



DECEMBER 2018



A HEARTY WELL DONE

The consensus is that Ron Rollick and his team in South Central Division did a blockbuster job in putting on the 2018 U.S. Open in November. Heather Stewart and Howard Harris ran the tournament; Jackie Tucker,

Melanie Vizenor, and Cindy Higgins trained a veritable army of markers for the singles play, umpires were readily available, the greens were in superb condition, and — well, we can't begin to mention everyone who pitched in to make this an Open to remember.

There were 336 competitors from 12 different nations and all 7 BowlsUSA Divisions. The competition was stiff and the weather cooperated.

The bowlers of the tournament were:

Chloe Stewart, Australia and Len Hitchcock, U.S.



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Men's Pairs winners: Mike Wagner, U. S., and Steven Bezanson, Canada

By far the most unusual team garb was sported by the "Shark Bites", the Women's Fours champions. Pictured below in their ferocious (and then not-so ferocious) head gear are U. S. players Candy DeFazio, Anne Nunes, Kottia Spangler, and Janice Bell (left to right in the bottom photo).



Neil Furman (U.S.), Mars Van Tol (Netherlands), Andy Doctor (Netherlands), and Scott Roberts (U.S.) topped the Men's Fours.



And although the group pictured below didn't win top prizes, they did come in 2nd and 4th in Men's Fours. They're all from the Oaks North Lawn Bowling Club in San Diego! They are (from L to R) Howard Harris, Gregg Gattuso, Roger Teske, Peter Ritchie, Phil Salt, Richard Reid, Leonard Wasserman, and Greg Hammond.



Donna Knight (England) and Chloe Stewart (Australia) took the gold in Women's Pairs.





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HOLIDAYS
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**ASHEVILLE LBC HOLDS FIRST TOURNAMENT
ON NEW GREEN**

Submitted by Garry Higgins

ALBC recently held their first tournament at the brand new True Draw "Green". Five teams competed in a single elimination, one-day event. Each match was well played, a great level of competition. The semifinal match between Roger Parkin/David Sarbey and Hans Momkes/Bill Stoermer was tied after regulation 14 ends.



Roger Parkin & Hans Momkes ponder the head



David surrounded the jack with lead bowls; appearing to be a sure win, but Hans found his way to the jack with a final bowl drive shot; the jack went out of bounds and was spotted to the designated location, resulting in a win for Hans and Bill. The finals match showed expertly played teamwork by Stan Glickman and Joe Parks, defeating Hans and Bill. A great time

was had by all.



OAKS NORTH BOWLS USA GRANT OUTCOME

Submitted by Georgie Deno

Early in 2018, a member of the Oaks North Lawn Bowling Club in San Diego tripped over a rake and sustained some fairly serious injuries. In an assessment by the Club board of directors, it became obvious that we needed to improve bowler safety by relieving congestion on the sidelines created by rakes, bowls bags and equipment benches, scoreboards, chairs, etc.



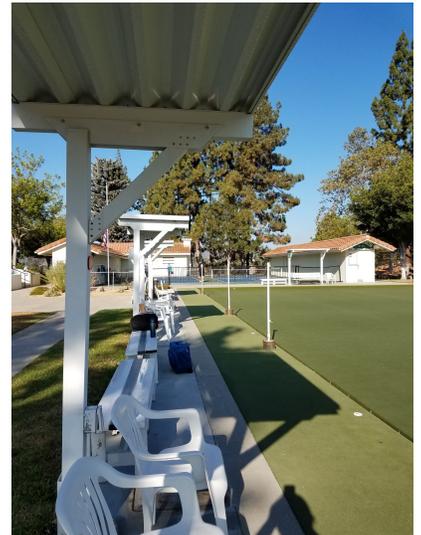
Before

So, we did our homework and came up with a plan to create a different way to hang rakes at the edge of the green (no need to get on and off the green to hang or retrieve them) and widening the walkway to relieve the congestion at the initial mat end of the rinks. The project involved removing a 3-foot grassy area and replacing it with 3 yards of concrete; relocating any affected sprinklers (needed for the remaining grassy area), and moving the benches (which were bolted to the original sidewalk) further back from the edge of the green.

Ah, but how to pay for this? We gave it some thought and realized that being a 100% BowlsUSA club, we could apply for a BowlsUSA grant. Add that to a funding request to our Community Center and some cash from

our treasury, *et voila*, we had the cost covered.

It is no longer necessary for us to have to dodge all of the obstacles (especially when we have a "full house"). Thanks BowlsUSA for offering an avenue to assist clubs in making our bowling lives easier and safer!



After

UPCOMING MAJOR TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULE

Watch this section in future issues for the latest updates on major tournaments. As available, we'll list the tournament dates, locations, entry deadlines, and a link/website where you can find more information.

Arizona Mixed Rinks, (2 men, 2 women), 1/19 to 1/20/19. Sun City, AZ (entry deadline 1/12/19). More info [here](#).

Salisbury Singles, 1/21 to 1/22/19. Sun City, AZ (entry deadline 1/14/19. More info [here](#)).

Thomson/Zivec Open Pairs, 1/23 to 1/25. Sun City West, AZ (entry deadline 1/16/19. More info [here](#)).

South Central Division Open, 2/9 to 2/14/19. Sun City & Sun City West, AZ (entry deadline 2/1/19). More info [here](#).

Southeast Division Open, 3/2 to 3/8/19. Men at Sun City Center; Women at Clearwater LBC.



A NOVICE GUIDE TO THE (LAWN BOWLING) GALAXY

By Alan Burkholder

[Editor's note: Alan Burkholder is a novice bowler at the Laguna Beach, CA, Lawn Bowling Club. His "Novice Guide" is a witty rendition of his observations and experiences as a new lawn bowler. This is the fifth installment of the "Guide"; we'll share additional Burkholder observations in future Newsletter issues.]

The Equipment:

Bowls Hierarchy:

Tired of digging through the club bowls for your favorite? The next step up is used bowls. Randy runs a used bowls advertising web site (free) that you can get to from the Laguna Beach web site. There are all types. For \$50 you can get your own set of 1980s bowls. They will behave just like club bowls but you won't have to dig through the club bowls to get your favorite. And if you travel to another club, you will have your own bowls. I should warn you that these old bowls are usually available because of the passing of the previous owner, which might creep-out some of us. I got a set and imagined myself giving the old bowls a second chance to play. They had white ducks and stripes.

Have more than \$50? There are used bowls of all ages and prices. The age of a bowl is generally measured by the expiration date. The bowls work fine forever, but when they leave the factory they are only certified for tournament play for 10 years. Expired bowls are fine, unless you are competing at a national or international event. Apparently recertification is easy and can be done at national and international tournaments (or so I am told). The newest of the used bowls are demo bowls. These have (allegedly) never been used other than as demonstration models by bowls distributors. The selection is limited but is generally up to date. The distributors want to move them when the new models and colors come out. They seem to be priced about \$100-\$150 below retail.

Don't want to take a chance on used stuff? New bowls are great, and you deserve them. They are available at distributors in California in a lot of sizes, styles, weight, and models (bias). You can contact the distributor and buy off the shelf from their stock. If remote, have them send you a picture to confirm color, size, etc. You can also arrange to meet the distributor at their club, or occasionally they travel to Laguna Beach for a demo day. At a demo you can try out and inspect your bowls before you buy. Figure \$350-\$450 for off the shelf new bowls. Shipping can get pricey because they are heavy. Maybe choose regular freight if you can stand to wait.

Ready for the top of the line? Custom bowls shipped from the factory. Pick your size, color, weight, and most importantly, the symbol. Perfect for equestrians, NFL football fans, college alumni, etc. Some manufacturers also include some text. Show off your loyalties and talk smack at the same time. These are pricey at \$500+ and they can take 3-6 weeks for delivery. Choose priority overnight shipment because you deserve to have the best right away. It is better to look good than to be good, and "so what" if you take some flak because your bowling skill does not measure up to the bling on your bowl. They are all just jealous.

Next issue: Selecting Bowls.



**PACIFIC INTERMOUNTAIN ESTABLISHES
DIVISION HALL OF FAME**

Submitted by Ginger Harris

PIMD instituted a Division Hall of Fame this year, and inducted two charter members at Closing Day in October. The PIMD Hall of Fame was created to recognize and honor Division members who have contributed to the fabric of the division to create a foundation for successful bowlers and clubs. A nominee's accomplishments must demonstrate strong character and faithful service. This is exemplified by serving in elected or appointed offices within the PIMD, growing PIMD club membership; supporting bowlers with coaching, team building and novice events; and marketing lawn bowls throughout the Division.

EB Parkell, a member of the San Francisco LBC and a dual member of the Palo Alto LBC, was honored for her tireless work in support of PIMD. She served as the Division Head Umpire, and as board member of the San Francisco LBC for many years. She has been a competitive bowler in club, division and out-of-division events as well as being a positive supporter of bowlers at all levels. EB is an ambassador for lawn bowling where ever she goes.



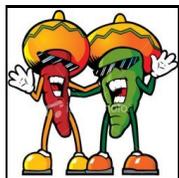
EB Parkell

Bud Birkenseer's list of accomplishments, both on and off the green, includes membership in several PIMD clubs, generous service as Palo Alto LBC and PIMD Tournament Director, and friendly and supportive efforts to develop bowlers from novice onward. In addition, his woodworking skills have benefited the Palo Alto club as he creates trophies and helps with construction efforts. Bud is the BowlsUSA Super Shots Coordinator and is a regular participant in club, division and national bowling competitions.



Bud Birkenseer

Congratulations to these two incredible members of the PIMD. Bud Birkenseer and EB Parkell exemplify the outstanding character and service that is the foundation of the PIMD.



CHILI BOWL 2018, MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK LBC

By Leif Andresen

The 2018 Chili Bowl ended in an unprecedented tie between the two teams, the Chilis Rojas led by El Supremo (Leif Andresen) and the Chilis Verdes led by El Magnifico (Bob Schneider) . Chilis Verdes managed to eke out the win over Chilis Rojas (as determined by plus points). The eighteen players who participated were treated to an outstanding chili lunch, with chili cooked up by Joe Zinna and Jim Gryzbowski. Tasty treats for dessert were supplied by Rebecca Nguyen and Glorianne Mather. The musical accompaniment was by the Texas Tornados.

The Chili Bowl was started as a competitive pairs tournament. Over the years it has morphed into a team event. The tournament dictator (!) makes up the teams as evenly as possible from the individual entries. The games are also evenly matched, so players of all levels can participate and still know they can be competitive.



DRILL TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILL

BOWLING DRILLS

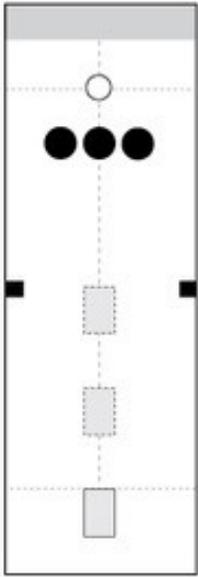
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OBJECTIVE :
Yard-On / Weighted Shot into the front three Bowls to hit the Bopwls out of the way and stay for the Shot.

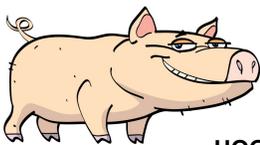
EQUIPMENT : 3 BOWLS 1 MAT 1 JACK

PROCEDURE :
Place Jack on 2 Meter Line.
Place 3 Bowls 1 foot in front of the Jack.
Play with enough Weight to break apart the 3 Bowls in front of the Jack, ***but stay for Shot.***
Vary mat lengths.
Play BOTH Backhand and Forehand.

SCORECARD :
1 POINT for every Bowl closer to the Jack.



The squeaky wheel may get the most oil, but it's also the first to be replaced



HOGLINE

GOT AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

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2019 Development and Skills Camp

Presented by Jackie Tucker

Bowls **USA** Coach,
Bowls **USA** Presenter Assessor.

Sun City West LBC, Arizona

February 15th & 16th, 2019

9:00am – 4:00pm

This Year's Theme:

Strategy of the Game

Presented by Marlene Cleutinx.

Cost \$50.00

Cash or check payable to Bowls USA on the 1st day of camp.

Please bring your own lunches.

To attend this exciting and informative camp,

sign up with:

Heather Stewart at heatherastewart78@gmail.com

Following Friday clinic and drills, a social get-together at

Hurricane Bar and Grill on Bell Road.

Registration required prior to February 1st, 2019.



By Melanie Vizenor

BowlsUSA National Umpire-in-Chief

Umpires Corner

November's UmpStumper was ... well, there wasn't one. And at the risk of a few moans and groans, it's because I was stumped to come up with one. But 2019 will be the start of a new year and new UmpStumpers for your consideration.

So why haven't you read the Laws of the Sport of Bowls? Surely it's not because they're boring! Or confusing! Or written with some rather stilted language! Can't get past the first page without yawning, you say.

Is it because of language like this: The front edge of the mat must be not less than 2 metres from the rear ditch and not less than 23 metres from the front ditch and on the centre line of the rink of play -- say what?!

Translated, it says that when you (as the first to bowl in an end) get ready to roll the jack, you are to position the front of the mat (that's the part that your toes point to when you're rolling the jack) at least 2 meters (6 feet 6 and three-quarter inches) out from the ditch you just stepped over to get onto the rink of play (in LSB words, the rear ditch). And then, according to the LSB, the front of the mat must not be less than 23 meters from the front ditch --

Wait a minute! Since when do we talk about distances from the front ditch! Whoa, nellie.

That's it. I give up. I'm going for a glass of wine and then straight to bed. And we haven't even rolled the jack yet.

Wouldn't it be nice if the LSB were written in simple phrases, with perfect syntax, and left you with no ambiguity or confusion about what they mean? Well, forgetaboutit.

So how do I, as NUIC, get you interested in reading, understanding, and learning the LSB? Many of you enjoy the monthly UmpStumper. That will remain a fixture in the newsletter. What about an in-person workshop on the LSB at your club or within your division? Or a series of podcasts, sort of like a primer on the laws. Hey, that's an idea!

As always, it's your feedback and questions that drive the topics covered by the Umpires Corner/UmpStumper. Contact me at mavizenor@gmail.com.

Best wishes to you all as 2018 rolls to a close and the new year arrives.