# The Sun Sets on the 2014 U.S. Open

By Cheri Cabot

Sunset over the Pacific Ocean at Laguna Beach, California, served as the backdrop for the Bowls USA Open awards banquet, the culmination of six days of bowling scattered across seven venues in Orange County, California. Competing in Singles, Pairs and Fours, 80 women and 177 men from ten different countries battled not only each other, but record-breaking heat.

The week began on the evening of September 13, 2014, with the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party. A bagpiper led the Bowls USA board members and counselors onto the greens at Laguna Woods LBC. Mert Isaccman, chairman of the Open, served as Master of Ceremonies and welcomed all the bowlers. After introductions, a light buffet dinner with drinks afforded the bowlers a chance to reunite with friends before meeting the next day as competitors.

Sunday saw the tournament begin in earnest with the start of approximately 600 different games. Each was a two-day event with seven flights, giving bowlers a chance to advance, even with a loss or two.

Hollywood, and a break from the heat, came mid-week to the tournament. The red carpet was rolled out for the bowlers as they walked into the Hollywood Review, “The Glitz and Glam of it All,” held at the Crown Plaza Hotel on Wednesday evening in Costa Mesa, Calif. After walking the red carpet bowlers had instant photos taken in a photo booth, and then it was on to dining, drinking and dancing the evening away. As one international attendee said, “This party is the best ever of all the very many we have attended throughout our world bowling experience.”

(US Open Cont.)

"Best ever," seemed to be a continuing theme throughout the tournament as bowlers from outside the U.S. soaked up the Southern California sunshine, friendliness and laid-back attitude. Steve Halmai of Australia said, "This is my second year attending the Open. It's an easy-going atmosphere, like family. More like a carnival than a tournament."

Glen Lyon, also from Australia, commented "It's great to play with international players. The volunteers and hospitality are excellent; a real strong point"

Australia was well represented at the Open with Glen Lyon, Steve Halmai, Ian Taylor, Greg Moss, Frank Vogel, Frank Vella, David Cameron and Graeme Kath all competing.

Raymond Barr, Scotland
Winner Men's Singles.
(Photo by Rodger Green)

(L-R) Joe McLaney, Scotland, Raymond Barr, Scotland, David DuBois, N. Ireland, David Hamilton, N. Ireland.

(L-R) Steve Halmai, Frank Vella, Glenn Lyon, Greg Moss, Ian Taylor, Frank Vogel, all bowlers from Australia.

Cheryl & Frank Vogel, Australia

Raymond Barr, the Men's Singles Champion, said, "This is my 6th year in a row coming to the U.S. Open. I've enjoyed every single year; won a couple of flights, but today was extra special to be the U.S. Open Singles Champion! A big thank you to all the friends we've made over the years."

Players from the U.K, including Joe McLaney and Raymond Barr, both from Scotland, as well as David DuBois and David Hamilton from Northern Ireland all played together. "It's a magnificent time," McLaney said. "Thank everyone who expertly ran the tournament,"

Saturday, September 20, was Grand Finals day filled with comradery and championships. Located on a cliff, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Laguna Beach LBC is the ideal venue for the final rounds. The activities started early with the men's and women's Pairs Championships, followed by the Singles and finally the Fours. Spectators lined the green while gulls flew overhead, waves crashed below and tourists stopped on the sidewalk to look over the hedges.

After the last bowl was rolled in the last championship game it was time to hand out the medals to all the finalists, followed by a hearty buffet dinner. Bowlers and their guests dined on the green while a gentle breeze swayed the palm trees and the sun slowly set over the ocean. The Open ended with promises to e-mail and to "see you next year!"

Mert Isaccman, chairman of the U.S. Open for the last four years, passed the mantle on to Phil Luth who will take over the job for 2015. The dates for the 2015 U.S. Open are tentatively set for September 30 – October 7 in Southern California. Registration begins in the summer and you can register on the U.S. Open website. The U.S. Open will be held in Florida in 2016 and 2017.

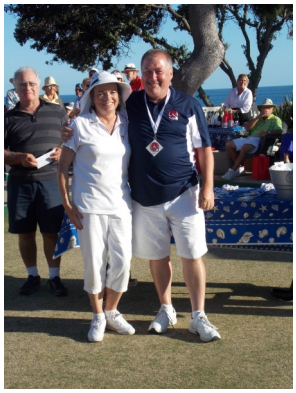
What a Wonderful Time

# Grand Finals for 2014 U.S. Open

Women's Singles

Carol Poto, Long Beach, CA
Howard Harris, presenter

Men's Singles



Raymond Barr, Scotland
Heather Stewart, presenter

Men's Pairs

Andy Docter & Theo Bellart
Both from the Netherlands,
Toni Eiseman, presenter

Women's Pairs

(L) Gurtie Copier, Netherlands
Linda Roberts, Laguna Beach, CA

Women's Fours

(L-R) Anne Nunes, Kottia Spangler, Toni Eiseman
Presenter, Janice Bell, MaryAnn Beath, Mayor Bob Whalen, presenter.

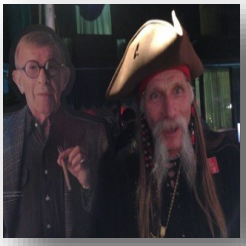
Men's Fours

(L-R) Mayor Bob Whalen, presenter, Neil Furman, Keith Roney Bill Brault, Toni Eiseman, presenter and Joe Regan.

Bowlers of the Tournament

Bill Brault & Linda Roberts
Mayor Bob Whalen

# 2014 U.S. Open From Beginning ...



...To End

# All U.S. Open Finals Results

## Bowlers of the Tournament

Linda Roberts & Bill Brault

## Women's Singles

Gold Medal: Carol Poto
Silver Medal: Alexis Vandenbos
Bronze Medal: Lorraine Hitchcock
4th Place: Melanie Vizenor

## Men's Singles

Gold Medal: Raymond Barr
Silver Medal: Charlie Herbert
Bronze Medal: Neil Furman
4th Place: Ralph DeRooij

## Women's Pairs

Gold Medal: Gurtie Copier & Linda Roberts
Silver Medal: Kim Heiser & Jo Mumma
Bronze Medal: Debbie Tupper & Pam Edwards
4th Place: MaryAnn Beath & Janice Bell

## Men's Pairs

Gold Medal: Andy Docter & Theo Bellart
Silver Medal: Steve Smith & Bill Brault
Bronze Medal: Ian Taylor & Fred Vogel
4th Place: John McCabe & John McLaney

## Women's Fours

Gold Medal: Kottia Spangler, MaryAnn Beath, Janice Bell, & Anne Nunes.

Silver Medal: Myra Wood, Eva Lee, Jackie Tucker, & Linda Roberts

Bronze Medal: Christine Ludwig, Christine Collins, Brenda Head & Alice Birkinshaw

4th Place: Georgie Deno, Jackie Huisman, Micky Alexander & Stephanie Johnson

## Men's Fours

Gold Medal: Neil Furman, Keith Roney, Joe Regan & Bill Brault

Silver Medal: Kay Tong, Marinko Tudor, Barry Hayes & Grant Sheer

Bronze Medal: Dennis Mijnhjmer, Ralph DeRooij, Aaron Zangl, Tony DeFazio

4th Place: Buzz Bowbeer, Patrick Walsh, Bob Gervase & Guillermo Macciavello

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# Around the Country

## Northeast

*Submitted by Anna H. Wuest*

" Morning dew on the "Williamsburg Inn green, as early bowlers try to beat the summer heat."

## Frick Park Lawn Bowling Club

### Creative Fund Raising to Keep Greens Beautifu

*Submitted by Barbara Vilanova*

(Cont.)

# Northeast

## Frick Park Fundraising, Cont.

Frick Park Lawn Bowling Club is the only public club in the North East Division responsible for maintaining its greens. Though located on public park property since being founded in 1938, the members have borne the costs of equipment, materials and labor since 1992, when the financially strapped city threatened to shut down the club. The bulk of dues coming from about 60 members are directed towards keeping the greens fit for bowling.

All this work makes our greens among the most beautiful in the region (and we have lights to play at night!). But it also means we have to find creative ways to keep greens maintenance funding going strong. And so we've marketed our club to outside groups – whether they're businesses, corporations, non-profit organizations or social clubs looking for a unique kind of outing – we've found a way to make these events income-generators for our club.

But at the same time, as club president Richard Lockyer explains, "these outings are also a great way to share lawn bowling with people who have never tried the sport before, and in some cases, have had such a good time, they become members themselves." The club has harnessed the power of social media to get the word out about the greens' availability for corporate outings, as well as used posters, word of mouth and its website to spread the word.

Finally, t-shirts and hats are another way to add to the club's funds and also market the team in and around the city. "If I'm wearing one of our t-shirts, someone will frequently ask me about the club or the greens, it's been a great way to advertise the sport," Lockyer adds.

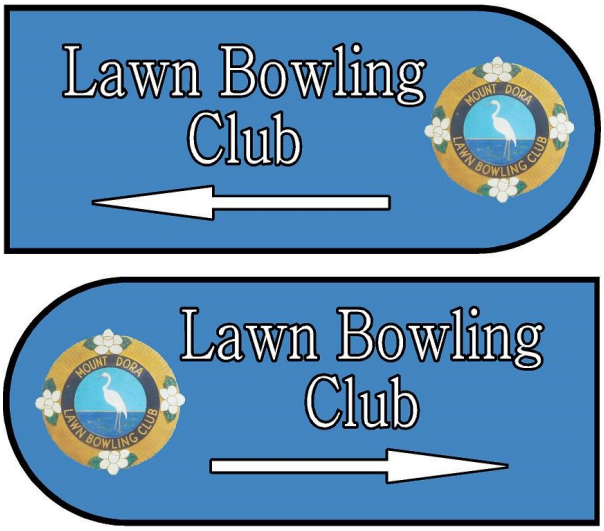
If you're interested in a Frick Park Lawn Bowling club t-shirt, available in sizes S-2XL in short or long sleeve, contact the club via Facebook (Frick Park Lawn Bowling Club) and be sure to "Like" us! For more information on Frick Park Lawn Bowling Club, visit www.lawnbowlingpittsburgh.org.

# Southeast

*Submitted by Beth Forbes*

The City of Mount Dora, Florida is winding down a major downtown streetscape project. New wayside signs have been created to make it easier for visitors to find points of interest.

The Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club was invited to participate. What a great marketing tool!




## National Championships

The 2014 Bowls USA National Championships will be held November 4-8, at Sun City Center, Florida.

Click National Championships for details and Championship Merchandise to purchase pins, shirts or bags and coolies. Sales of the merchandise help support the championships.

# Central

*Submitted by Rodney Titze*

On Tuesday, September 20, Jill Callison, a reporter for The Sioux Falls Argus Leader, came out to the greens in Mitchell to write an article about the club and lawn bowling. She interviewed several of the bowlers as well as making a video.

Part of the article is reprinted here with permission from Ms. Callison. You can read the article in its entirety , along with photos and the video at The Sioux Falls Argus Leader.

**Callison: Lawn Bowling a Growing Hit in Mitchell**

By Jill Callison for The Sioux Falls Argus Leader

Mitchell– When Rod Titze was a boy, he would watch his father and other adults compete in a tantalizing sport forbidden to children.

In the 1950s, and for 30 years before and after that decade, lawn bowling was only for men , you see. Women and children couldn't participate. Only manly men rolled the oddly shaped balls toward a smaller ball, know as the jack, each vying to see whose ball would quit rolling nearest the mark.

Titze overcame his youthful disappointment, grew to manhood and moved away. When he returned to Mitchell in 1986, other things demanded his attention. In 1992, the bowling green, a fixture at Hitchcock Park in southeastern Mitchell since the 1920s was torn up and replaced by a tennis court.

City fathers promised to build a new bowling green, but it never happened. Years passed, but while a collective city memory may fade, lawn bowlers never forgot. In 2007, a "dream team" committee from Mitchell Senior Citizens Inc. proposed bringing back a bowling green.

The city parks had no interest, Titze says, but the golf department director did. And so a new bowling green was developed at Lakewood Golf Course, north of Mitchell.

"It's been a hit," says Titze. In 2011 its first full summer of operation, 1, 353 people participated. In 2012, that rose to 1,642, and this year's records show the Lakeview Lawn Bowling Association is on pace to top 2013's attendance of 1, 704.

*Read the entire story & see the video & photos here: Lawn Bowling a Hit in Mitchell*

# Central

Lakeview LBC, Mitchell, S.D. has received approval by the City Council to conduct a raffle.

Here are the prizes:

***1st Prize***- 2 Sets of Bowls + Cases + LLBA T-Shirt

**2nd Prize**– 2 Sets of Bowls + LLBA T-Shirt

**3rd Prize**– 1 Set of Bowls + Case + LLBA T-Shirt

**4th Prize** - 1 Set of Bowls + LLBA T– Shirt

**5th Prize** - Case + LLBA T-Shirt

**6th Prize**—LLBA T-Shirt

(Bowls are used with a value up to $150 and will be shipped to the winners at no extra cost)

**Ticket Prices: 1=$5, 3=$10, 5=$15, 7=$20, and the Best Bargain is a Book of 10 for $25**

Drawing will be on November 3, live on local radio Q107.

Send Checks to PO Box 311, Mitchell, S.Dak, 57301

Please include a phone number, so you can be contacted about size of bowls as well as your address where to send your prize if you win.

This is a non-profit association approved by the IRS (501-c-3). If anyone needs itemization on their tax return and a receipt, one will gladly be provided.

Good Luck!

This just in from Rodney Titze! "With the entry into our raffle by members of Bowls USA-if non of the Bowls USA entries wins a prize of a set of (or 2) bowls in the regular drawing in November, and if we receive purchase of at least 100 tickets from Bowls USA members, then we will conduct a 'secondary' drawing for the Bowls USA entries ONLY and will guarantee one set of bowls will be made available to a Bowls USA member."

How about that? Get your tickets now!

# Central

Lakeside Lawn Bowling Club of Chicago, Illinois

*Submitted by Lorrie Michael*

Now we are singing an Alleluia chorus. As we were making interior improvements, the building was crumbling, leaking and bug infested. It became Two Years before the Mast. As we tried different landscaping companies, the grass withered away or died of a black plague. But, the Park District came to the rescue and out did itself. The District reroofed, re-plastered, repainted and transferred a conscientious employee to our location. We had many happy visitors during the summer months including lots of Australians, especially from Brisbane.

Children from the local park district field house came to play as part of their summer activity choices. The children were amazingly energetic on the hot days. Their poor coach was worn out by the heat. Their walk to our site through a large city park took twenty minutes.

We were able to have an in-club tournament Labor Day weekend. It was Open Singles. With our very small active membership, that was the best that could be done over a weekend. And the winner was: Ken Koenig pictured here rolling a bowl with Kathy Bohanon thumbs up as runner up. Ken planned the event then developed an eye problem, but bowled in the event anyway, wearing an eye patch. How's that for gumption!

Ken Koenig

Kathy Bohanon

# Central

## Lakeside LBC on Chicago TV & in Chicago Tribune

*Submitted by Lorrie Michael*

Lakeside Lawn Bowling Club of Chicago is starting to emerge from the shadows. In June a video was on Chicago TV as well as a commentary in the Style sectionof the Chicago Tribune on the Fourth of July weekend. It was certainly a coup for our publicity.

The ages of the bowlers involved were 77 down to 12, our very own red-headed granddaughter (wearing a sweater that reminded me of Dr. Who) rolling a very good bowl. It was raining as the video was taken. The cameraman was amazing and it aired for a full seven minutes, not the usual two minutes. Well, Grandpa Tom never stops talking.

Check out "Lawn bowling is on a roll in Hyde Park," in the Chicago Tribune.

And a Chicago TV video at Video Landing Page.*note– Video landing is not responsive, hope to get a better link & send it out via e-mail to everyone.

## News From Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling

*Submitted by Glorianne Mather*

The Otto Hess Men's lawn bowling tournament started as the Milwaukee Invitational in 1963. It was traditionally held as a triples tournament over Labor Day Weekend. The name was later changed to Otto Hess Men's Tournament, and this year it was held the week after Labor Day as a doubles tournament. The winners were Rob Behnke and Jim Cavender.

The women started an invitational in 1971. In 1984 it was named the Sydney Steller Women's Tournament. The winners this year were Glorianne Mather and Rebecca Nguyen.

These are the two oldest tournament that we have at Lake Park, and we are determined to keep them going. Through the years we have changed the format from triples to doubles to enable more bowlers to participate.

See photos here: Milwaukee Lake Park

# Central

## Washington Park LBC, Denver, Colorado

*Submitted by Steve Talkington*

On Saturday, August 23, 2014, the Washington Park LBC Championship tournaments were held. Competitions that day were the Ralph Karlberg Singles, the Ralph Karlberg Doubles, and the Ron Ecceles Novice..

Ralph came, bowled (well) and also handed out the trophoies to the winners. He also won the Spyder game. Why do we like Ralph? He is the last of the former members from the WPLBC. He is 93 years old now and still bowls well. He cannot drive now, but his daughter Ann, drives him to our annual events of singles and doubles, that are named after Ralph. He is a great gentleman and was an officer of the club for 30 years. We did have a special cake with his name on it that day.

### *Ralph Karberg Singles, Well Done, Geoff!*

Both Dave Mosley and Geoff Loadman bowled well to get to the finals. It was a much anticipated final match to determine the best singles player in the club.

In the finals, Geoff defeated Dave to keep the singles championship in the family. Geoff's dad, Keith Loadman, from Cornwall, England has won the singles the last two years. We now have a traveling trophy with winner's names on it for the singles champions.

Geoff Loadman, center

Winner– Ralph Karberg Singles

Washington LBC cont.

# Central

Washington Park LBC, cont.

### *Ron Eccles Novice—Well Done, Donna!*

After many matches, Donna Mosley and Trask Emery emerged as the finals players. Donna was the winner over Trask. Both are new members this year and should be proud of the way they have progressed to reach the finals. Both have shown they are good bowlers. Well done to both of you. Donna is a good example of hard work and consistent practice can increase your bowling skills to improve.

Donna Mosley, winner of the Ron Eccles Novice

### *Ralph Karlberg Doubles– Well Done, Dale & Ken!*

In doubles, Dale Robson and Ken Hooper won the championship. Ron Eccles was to play but had to be in NYC that day. Ken filled in for Ron. Steve Talkington and Trask (Novice) bowled well but in the 1th and 14th ends, Dale and Ken bowled better.

Dale Robson(2nd from left) and Ken Hooper (center)

The finals were great fun for the players and also those who free bowled and then cheered on the tournament players. Everyone sure enjoyed the steaks, salmon and the rest of the food. There was no leftover cake!

# South Central

Lakeview LBC, Sun City, Arizona

## North American Challenge

Teams from the U.S. and Canada meet every two years to compete in this event. The Lakeview Club in Sun City, Arizona, will host the 2014 competition October 16 -18. U.S. players are identified on the Team USA page.

Thursday, Oct. 16: Opening Ceremonies at Lakeveiw LBC - 8:00 am. Scottish American Military Assoc. will present the Colors and pipe in the players and support staff of both Canada and the United States.

Bowls USA President Heather Stewart will give the welcome.

After the Opening Ceremony the games will begin with the 40 men and women players in Pairs and Triples. They will play three games per event.

Friday afternoon, October 17 will start the Singles and Fours. These events will conclude on Saturday.

October 18: Awards Dinner will be held at Palmbrook Country Club; 6:00 pm Social Hour, Dinner at 7:00 pm.

You may follow the games on sbclawnbowls.org

## Huntsman World Senior Games

St. Cloud, Utah, will host this annual seniors sporting event. The bowls competition is October 6-11.

"BOWL IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE BUT THE CENTER OF EVERYWHERE!"

Find all the details here: Huntsman World Senior Games

# Northwest

King City LBC, King City, Oregon

*Submitted by Candee Wilson*

## Summer in King City, Oregon

Beginning with the Short Jack Tournament in May, the King City Lawn Bowling Club had a steady stream of visitors from around the United States and beyond. We had visitors from the Jefferson Park LBC in Seattle, Williamsburg Inn LBC in Virginia, the Mount Dora LBC in Florida, and from San Francisco, San Diego and Christ Church, New Zealand. There were more that tried to make it but whose schedules were too full to fit it in.

Every visitor had a favorable impression of the setting of the KCLBC. It is one of our most valued assets. With a golf course crew to maintain the green, the club needs only to bowl. Our biggest liability -- we probably have the slowest green in the country. We like to say that it's very challenging. We are looking forward to next year and hosting even more visitors.

Bowling at King City LBC, King City , Oregon

Pam Edwards (left) and Debbie Tupper represented the NWD in the pairs at the U.S. Open. They received a Bronze medal. “Never give up on a tiny club. It’s amazing to come down here and play on 13 second greens rather than 10 seconds. With determination you can accomplish anything! (Even with brand new bowls.)” they said. (Their bowls were stolen from their car trunk at their hotel and had to get new ones mid-tournament.)

# Pacific Inter-Mountain

## Spotlight on Larry Collaco

*Submitted by Jan Leja*

A leader in our Bay Area bowling community is going to participate in the upcoming competition in Sun City, Florida. As you cannot tell the horses without a tally sheet, may I present Larry Collaco, who is a member of no less than three Lawn Bowling clubs; Palo Alto, San Francisco and Sunnyvale. A fierce competitor and best friend to all members everywhere.

Introduced to the sport of Lawn Bowls by his brother Oscar, Larry has been bowling for thirteen years now, and he is getting better all the time. His delivery has been characterized as flawless, the bowl rolling off his fingers with nary a waver. His feeling for weight is uncanny. Larry is no piker; he has been up on the winner’s podium before.

2003 Pinehurst No. Carolina. Men’s Pairs Playdowns for PIMD
2011 Seattle WA. Men’s singles for PIMD
2014 Sun City Center, Fl. Competing in singles for PIMD.

Tirelessly he has worked for all his clubs, at times being the president, secretary, treasurer, and for eight years a representative at PIMD meetings for his primary club: Sunnyvale. At San Francisco Lawn Bowling club he is best known for his serene disposition, unshaken faith in his partners abilities, and an unwavering aide to all our new members; a universally admired bowler.

View from Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club, during the U.S. Open finals.

# Pacific Inter-Mountain

## 2014 Meat Axe Annual Rivalry

*Submitted by Jon Yee*

On Sunday, September 7, 2014, four triples teams from the Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club met at Berkeley to bowl against their teams in the annual rivalry of the "Meat Axe" Big Game Tournament. Each team plays a morning and afternoon game of 14 ends. The winners receive the "Meat Axe" plaque and bragging rights for a year. The losing team receives the losing plaque and will have to do better next year.

The Palo Alto Players: Jerry Knott, Frank Maty, Ian Harris, Ginger Harris, Cheryl Anderson, Peter Steiniger Regina Bnares, Sam Herbert, Bud Birkenseer, John Hickson, Larry Collaco, Jon Yee.

In the morning, the Berkeley Team, with the home field advantage almost took an advanced lead, but Larry Collaco at the last end pulled out a win. The wins: Palo Alto 2 and Berkeley 2. After lunch, and changes to the roster in both teams, Palo Alto dominated the green, winning three of the four games. The final score: Palo Alto 5 and Berkeley 3.

Congratulations Palo Alto! Thank You Berkeley for hosting this year's event.

Jon Yee (left), from Palo Alto LBC Vice President receiving the Meat Axe Plaque from Berkeley LBC President, Phil Grattan

# Pacific Inter-Mountain

Meat Axe cont.

Participants in the "Meat Axe" Rivalry

## Friday Night Fun!

*Submitted by Ginger Harris*

The Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club has had a very successful year both in providing exciting social and tournament bowling opportunities for current members as well as recruiting new bowlers. Jon Yee organized a Friday Fun (come-when-you-can) Night, and we were more than pleased with the participation and camaraderie that resulted. August Friday evenings found bowlers putting $4 into the pot to participate in a 14-end pairs game. Half of the evening bank went back to winners of the evening's games, $1 into the cumulative pool for the big winner at the end of the month, and $1 helped to subsidize the cost of a volunteer's lasagna/sloppy joe/ chicken a la king style dinners afer the games. Players earned points for winning games and even for showing up! How's that for an easy way to encourage people to come out and play? Frank Maty was the big winner and has been put on notice that he will be challenged next year!

Unfortunately, our US Open raffle ticket seller extraordinaire, John Hickson, was not there to hit Frank up for the purchase of more tickets with his winnings.

## Pacific Inter-Mountain

Friday Fun Night cont.

Participants in the Palo Alto Friday Fun Nights

# Palo Alto Bowling Blast!

*Submitted by Ginger Harris*

The Palo Alto Bowling Blast results were fantastic! Sixteen enthusiastic new members have joined our club and have already begun to take part in weekly social draw games, volunteer to help with club work projects and social activities as well as enter tournaments. This is all due in part, not only to participation and support of our club bowlers in the weekly Blast games with the prospective new members, but also to a new member mentoring program organized by Jeff Phillips. Helping new members feel welcome, make friends and become an active part of the our club is critical to retaining then as long-time members.

Six of our new members entered the club Novice tournament on September 6, some after bowling less than two months. The day saw each player winning at least one game, and a nail-biter ending. With a three-way tie for first, a playoff was needed to determine the winner. On the final end of the short playoff series, one player was sitting with two bowls on the jack, just daring her opponent to move one of them. He did just that and won the end by one point. (Cont.)

## Pacific Inter-Mountain

Bowling Blast cont.

John MacMorris is the 2014 PALBC Novice Champion!

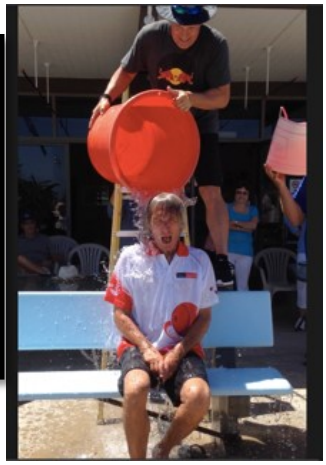
It was a great day all around, and what a thrill for the spectators to see such fine bowling from our newest bowlers!

Palo Alto Novice Bowlers (L-R) John MacMorris, Nick Vaveris, Kate Stafford, Cheryl Anderson, R.T. Cool, Susie Burton, and novice mascot, Bella.

## Southwest

Mert Isaccman Takes Ice Bucket Challenge

Hair Before.....



... And After

# Southwest

*Submitted by Tony Baer*

## Hermosa Beach Holds John Clark Tournament

Hermosa Beach LBC hosted the John Clark Mixed Triples on August 23. The tournament was first played in 2012. In 1936, Hermosa Beach Mayor John Clark was instrumental in the development of the club by personally donating the monies needed to build the facility.

There were two groups, the "A" green "Lions" and the "B" green "Tigers."

### *Lions Winners*

(L-R) Dee McSparran, Rick Gregory, Debbie Gregory

### *Tigers Winners*

(L-R) Brian Studwell, Cheryl Barkovitz, Betsy Lauryssen

# Southwest

*Submitted by Phil Dunn*

On September 9, the Josyln Mixed Triples Tournament was held at Holmby Park LBC in Beverly Hills, honoring Marcellus Josy, and his amazing generosity in support of bowls over the years.

### *2014 Winners*

(L-R) Zvika Hadar, Linda Lou, Phil Dunn

## In the News

***The Press –Enterprise***

**Hemet–** The Hemet– Joslyn Lawn Bowling Club held a 3x3x3 lawn bowling tournament August 26. This tournament included three nine-end games and was designed to give everybody a chance to play all three positions of Skip, Vice and Lead.

First place went to Jo Ann Lafrenais, Christine Collins and Harold Six. Second place went to Bud Shelley, Don Gray and Carole Gray. Third place went to Roland Schneider, Ruth Schneider and Chuck Forristal. Fourth place went to Ann Cantu, George Hayes and Margaret Six.

The group's next tournament is set for September 13. (cont.)

Hemet cont.

It is set to be a Short Jack and Long Jack tournament. Spectators are welcome at the group's greens located at 2625 West Devonshire Ave. on the north side of Gibble Park in Hemet. The tournament starts at 4 p.m.

*Staff report*

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*Submitted by Christine Collins*

For the first time, Hemet-Joslyn LBC sent two teams to Homby Park Annual Joslyn mixed triples tournament and one of our teams consisting of Skip– Christine Collins, Vice– Bud Shelley and Lead– Mike LaFrenais, landed in the money at 6th place. The president, Tom Seres and his members put on an excellent event.

# The Golden Bias Club

*Submitted by Kottia Spangler*

This year the Golden Bias Club hope to provide meaningful support funds to 20 Team USA players as well as their coaches and managers for the North American Challenge. GBC funds will also be provided for the two US Singles Champions competing in World Bowls Champion of Champions Singles in New Zealand in November.

The Club held It's U.S. Open Party this year at Laguna Woods.

The Crew: Jean & Betty, Jerry & Sharon , and Kottia (photographer)

Southwest

Golden Bias club cont.

More photos of the Golden Bias Club party.

# Southwest

## Life After Lawn Bowling

Yes, Virginia, there is life after lawn bowling.

Wondering what to do when you retire from lawn bowling? How about run for political office? That's exactly what one long-time bowler decided to do.

Conrad Melton, President of Southwest Lawn Bowls Association for 2011-2012 and National Umpire in Chief of the United States Lawn Bowl Association from 2007-2012, has thrown his white cap into the ring and is now seeking elective office to the California State Assembly. If elected, he will represent District 67, which includes the southwest part of Riverside County: Menifee, Murrieta, Lake Elsinore, Southern Perris and Western Hemet.

Conrad, a lifelong Democrat, as adopted the slogan "People Before Corporations," to signify his dissatisfaction with how the Legislature has provided too many tax benefits and regulatory/environmental exemptions to the corporate sector, while ignoring the needs of working people. Some of the programs he will support include raising the minimum wage, campaign reform, "Medicare for all," ending the subsidies to oil companies who do business in California, and labeling Genetically Modified Organisms sold for food.

Details about his background and expanded list of positions may be found on his website:

Conrad4assembly.com

"Whether you vote at your leisure in advance by mail, or in person on November 4," Conrad says, "I urge everyone to vote."

*By Cheri Cabot with contributions from Conrad Melton*

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*Submitted by Curt Bartsch*

## Around the World and Back Again

My wife, Jan, and I have participated in hosting the U.S. Open at Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club for several years. We have always enjoyed the opportunity to make friends with the many international competitors from all over the world. So, recently, when we went on a cruise of the United Kingdom we took the opportunity to "hook-up" with our lawn bowling friends in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Our ship docked at 9 A.M. on July 29 and by 9:30 A.M. we arrived by taxi and were on the greens of Belmont Lawn Bowling Club, established in 1877. We were hosted by the gentlemen in the gentlemen in the accompanying photo. We enjoyed a "spirited" two hours of lawn bowling, followed by the obligatory pints of Guinness, socializing before being driven back to our ship. All for of Belmont bowlers went out of their way to extend their hospitality, and all four were wearing their Laguna Beach LBC white polo shirts and expressed their appreciation for taking the time to visit them by honoring me with one of their club shirts.

L-R: David DuBois, Joe McClaney, Jan Bartsch, John Liddell, Raymond Barr, Curt Bartsch.

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Around the world cont.

Bowling in Northern Ireland. (L-R) Jan Bartsch, Raymond Barr, Joe McClaney, and John Liddell.

By way of background, this Northern Ireland Club is the largest and most prestigious in Belfast and they proudly host many of the Irish and British Championships on their two greens, which roll about the same speed as what we experience at Laguna Beach. They have a membership of about 350 bowlers that pay a membership fee of 350 Pounds ($225) per year with a bar/restaurant and an active social calendar that included an Elvis impersonator at their July 4th American Bar-B-Q Night. Competitively, they have been coming to the U.S. Open since 2009 and the Belmont Pairs Team won a Gold Medal in 2013. We look forward to seeing them again this year in September.

*(Note: Joe McLaney, Raymond Barr and David DuBois in the photo attended the U.S. Open this year. Raymond Barr was the Men's Singles Champion)*

# From the Editor...

Whew! There was a lot happening in the months of August & September, most notably, the U.S. Open. In spite of a dreadful heatwave the first few days, it was a resounding success. Bowlers are an intrepid lot and certainly aren't going to let a little thing like 107 degrees (with 150 degree carpet temperature) stop them! With hats, wet towels, plenty of water and Gator Aide as well as enough sun screen to create an oil slick, they bowled through the heat. The heat wave broke mid-week with welcome relief and by the day of the Grand Finals at Laguna Beach, the weather was Southern California perfect.

I didn't bowl in the tournament, but I attended the first and last days and a couple in between, watching, marking, taking photos and interviewing people from around the country and the globe (Lois Lane, Intrepid Reporter & Photographer, here). It's always exciting to watch excellent bowling, but for me, I reveled in meeting new people, getting acquainted with folks I'd only known via e-mail and the newsletter, and those I only get to see once or twice a year.

I finally got to meet my "partner-in-crime" with the Bowls USA Newsletter, Pam Edwards! I get the fun part of writing and editing the Newsletter and Pan does all the grunt work managing the data base and all the e-mails. It is certainly a symbiotic relationship, since there isn't one without the other, but we had connected via e-mail for the past several months so when we met this past week, is was as old friends. Pam is a joy to work with on this project and her wonderful sense of humor never seems to waver, even when her bowls were stolen from the trunk of her car at the hotel during the Open. No matter, she and her partner Debbie Tupper bought new bows & equipment and went on to win the Bronze medal in the pairs. Now that is fortitude for you!

One of the nicest surprises was getting to know the folks from Australia and the U.K. The Australian fellows assured me they have fun wherever they are, and after talking to them, I have no doubt that is true, and the same seems to be true of the men from Northern Ireland and Scotland. But, the most delightful were the two wives from Australia I met, Kerri Kath and Cheryl Vogel. Kerri and I met the first day as she watched her husband Graeme and I watched my son Sean. We chatted throughout the tournament and by week's end a strong bond had formed. I will stay in touch with her and Cheryl via e-mail and hopefully see them next year at the Open. And isn't that what bowling is all about? Renewing old, and making new, life-long friendships.

*Happy Bowling ,*
*Cheri Cabot*