



Monthly Newsletter

October, 2015

National Champions Crowned



Anne Nunes
Winner, Women's Singles
Southwest Stars



Bill Brault
Winner, Men's Singles
Southwest Stars



Myra Wood &
Lorriane Hitchcock
Winner, Women's Pairs
South Central



Rob Behncke &
Bob Schneider
Winner, Men's Pairs
Central

Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club was host to 48 lawn bowlers from across the country for the 2015 Bowls USA National Championships of Lawn Bowls. Held on October 20th-24th, the bowlers represented seven different divisions.

To qualify for the National Championships, bowlers must win their division "playdowns". Each division sends six bowlers for men's and women's singles and pairs, the lone exception being the Southwest Division which has twelve bowlers, the Stars and Stipes.

The tournament was opened with bagpiper Dave Champagne and the 82nd Airborne Division Honor Guard leading the bowlers onto the green. Following the introduction of the players by Eileen Lancendorfer, Co-chair along with Candy DeFazio, guest speakers were Third District Councilwoman Suzie Price, Robert Livingstone representing the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and Helene Ansel, Senior Field Representative for Congressman Alan Lowenthal. A reception was held following the opening ceremony.

This year's tournament had an international title sponsor, Dennis, SISIS, and CST Trading LLC, manufacturers of turf maintenance equipment. Local sponsors were Joe Jost's and American Clean Stat.

Ian Camp, from CST Trading LLC, rolled out the first jack and Robert Livingstone rolled out the first bowl officially opening the 2015 Bowls USA National Championships. The tournament is played in round-robin fashion, lasting three and a half days, culminating in an awards banquet on the final evening.

The winners will receive a new set of bowls with "Bowls USA National Championships" engraved on them, from Bowls USA.

The 2016 Bowls USA National Championships will be held in Sun City West, AZ, on October 24-28, 2016.

Bowls USA 2015 National Champions



Bowls USA 2015 National Champions



Pacific Inter-Mountain Division: Tom Burnoski, Daniel Gorelick, Nick Christensen, Ann Brillhart, Ginger Harris, Gabriella Coleman



Congratulations!

To all the 2015 National Championship bowlers & the winner of our drawing for the SISIS Trulite, Luguna Beach

Ian Camp, CS Trading, LLC



Bowls USA 2015 National Champions



Central Division: Pat Wimmer, Rebecca Nguyen, Anna Witt, Bob Schneider, Rob Behncke, Steve Nelson



South Central Division: Myra Wood, Lorraine Hitchcock, Rodger Green, Grant Summers, Regina Banares, Ron Rollick



Southeast Division: Jackie Williamson, Christine Garbett, Sandy Wall, Bud Ricucci, Daniel Jittu, Al Pellicio



Southwest Division: Brian Stewart, Dee McSparran, Charlie Herbert, Margi Rambo, Joe Regan, Hildegard Kennedy, Bill Brault, Candy DeFazio, Anne Nunes, Mert Isaacman, Patricia Cronshaw, Steve Smith



Northwest Division: Andy Klubberud, Lisa Duffala, Max Cavender, Nita Chambers, Nancy Nishikawa, Jeff Covell



Northeast Division: Burl Roller, Lew LeCompte, Patrick Duffy, Michele Arculli, Veronica Sum, Frances Shen



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A particular shout out to the winners of this great championship.

Also many thanks to **Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club** for a well organized, well run, and enjoyable championship.



The welcome banner at the 2015 National Championships



Action in the men's singles

CS Trading looks forward to developing our relationship with Bowls USA over the years ahead and adding other clubs to the list of those that maintain their greens with equipment we have supplied.

Watch this space for further exciting announcements!

To borrow a phrase from the Olympic organization at the closing ceremony

“NEXT YEAR IN ARIZONA”

Hope to see you there!



2016

Jan. 9-11 Arizona Mixed Rinks, Sun City, AZ
Jan. 12-13 Salisbury Singles, Sun City, AZ
Jan. 14-16 Thomas Zivec Open Pairs, Sun City, AZ
Feb. 6-11 SCD Open, Sun City & Sun City West, AZ
Oct. 24-28 -National Championships, Sun City West, AZ
Nov. 12-19—US Open, Sarasota LBC & Local Clubs

Resources

[World Bowls](#) Official site of World Bowls
www.worldbowls.com

[Inside Bowls](#) The official world magazine
www.insidebowls.com

[Bowls USA](#) Official site of Bowls USA
www.bowlsusa.com

[US Open](#) Official site of U.S. Open of Lawn
www.bowlsusa.us/us_open/2015

[Golden Bias Club](#) Official site of the Golden Bias Club
www.bowlsusa/golden_bias

[PBA](#) Official site of Professional Bowlers Association-
www.professionalbowlsassociation.com/

Umpire's Corner

By Melanie Vizenor, National Umpire In Chief

There are many things that are considered poor sportsmanship (just look at the Code of Etiquette), but few of them are worthy of more than a scowl from your competitors ... except for this one: challenging a player's bowls during trial ends or during a game.

*Law 52.4.3. No challenge, or notice that a challenge will be made, must be lodged during the trial ends or during a game. If the person making such a challenge is a player, that person will be **disqualified** and the game will be **forfeited** to the opponent. [Emphasis added.]*

Coaching at the 2015 US Open.

Submitted by Kottia Spangler

If you missed your opportunity to play in the US Open, or to act as Umpire, or Coach, there's plenty of time to begin planning for next year. The Open will be held in Florida.

This year there were two active Coaches with teams in the finals. Jan Hargrave (Newport Beach) coached the 2nd place ladies' team in the fours, and Kottia Spangler (Riverside) coached the 4th place ladies' singles. Following the LOT-SOB, the coaches were identified prior to the start of the game with both the Tournament Committee and the Head Umpire. (This allows them access to the team and the area around the rinks they were playing on.) Both Jan and Kottia supported the players during their game, and then did a short debrief after the game, after congratulating both teams.

Also, notably, David Cameron (Australia), Coach for the men's Team USA, and Jackie Tucker (N Carolina), Assistant Coach for the ladies Team USA, were on hand for their team members throughout the week.

We're excited to see coaching come to the forefront of Bowls in the United States, and we look forward to hearing more success stories from our elite group of coaches.

Erratum

Newly inducted Hall of Fame members were incorrectly listed in the October newsletter.

The correct list is as follows:

Southeast Division

Patti Grabowski

John (Jack) Phillips

Southwest Division

Carrie Fossati

Bob Nunes

Around the Country

Northeast

2015 NED Tournament Results

After two days of on & off rain, all games were completed and two Frick Park teams finished first and third. Congratulations to the winners and all the participants!

Winners: Bud & Helen Fickley, Frick Park, PA
2nd Place: Jerry DeMello & Maurice LaFond, Essex LBC



1st Place: Helen & Bud Fickley, Frick Park, PA



2nd Place Winners of Millers' Pairs: Jerry DeMello & Maurice LaFond, ECLBC, NJ



3rd Place Winners of Millers' Pairs: Wick Hall & Richard Lockyear, Frick Park, PA



Northeast Division Team at the Awards Banquet

Southeast

Submitted by Tom Pennell

Our Fall 2015 Bowling Blast is becoming a great success, and we still have four more weeks to go. I thought you would be interested in seeing some of the more than 500 photos that have been taken so far.



Central

Submitted by Glorianne Mather

A Vet-Novice tournament was held recently with six teams competing. The tournament was played in a round-robin format. The winners were Carl Langren and Min Waite. There was a tie for second place between the teams of Rebecca Nguyen and Jeff Carlin-Bartel and Crandon Hays and Barb Gamoke.



Vet-Novice winners: Carl Landgren and Min Waite.



Participants in the Vet-Novice Tournament

South Central

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Sun City West, Arizona

2016 Host of Bowls USA National
Championships, October 24-28

Attention!

All ladies interested in improving their tournament bowling skills are invited to participate in a skills camp. This camp will be especially useful for bowlers considering international competition as their goal. The camp will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14 following the South Central Open in Sun City, AZ.

The camp is open to all women bowlers and will focus on drills to improve shot making, strategy of play, and skills for each position on a team. It will also include competition scenarios that will have players rotating through the different positions of a team.

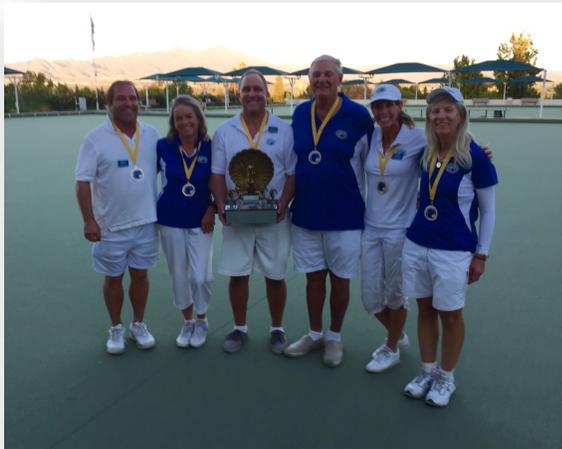
Friday evening Melanie Vizenor, Umpire in Chief for Bowls USA, will be holding a class on rules of the game for general knowledge purposes, umpires, and umpires to be. We will also be getting together at a local restaurant where "campers" will have the opportunity to meet bowlers from around the country and share experiences.

Additionally, Stephen Forrest, a Level 3 coach from Canada, will be available to video and critique your delivery for a fee (\$20-25). This service is optional. Camp applicants must be Bowls USA members and will be required to pay a fee of \$50 for materials and snacks during the day. Checks should be made to Bowls USA. For application materials contact teamusawomen@gmail.com

Southwest

Laguna Beach Wins Waterbury Tournament

The culmination of summer league tournaments in five Southwest divisions is the Waterbury. The team of Michael Iannotti, Heather Stewart, Scott Roberts, Reinie Kramer, Linda Roberts and Kim Heiser of Lagana Beach LBC were the 2015 winners. Each club brings two teams of triples and it is played in a round-robin format.



Michael Iannotti, Heather Stewart, Scott Roberts, Reinie Kramer, Linda Roberts and Kim Heiser



2nd Place: Alhambra Bowls Club



Third Place: Sun City Bowls Club

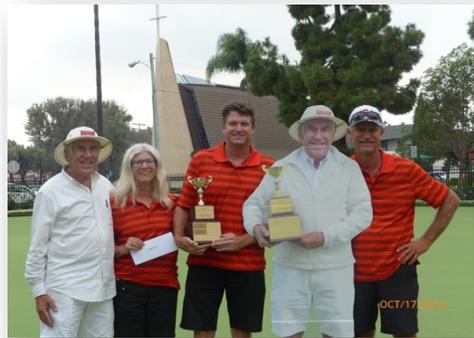
Southwest

Bill Hiscock 2-Bowl Mixed Triples at Coronado

Submitted by Berie Grobe

It started out with a drizzle but ended up with a dazzle as the team of Steve Smith, Bill Brault and Kim Heiser defended and won their 3rd Championship in the Bill Hiscock 2-Bowl Mixed Triples Tournament in Coronado on October 17.

The "dazzle" came when that very championship hinged on the very last bowl of their Game 4 against Tournament Namesake Bill Hiscock, with teammates Tony Santos and Olga McCord, who were holding the 2 points that would lead to a win against them.....then, Steve Smith coolly rolled a perfect last bowl zigging right into the head and changing it up for his team's victor.



Bill Hiscock with 1st Place Winners: Kim Hieser, Steve Smith and Bill Brault



Halloween at ABC

Alhambra Bowls Club had a Halloween party, Friday, October 30 for its members and prospective members. It was a potluck dinner along with grilled hot wings, chicken and hamburgers. Several members brought guests to try bowling, and as a result, we may be getting some new members. Following dinner we bowled for quarters and prizes, and then bowled under the lights. We had hoped to try "glow in the dark" bowling but with the park lights it wasn't quite dark enough. Everyone seemed to have a fun time and hopefully ABC gained some new members.



Southwest

Lam Jong Tournament of Triples a Success!

Submitted by Sean McMorris

After months of preparation, the Lam Jong Tournament of Triples was held at the Alhambra Bowls Club (ABC) on Oct. 25th, 2015, and it was a great success. Twelve teams with bowlers from ten different clubs participated, and teams from four different clubs took home money. The weather was lovely, and the tournament's namesake, Mrs. Lam Jong, was present for the opening and closing of the tournament. In addition, Patrick Chan provided a delicious lunch for everyone to celebrate his birthday.

ABC would like to thank everyone who participated and helped make the tournament a success. We hope to see you all next year for what we hope will become annual tournament. In the meantime, ABC will continue to improve its green and facility via renovations and maintenance. Congratulations to the winners. See you on the greens!



First Place Winners of the Lam Jong Triples tournament were Herb Glazeroff, Bill Reidy, Larry Dunn with Mrs. Jong and Kai Ming Wong.

Southwest

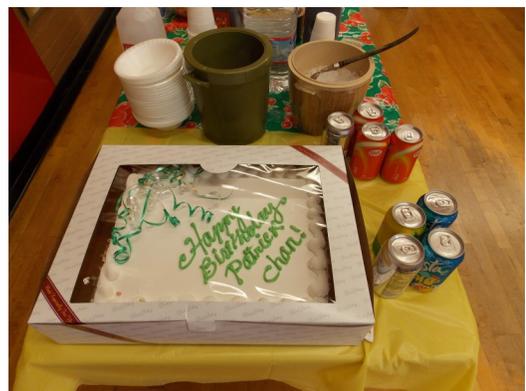
Lam Jong Tournament of Triples a Success!

Additional winners:

Second Place: Scott Roberts, Linda Roberts & Kelly Warren

Third Place: Cheryl Barkovich, Howard Horowitz & Robert Busciglio

Fourth Place: Rudy Uribe, Catherine Uribe & Debbie Tennant



P.I.M.D

'TWO TIMES THE CHARM' for Berkeley Lawn Bowling Team

Submitted by Ann Brillhart

The event: Centinnial Cup.

The place: San Francisco Lawn Bowling Club.

The date: Sunday, August 16.

The players: Shawn Roney (skip), Phil Grattan (vice), Ann Brillhart (lead).

The result: Second Place. DRAT. We missed First Place by five differential points.

This was the first time the three of us bowled together as a team. We talked about what we could have done better. We had six days to work out a new game plan...

The event: McLaren Memorial Mixed Triples.

The place: San Francisco Lawn Bowling Club.

The date: Saturday, August 22.

The players: Shawn Roney (skip), Phil Grattan (vice), Ann Brillhart (lead).

The result: FIRST PLACE! We were the only team to win all three games. (Let's hope we can remember what the game plan was next year.)

Huge thanks: To Rod Arriaga, tournament director at SFLBC, and his crew! Few clubs can beat their ability to host tournaments so graciously.



Phil Grattan, Ann Brillhart, Shawn Roney

P.I.M.D

"Pass the Pig" Wins Summer Tournament

The tournament took place at the Oakland Lawn Bowls club every Wednesday over the summer months. It was an internal club tournament. There were 16 teams placed into 4 pools, with the winner of each pool (through a round robin) making it into the playoffs, which took place on the final evening.

We won the very close final by 4 points. It was our first ever tournament, so we were all very happy! The teams were split with about half consisting of members of the club, and the other half consisting of members of the public. A lot of these people have now become members.

The name 'Pass the Pig's was our team name, in reference to a board game we all played during our childhood.

There has since been a Fall League but with two of our members, Heather and Gwynn, getting married over this time we were not able to defend our title. We have all been members since January 2015.



"Pass the Pig" winning team L-R: Ali "Leigh" Hart, Heather "Heater" Gadonnix and Gwynn Hoskins.

Northeast

Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club

An Action-Packed Saturday at Jefferson Park LBC

Submitted by Jenny Mears

Jefferson Park hosted a series of events on a blustery Saturday in October. Our Cereal Bowl was unfortunately rained out, so bowling in a dew spiral while wearing pajamas and eating cereal will have to wait until next year!

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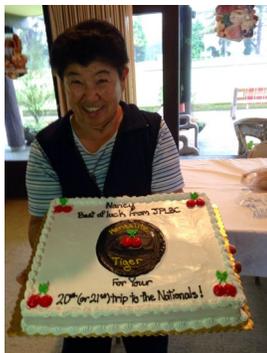
Northeast

An Action-Packed Saturday at Jefferson Park LBC

Cont.

Next up was our Annual Member meeting, which had fantastic attendance, allowing us to have our first election in a number of years.

Nita Chambers was elected president, capping off many years of volunteer service to Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club, the Northwest Division, and World Bowls. Congratulations, Nita! Finally, we hosted our annual Oktoberfest, with beer, brats, bowls (when it wasn't pouring!) and Bavarian music. Dessert included a cake celebrating Nancy Nishikawa's 21st trip to the National Championships!



Cake celebrating Nancy Nishikawa's 21st trip to the National Championships!

Northeast

Barefoot Bowls at Portland LBC

Submitted by Ernie Carlson

With the arrival of Fall weather, the Portland Lawn Bowling Club has wrapped up its 'Barefoot Bowls' Summer leagues. 2015 was a banner year for Barefoot Bowls – both the **Wednesday Singles** and the **Sunday Teams** saw growth in numbers and improvement in skills, with six new members added to the PLBC roster. Playing with a cold brewski in one hand was a big draw for the younger crowd, and the inclusion of children (and well-behaved dogs) made it a family affair.

The **Wednesday Singles** enjoyed an 8-week series, although weather delays stretched play to 12 weeks. Playing in random pairings each week, up to 17 bowlers earned points for themselves with wins and plus points. In the end Ernie Carlson clinched the title, slipping by former winner Larry Edgar (finishing 3rd) in the last two weeks. Laurie Stapleton was second, and new bowlers Gretchen and Mark Lambert tied for third.

The **Sunday Teams** played two 6-week series over the summer. Between the two series a total of ten teams competed, including 3 teams new to bowling. This group not only bowled competitively but learned rules, competed in trivia, shared food, and enjoyed a tasting from new nano brewery **Gateway Brewing**. In the end, the early summer winners played off against the late season winners, with Peter Mauro and Pam Edwards of 'The Real PPS' taking the ultimate team title. Karen Kraus and Quinn Jackson of 'Bowl 'em Around' claimed second place, losing by only 1 point in the last end to 'The Real PPS'.



President's Corner

The Bowls USA Annual Council meeting was held on September 23rd 2015 in Orange County CA, just prior to this year's US Open. Division Councilors representing each of the seven divisions were in attendance along with our Bowls USA Executive Committee members and committee chairmen.

This year the Council discussed a possible restructure of Bowls USA with a new organizational chart for more efficient and effective governance. The proposal, submitted by the Bowls USA Executive Committee, includes new opportunities for members to step up and contribute to the work and leadership of the organization. A few highlights:

Six Standing Committees are proposed, each to be chaired by a Division Councilor: Governance and Division Relations, Member Benefits and Communication, Club Development and Communication, Marketing, National Events, International Events and Relations. Each Standing Committee would be responsible for Bowls USA Policies and Procedures that fall under its scope of work.

The membership of each Standing Committee would include at least one Executive Committee member, at least one Division Councilor, and other volunteers.

In an effort to improve communication between and across Divisions, all Division Presidents will be invited to participate in quarterly meetings of the Governance and Division Relations Standing Committee.

Expect to see more about this exciting reorganization of Bowls USA in future newsletters.

The US Open, held the week following the Council meeting, was by all accounts a resounding success. To the US Open tournament committee, chaired by Phil Luth, many thanks for all the time and effort put into preparing for this event. To the clubs and volunteers who helped everyday with running an event at your club, sincere thank you. To all the bowlers who entered and competed, thank you for your participation. To the bowlers who placed in a winning bracket, well done! The competition was tough.

This past week, the National Championships were held at Long Beach LBC. This was another successful event—in a large part due to the volunteer efforts of Candy DeFazio, Jackie Huisman, Stephanie Johnson, Eileen Lancendorfer and all the club members at Long Beach. Thanks to each and every one of you! And congratulations to the players from each of the Divisions and to the 2015 Champions. Well bowled!

To everyone, good bowling, great games and above all great friendship.

Heather



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