from each division. The Southeast won the Pairs 12-6 and the Triples 14-4. At the mid-point of the Challenge, Southeast led 26-10.

Sunday came under clear skies and moderate temperatures; the Southeast never looked back, winning the Singles 8-4 and splitting the Fours 6-6, thus accumulating an overwhelming lead of 40-20. Needing only 37 total points to reclaim the cup, the final round was scrubbed. Notwithstanding the lopsided result, most games were close and exciting.

Excellent sportsmanship, the hallmark of this tournament was strictly observed. Head Umpire Colin Smith was called upon only once and that for a close measure.

After ten meetings of the divisions, Southeast leads the series 7-3.



Colin Smith (SE) hands over the Motta Cup to Burl Roller (NE)



**Southeast Team after the match:** Burl Roller (Manager), Dick Ellis, Bobbi Elwell, Christine Garbett, John Garbett, Abe Kaplan, Mike Maneilly, Marita Nierth, Bud Ricucci, Lenore Roach, Charles Roach, Barb Roller, Earl Shaner, George Tucker & Jackie Tucker. Alternate: Tom Kees. (Michael Maneilly, Charles Roach & Tom Kees were unavailable for the photo).



**Northeast Team before the match:** Colin Smith (Manager), Michele Arculli, Skippy Arculli, Dan Berg, Bill Borowitz, Patrick Duffy, Maurice Lafond, Duncan Farrell, Robin Goldman, Wick Hall, Eileen Luba, Bob Patterson, Dave Smith, Bob Urquhart & Loraine Urquhart. Alternates: Susan Berg & Annette Borowitz.

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3F: 1-Jon Pituley, Malcolm Whyte, Trevor Whyte & Steve Bezanson. 2-Carry Manns, Bruce Mathison, Bill Pearson & Perry Manns.

4F: 1-Chris Davis, Ed Quo, Dan Christianson & Rick Gregory. 2-Herb Nesbitt, Ivan Hyland, Jim Olson & Bill Reidy.

5F: 1-Josh Burnoski, Jon Burnoski, Tom Burnoski & Tim Rigoli. 2-Keith Terlson, Tom Roth, Jim Roth & Ivo Van Bastelaere.

6F: 1-Len Hitchcock, Frank Souza, Lyn Perkins & Don Wood. 2-Jack Behling, Jim Copeland, Brian McCartney & John Stewart.

### Women's Pairs: 64 teams.



*Jean Roney (Woman Bowler of the Tournament) & Barb Roller*

1-Jean Roney & Barb Roller. 2-Regina Banares & Dee McSparran. 3-Mary Ann Beath & Jackie Tucker. 4-Claire Day & Chris Adams.

2F: 1-Ronalyn Greenslees & Hazel Jagonoy. 2-Rosina Toal & Dixie Blackmore.

3F: 1-Dora Stewart & Marcia Masterson. 2-Linda Cowie & Bev Johnson.

4F: 1-Irene Stevenson & Kathy Alton. 2-Val Wilson & Amanda Berg.

5F: 1-Kerry O'Reilly & Rosalie Parsons-Brown. 2-Laura Lochanski & Margaret Lowes.

6F: 1-Shannon Battles & Laura Botelho. 2-Eileen Luba & Lois Saladin.

### Women's Fours: 32 teams.



*L to R: Patricia Cronshaw, Kottia Spangler, Anne Nunes & Jan McNaughton.*

1-Kottia Spangler, Anne Nunes, Patricia Cronshaw & Jan McNaughton. 2-Harriette Pituley, Kerry O'Reilly, Rosalie Parson-Brown & Donna Law. 3-Jean Roney, Lorraine Hitchcock, Barb Roller & Michele Arculli. 4-Regina Banares, Myra Wood, Annette Schans & Dee McSparran.

2F: 1-Linda Cowie, Ann Mathie, Bev Johnson & Jeanette Earl. 2-Helen Wright, Jeanne Christie, Jackie Hogan & Joyce Kruss.

3F: 1-Linda Jahraus, Kim Heiser, Hildegard Kennedy & Melanie Vizenor. 2-Maryna Hyland, Heather Stewart, Irene Webster & Mary Ann Beath.

4F: 1-Lil Davies, Pat Webster, Eileen Milsom & Eileen Hanson. 2-Pat Harrison, Marion Hopkins, Mary Wright & Elizabeth Day.

5F: 1-Claire Day, Chris Adams, Amanda Berg & Val Wilson. 2-Rita Wright, Andrea Weigand, Sandy McKenzie & Doreen Semple.



### Women's Singles: 80 players.

1-Josephine Lee.

2-Mary Ann Beath. 3-Kim Heiser. 4-Michele Arculli.

2F: 1-Tanya Hill. 2-Regina Banares.

3F: 1-Jean Roney. 2-Clair Day.

4F: 1-Ronalyn Greenlees. 2-Heather Stewart.

5F: 1-Cecilia Gillespie. 2-Laura Hawryszko

6F: 1-Doreen Semple. 2-Anne Van Bastelaere.

7F: 1-Margi Rambo. 2-Christine Ludwig.

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