



Newsletter

April/May, 2017

Southwest Open A Big Success

April 22–27, Santa Anita Bowling Green Club, Arcadia, CA

Women's Results

Bowler of the Tournament - Anne Nunes

Singles

Pairs

Fours

Champ. Flight

1	Heidi Fernandes	Anne Nunes	Candy DeFazio	Kottia Spangler	Janice Bell	Kim Heiser	Anne Nunes.
2	Melanie Vizenor	J. Hedgespeth	Mary Thompson	Rita Greenberg	Flor Wright	Doreen Mayo	Norma Goodhart
3	Dee McSparran	Melanie Vizenor	Denise French	Mary Ann Beath	Debbie Gaal	L. Hitchcock	Candy DeFazio
4	Pam Edwards	Jan Hargraves	Mary Spease	Regina Banares	Joanne Kluck	P. de Asis	Angie Peet

2nd Flight

1	Regina Banares	E. Lancendorfer	Carol Poto	Dee McSparran	Cheryl Barkovich	B. Lauryssen	Alice Birkinshaw
2	Alice Birkinshaw	Kim Heiser	Janice Bell	Eva Lee	Jo Mumma	Linda Roberts	Carol Poto

3rd Flight

1	Kim Heiser	Heather Stewart	Doreen Mayo	Christine Ludwig	H. Fernandes	S. Schlosser	S. Johnson
2	Nita Chambers	Mary Ann Beath	Lorraine Hitchcock	A. Sandoval	Micky Alexander	Nancy Doss	Sarah Case

4th Flight

1	Anne Walsh	Regina Banares	Pauline de Assis
2	Betsy Lauryssen	Georgie Deno	Adriana Sandoval

Southwest Open Cont.

Men's Results

Bowler of the Tournament - Bill Brault

	Singles	Pairs		Fours			
Champ. Flight							
1	Bill Brault	Steve Smith	Bill Brault	Neil Furman	Joe Regan	Bill Brault	Ian Ho
2	Callum Taggart	Bob Schneider	Rob Behncke	Larry Collaco	Tom Burnowski	Mo Shooer	John P
3	Jonathan Ross	Grant Shear	Barry Hayes	D. Mijnhijmer	Roger Teske	Greg Hammond	L. Was
4	Steve Smith	Roger Teske	L. Wasserman	Tony Baer	Phil Dunn	Jurgen Fessler	Aaron Z
2nd Flight							
1	Phil Dunn	Bruce Williams	H. Horowitz	Lyall Adams	Bob Birkinshaw	Ron Rollick	Jim Fili
2	Tim Christie	Callum Taggart	Thomas Clark	Grant Shear	Scott Roberts	Tim Christie	Barry H
3rd Flight							
1	Charlie Herbert	Neil Furman	Aaron Zangl	Callum Taggart	Jonathan Ross	Thomas Clark	Andy W
2	D. Mijnhijmer	Ron Gill	Patrick Senske	Corey Vose	Marinko Tudor	Matt Bauchiero	S. Bau
4th Flight							
1	Peter Ritchie	D. Mijnhijmer	Joe Regan				
2	Bob Birkinshaw	Tony Baer	Ian Ho				
5th Flight							
1	Jurgen Fessler	Rick Gregory	Ted Fargaglia				
2	Howard Horowitz	Gregg Gattuso	Richard Reid				
6th Flight							
1	Nick Christensen	Gary Barnes	Dennis Ring				
2	Dewey Tse	Rudy Uribe	Larry Dunn				



Bowler of the
Men's Tournament:
Bill Brault



Bowler of the Women's
Tournament:
Anne Nunes (on the left)
With her pairs partner
Candy DeFazio



Southwest Open

Photos by Don Keightley





Grant Program

The **Mission** of the Grant Program is to provide funds for 100% Bowls USA clubs to promote club development and to assist recruiting and retaining members. Grant funds may be used for projects that are intended to attract new members or to improve the playing experience of the club.

The **Goal** of the program is to allocate funds equally across divisions, if possible. The total amount of grant funds available for 2017 is \$7,500.

Guidelines:

All 100% clubs within a division are eligible for grants.

The grant application deadline is June 30, 2017.

The three-member Grant Committee shall review all grant applications for merit.

Grants may be fully or partially funded based on a review of the proposed project costs.

Grants may be fully or partially funded based on the total number of grant requests.

Grants may be used for projects that are intended to attract new members such as advertising, signage, Open Houses, youth programs, pamphlets and flyers, etc.

Grants may be used for projects to improve the playing experience of the club such as greens improvements, equipment repairs, club house repairs, or rink equipment such as mats, bowls gatherers, score frames, etc.

Grant money will not be provided for food or refreshments.

Grant recipients must submit a follow-up report on the success of the project to the Grant Committee by December 15th, 2017 and to the Bowls USA newsletter. Non-receipt of a follow-up report may put the club in jeopardy of receiving further grants.

Questions?

Send an email to peacecorps.ginger@gmail.com with your questions about this program and the application process. Include a telephone number and times to call if you would prefer a phone.

Grant Program

2017 Grant Application

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Grant applications must be received by June 30, 2017. Grants may be fully or partially funded based on project review and the total number of grant applications.

Club Name: _____

Club Address: _____

Division: _____

Number of Members: _____ **100% Bowls USA Club?** _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____ **Contact Email:** _____

Date of Request: _____

Reason for Request:

Amount of Request: _____

Provide a brief explanation of the reason for the grant request, including key components of the project and intended outcomes.

Complete the **Proposed Budget** form to identify specifically how the grant funds would be spent on the project

Attach a current financial statement (Treasurer's Report) from the Club.

Submit this application by email to **peace-corps.ginger@gmail.com** A follow-up report on the success of the project and a Bowls USA newsletter article will be required.

Grant Program Proposed Budget

Income

Grant Proceeds _____

Club Contribution _____

Donations _____

Other Income _____

Total Income

Expenditures

Advertising _____

Open House _____

Clubhouse Equipment _____

Greens Equipment _____

Clubhouse Repairs _____

Greens Maintenance _____

Tournament Prizes _____

Other – specify in detail

Total Expenditures



NEWS RELEASE

Business expert joins World Bowls board

World Bowls president John Bell and his executive colleagues are delighted to announce the appointment of Claire Leonard, one of the UK's leading lights in the field of strategic marketing and business development, to the organisation's Board of Directors.

'It's a further extension of our resolve to grow the World Bowls brand and capture the best possible corporate growth from our international potential,' Mr Bell said at the announcement. 'Claire is one of the top professionals in her field and we're thrilled to have her wealth of talent, dynamism and positivity on the board.'

Claire Leonard brings more than 20 years of experience and a success proven track record to the role. She has worked in-house and on a consultancy basis for major international, national and regional businesses, as well as a stint with various departments of the UK Government going through technology changes and cultural shifts.

Now a Director with Newcastle upon Tyne's highly successful Hunter Johnstone Marketing Solutions organisation, she uses her extensive skill set in strategic results-driven marketing consultancy, business development and business-change project management.

Claire is a marketing and communications graduate with additional qualifications in Event Management and Further Education delivery, and has worked with the World Bowls Board since 2013, where she has advised and contributed to the delivery of the marketing requirements set out in their Strategic Plan mindful of budgetary constraints. She also project managed the delivery of the new website and provides ongoing advice and support to the Board.

In formalising the announcement, World Bowls president John Bell also paid tribute and expressed great appreciation to Colleen Gilbert from Broadbeach, Australia, whose term as Appointed Director concluded last month.



2017 US Championships

Hotel information

The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Costa Mesa will be our host hotel for the championships.

Below is the booking link for online reservations, keeping in mind, for those who would like to book their reservations over the phone, they can call our central reservations at: [866-437-5657](tel:866-437-5657) as long as they identify themselves as "Bows USA". Rates include the following:

- Free Parking (\$10.00 savings per car/day)
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the entire hotel
- Complimentary shuttle to/from John Wayne Airport and within a 5 mile radius of hotel

[Bowls USA](#)

Phil Luth, Chairperson
2017 US Championships

2017 National Championships

Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club, Newport Beach, CA

This event is authorized by Bowls USA. All games shall be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Mark 3rd Edition, and in the accordance with the Domestic Regulations as approved by World Bowls.

- The inclusive dates and times of this event are Monday, October 2nd through Friday, October 6th. Saturday, October 7th will be available if needed for the playing of a 9th round. All games will start at 9:00 AM and 1:15 PM.
- Practice prior to the event will be available Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 30th - Oct. 1st, 9AM to 3 PM and on Monday, Oct. 2nd from 9 to Noon. There shall be no practice bowls prior to trial bowls on each day of the National Championships.
- Bowl inspection: Monday, Oct. 2nd from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Serial number, stamp and date must be legible on all bowls. Shoes must be flat-soled and heel-less.
- The format is round robin; dead ends shall have the jack placed at the "T".
- Singles games will be 21 points; Pairs games will be 18 ends.
- Trial ends may be played prior to each game, starting at 8:45 AM and 1:00 PM. One trial end in each direction, using either two or four bowls.
- The winner of each game shall be awarded three (3) points, zero (0) points for a loss. A tied game will stand and each team will receive one (1) point.
- Pairs games must be completed within the three and a half hours. No time limits on Singles games. Trial ends are excluded. If it is determined that a team or singles player is deliberately engaging in slow play, Appendix A.5 may be invoked by the Tournament Director*.
- All scorecards must be signed by the opposing skip or Singles player at the end of each game and turned into the scorekeeper by the winner.
- Cell phones are not permitted on the greens.
- Smoking is not permitted anywhere near the greens or clubhouse area.
- The Controlling Body has the authority to make changes that are deemed appropriate in the event of inclement weather, unforeseen circumstances, and / or any substitutions, if necessary. Decisions will be within the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Bowls USA Domestic Regulations.
- There will be no restriction of movement of players in any games.

*The four, five and six minutes in A.5 are amended to six, seven and eight minutes.



Tips for getting the best out of your green.



Your playing surface, the green, whether natural or synthetic is probably your club's most valued asset, (beside your members of course!) so maintaining it regularly and correctly whether synthetic or natural will extend the life and give you a better playing surface.

The same general rule applies to both natural and synthetic regular and careful maintenance is essential.

In the last newsletter we spoke about the importance of regular brushing on a synthetic bowling green, whether sand filled or carpet this time we are looking at the natural grass greens.

We are not trying to teach anyone "how to suck eggs" just hoping that some of these tips may prove useful to you and your groundsman.

Cutting the green well is critical to a good playing surface, so it is essential that the mower used is maintained and set up correctly.

The cutting cylinder, also referred to as the "reel" and the bottom blade should always be in good condition and sharp.

Checks before each cut>

- 1): With the engine off, take a piece of paper and set it between the cylinder and the bottom blade. Then turn the cylinder, carefully by hand, the paper should cut cleanly, along the length of the blade. If the paper is not cut cleanly, then neither will your green!
- 2): Cutting the green. It is recommended that during the playing season, that you cut the green diagonally from corner to corner, alternating between corners on each cut. Alternating the cut directions means that you will avoid "tramlines" which effect the run of the green.
Note: Find a good local company who can sharpen and grind your cylinders. (see photo on page 2, of a green where the diagonal mowing pattern can be clearly seen.)

One tip is to draw a simple weekly cut program diagram, showing the direction of cut for each day/cut. Put this diagram up on the club notice board, with a copy in the maintenance shed, then no matter who cuts the green they can see the direction of cut for that particular day.

- 3): Another simple yet effective way maintaining a good playing surface is to move the rink markers on a daily basis. Again a simple diagram on the club notice board will help to make this happen. Here is an example of this that I saw on a recent visit to Jefferson Park LBC in Seattle WA. This photo is reproduced with the kind permission of the Jefferson Park club. Cont.

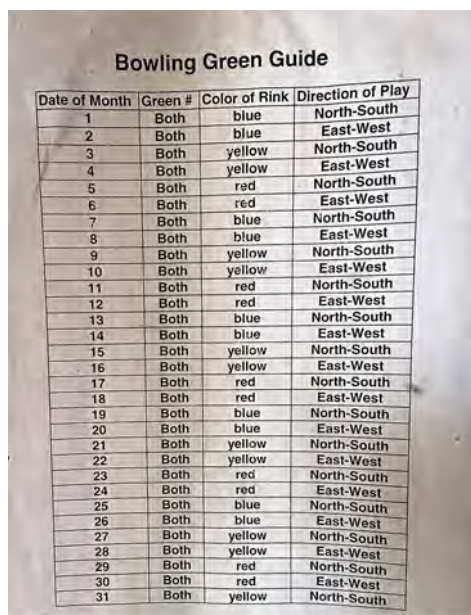


Green where you can clearly see the direction that the mower has run, corner to corner.

Tips for getting the best out of your green. Cont.

Another very simple, yet practical way to spread the wear more evenly across the green is to move the rink markers every day. I recently had the pleasure of visiting Jefferson Park LBC in Seattle WA and was taken by the simple Bowling Green Guide that they had up in their club house, (see photo). I had seen similar charts in golf course maintenance sheds for the mowing program but this is the first time I had seen anything like this in a bowling club.

I would love to hear from other clubs who have different ways of ensuring the whole green is used to avoid “tramlines” of play.



Date of Month	Green #	Color of Rink	Direction of Play
1	Both	blue	North-South
2	Both	blue	East-West
3	Both	yellow	North-South
4	Both	yellow	East-West
5	Both	red	North-South
6	Both	red	East-West
7	Both	blue	North-South
8	Both	blue	East-West
9	Both	yellow	North-South
10	Both	yellow	East-West
11	Both	red	North-South
12	Both	red	East-West
13	Both	blue	North-South
14	Both	blue	East-West
15	Both	yellow	North-South
16	Both	yellow	East-West
17	Both	red	North-South
18	Both	red	East-West
19	Both	blue	North-South
20	Both	blue	East-West
21	Both	yellow	North-South
22	Both	yellow	East-West
23	Both	red	North-South
24	Both	red	East-West
25	Both	blue	North-South
26	Both	blue	East-West
27	Both	yellow	North-South
28	Both	yellow	East-West
29	Both	red	North-South
30	Both	red	East-West
31	Both	yellow	North-South

Bowling Green Guide

Reproduced courtesy of Jefferson Park
LBC



Umpires Corner

Have you ever been told, “If you want the point, you measure it”? Have you ever been told, “The person conceding the shot should do the measuring”?

The first comment above is usually delivered by a member of the losing team. The second bit of advice comes from the Code of Bowling Etiquette, which are not laws.

So who has the responsibility of doing the measuring? You do. It’s as simple as that.

The Code of Bowling Etiquette says, “When bowls need to be measured, the team or singles player that will probably or certainly concede a shot(s) should do the measuring and place identified counters together.”

Well, let’s take a look at the LSBs and the bowl/jack displacement charts, and specifically the phrase “at rest.” I think we can all agree that if all of the bowls have been delivered and the process of deciding the number of shots scored has started, then the jack and the bowls are at rest.

The only remedy for a bowl or jack displaced by a player is to return the bowl or jack to its former position. And who gets to return either to its former position if you displace the bowl or jack? Your opponent.

So if your team is conceding shots, why would you measure and run the risk of moving the jack or a bowl? If your team is going to win a tied game based on a measure, why would you measure and run the risk of moving the jack or a bowl?

Who knew measuring could be such a risky business? Whoever wrote the Code of Bowling Etiquette certainly did -- it favors the team getting the shots if you flub up the measure. Or perhaps that wasn’t the thought at all. Perhaps it was stated that way to protect the team that’s conceding shots from their opponent amassing a larger shot count than they deserve.

The Laws of the Sport of Bowls say **any** player may measure for shot. The LSBs also say **any** player may place wedges to prevent a bowl from falling over and that **any** player may remove a bowl that is resting on another bowl that would interfere with the process of measuring. There is nothing compulsory within the LSBs about who is to measure.

So if you’re the one on your team who is likely to do the measuring, strive to be the best measurer you can be. Get yourself a set of wedges and use them for your team’s sake.

World Bowls has some excellent videos on how to measure. Here’s the link: http://www.worldbowls.com/laws-umpiring/umpire-development/measure_procedures/

Melanie A Vizenor, Bowls USA, NUIC



Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Club

Butler Blind Pairs Tournament May 27th, 2017

Twenty-four club members took part in our first event of the season, The Butler Blind Pairs Tournament, held on Saturday, May 27th. Mark Mathwig, our tournament director, arranged the games and also provided a cook-out for lunch. Everyone also brought side dishes. Last year we had 16 participants, so we were very pleased with the increased numbers this year.

Four, 8-end games were played, with leads and skips playing with different partners each game. The skips finished: 1. Rob Behncke, 2. Bob Schneider, 3. Crandall Hays. The leads finished: 1. Roland Faas, 2. Shirley Burmester, 3. Joan Faas.

We also had our first Open House on Sunday May 28th. Although it rained in the morning by noon the sun was shining and 28 people showed up for free lessons, and information about our leagues tournaments, and social activities. Thanks to Min Waite and her volunteers for a successful event.



Cincinnati Lawn Bowling

Cincinnati Lawn Bowling opened on May 6 with an Open House and cool but sunny weather. This early in the season we already have 33 members including four new people. Last season we had a record high of 52.

We will be open through October with regular open bowling starting at 7pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am on Saturdays and 4pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The 1st Saturday of each month is reserved for a Member's Tournament with cash prizes and refreshments. New this year, instead of "2 free sessions" policy, we are asking newbies to sign up for an hour of training the \$5 cost can be applied to the \$50.00 membership fee if they join the club.

2017 celebrates 20 years at our present location. Great Parks of Hamilton County (the county park system) built our green and equipment building at The Little Miami Golf Center on the East side of Cincinnati. Cincinnati has been Lawn Bowling since the turn of the previous century as the picture from 1913 depicts. It has moved several times and we thank Great Parks for giving us a permanent home.

You're invited to bowl with us any time you're in or near Cincinnati – the southernmost club in the Central Division. www.lawnbowling.org will get you in touch with us.

Marty White, Secretary, Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club

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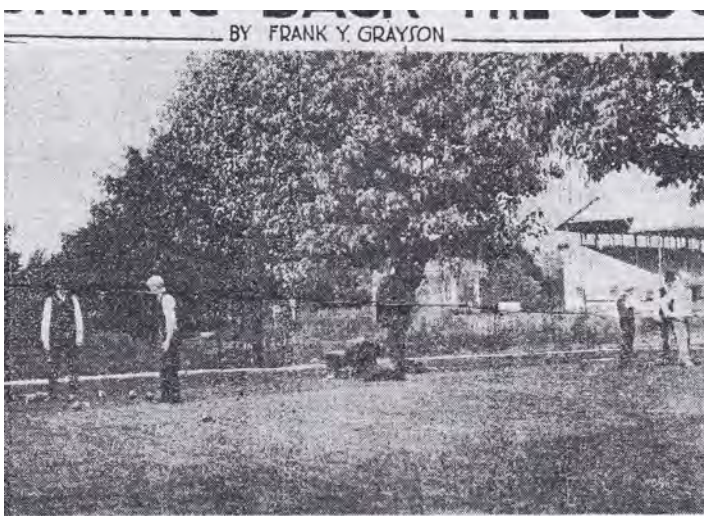
Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling

Hurray it's time for bowling!!!!

On Saturday May 6th, 30 of our members got together for our opening spring luncheon.

We heard reports from the board about our 5 -year plan, our greens, our new scoreboards, and our games for 2017.

We have nine certified club coaches and we have come up with a schedule for lessons for beginners and workshops for more experienced bowlers. We have lesson plans for four different workshops which will be held on Wednesday evenings, and lessons for beginners will be on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. We have a very committed group and are anxious to try out our new teaching and coaching skills.



Cincinnati Lawn Bowling, circa 1913



The Villages LBC

The Rio Grande Invitational Tournament took place on Wednesday, April 5th, in scorching hot weather. Eight teams of four took part, six from The Villages club and two from Mount Dora. The format was an interesting one. First game was fours, eight ends with scoring of one shot only on the first two ends, preventing any runaway scoring at the beginning. Second and Third games were Australian Pairs, where each team of four split into two pairs, playing eight ends. Half of the teams bowled first, then the other half bowled when the rinks became vacant. Fourth and fifth games were Two-Bowl Pairs playing twelve ends with half on and half off.

Everyone played three games and the scoring was three points for a win, two points for a draw and one point for a loss. A total of 15 points was possible and the number of shots in each game could be used if there were ties in the points totals. At the end, one team from The Villages, David Clayton, Sheila Clayton, Phil Acton and Lena Cameron (Lakeland) scored five wins and 15 points.

It is worth noting that Phil Acton has only been bowling a few weeks and this was his first tournament - a great achievement. He will also be bowling in The Villages Senior Games on April 26. The runners-up were a team from Mount Dora with four wins and 12 points - Mike Maneilly, Bobbi Elwell, Jean Adams and Bill Molly. Prizes were awarded for first and second place and everyone adjourned to the nearest Recreation Center for socializing with food and drinks.



Runners-up: Back row, L-R: Mike Maneilly, Jean Adams, Bobbi Elwell, Bill Molly

Seated L-R: Marita Nierth, Judy Bublitz, Rick Fitzgerald, Becky Fitzgerald. (All Mount Dora)

The Villages LBC, cont.



Winners: David Clayton, Sheila Clayton, Phil Acton (all the Villages LBC) and Lena Cameron (Lakeland).



Sun City Center LBC

The Jack Phillips Mixed Pairs Invitational

The SCC Lawn Bowling Club has named a popular Mixed Pairs Invitational Tournament in memory of Jack Phillips ([BUSA Hall of Fame](#) inductee in 2015). Over the years, Jack's dedication and his willingness to share his knowledge, made significant contributions to the sport of lawn bowling in the United States. The inaugural tournament will take place November 9th, 2017. Club President Jerry Healy delivered the news to Bev Phillips and at the same time, thanked her for continuing to help to the Southeast Division lawn bowling community and in particular, the club at Sun City Center.



Club President, Jerry Healy delivers the announcement to Bev Phillips.

More from The Villages LBC

2017 Singles Champion

Thirty bowlers entered our singles tournament which was played over several weeks. The winner and the 2017 Singles Champion is Janice Sharp. The runner up was John Becraft.



Club President Henry Landsberg (left) and Doug Stenzel present the Club's new Singles Trophy to Janice Sharp.



Runner- up John Becraft and Singles Champion Janice Sharp show off their awards



L-R:Winners, the team of Mike Green and David Grimshaw with Gerry Simmons (center), who donated the trophies.



L-R:"Gerry Pairs" runners -up, Chris Greening and Phil Acton



The Villages Senior Games

Frank Whitney on left and Phil Acton two of our newer bowlers with their gold medals won at The Villages Senior Games on 29th April. Phil has only been bowling since we showcased lawn bowling at the outdoor expo in late February and Frank for a few months more.



Frank Whitney (L) and Phil Acton were the Gold Medal winners at The Villages Senior Games.



Wednesday, April 26th saw a successful new tournament take place. Named the "Gerry Pairs" and organized by Gerry Simmons. Four, eight- end games with randomly drawn teams were played and the runners up were Chris Greening and Phil Acton. The winners were the team of Mike Green and David Grimshaw. \$60 was raised and donated to club funds.

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On Their Way to the National Championships

The Southeast Division Play-down to determine the players who will represent the Division at 2017 U.S. National Championships was held at the Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club. The format was the same as for the Nationals, and saw five Women's Pairs entries, seven Women's Singles, ten Men's Pairs and thirteen Men's singles participants.

The U.S. National Championships will be played at the Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club, Corona Del Mar, California starting Monday, Oct. 2nd. The SED winners are automatically eligible to participate in the East Coast Challenge as a team player for the Division.

Special thanks to the Sun City Center LBC and the Tournament Director, Rick Czachor.



Men's Singles Winner, Bud Ricucci, Mount Dora LBC



Men's Singles Alternate, Bob Fladung, Sun City Center LBC



Women's Singles Winner, June Paciga, Clearwater LBC



Women's Singles Alternate, Rusty Hein, Sarasota LBC



Men's Pairs Winners, Gary Williamson & Steve Nelson, Mount Dora LBC / Asheville LBC



Women's Pairs Winners, Christine Garbett (L) & Sandy Wall, The Villages LBC / World Parkway



Men's Pairs Alterenate, Alin Lozada & Don Gordon, Sarasota LBC



Women's Pairs Alternate, Rusty Hein & Sue Abbott, Sarasota LBC

The U.S. National Championships will be played at the Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club, Corona Del Mar, California starting Monday, Oct. 2nd.

Mount Dora LBC Celebrates “Founders’ Day”

The Club’s annual Founders’ Day was celebrated on Saturday, April 8 in recognition of our 89th year.

With over 100 members in attendance for lunch, the highlight of the day was awarding pins and dangles to winners of the key 2016-2017 tournaments:

Mr. & Mrs.	Sy & Angela Carkhuff
Mixed Pairs	Sy Carkhuff & Janice Hays
Men’s Pairs	Bart Ettori & Don Ross
Women’s Pairs	Beth Forbes & Ginger Dora
Home League	Bud Ricucci, Lucy Keller & Joy Jordan
Men’s Triples	Brian Smith, Tom Jagel & Dean Sasek
Women’s Triples	Diane Kruger, Barb Stroud, Wilma Momkes
Men’s Singles	Gary Koch
Women’s Singles	Angela Carkhuff
Club Champion	Angela Carkhuff
Fox Hill Mixed Triples	Nancy DeSecki, Tom Bussell & Dennis Coker

Ron Swindler was the recipient of the annual Ralph Knight Pill Bowler of the Year award. Ron was selected based on his attendance record, rink etiquette, playing the game by the rules, being pleasant and helpful to other bowlers.



Winners at Mount Dora’s Founders Day

The Sun City Center Spring Fling

Our Sun City Center Lawn Bowling club traditionally ends the regular season with a fun tournament. The summer in Florida is the “off” season for many of our bowlers and this event is scheduled before most of the snowbirds head north.

This year, forty- four members played a very enjoyable game of 4-3-2-1 keeping tabs with individual score cards. Our bowlers really enjoy this format where they try to get the most points depending on where their bowl lands in relation to the jack and the other bowls. Every second end, the point leader moves to the next rink, increasing everyone’s chance of winning.

Its fun bowling with your friends and enjoying a light lunch as well. The day ends with a social and a discussion about who will be in the money this year.



In the money: Joe Mignogna (First), Ava Casper (Second) and Ben Caudill (Third)

Asheville LBC Rolls On

The summer schedule went into effect on May 1 with the bowling time switching from the afternoon to 10:00 a.m. Tournament director, Fred McKenzie, has organized the club singles tournament that will run throughout the summer. Eleven bowlers have signed up to play in a 2-match / 14-end round robin competition. The top four- point holders will then play for the club championship. In the fall the club will host its pairs’ tournament.

Club president, Bill Stoermer, reports that progress on the new green continues although the design and bid phase is taking longer than expected. The specifications should be ready for publication by mid-July. The project continues to have the support of the City of Asheville with completion now anticipated to be either late fall or early in 2018.

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Asheville LBC Rolls On cont.

Steve Nelson teamed up with Gary Williamson of Mt. Do-
ra to win the Southeast Division PaiAsheville's rs'
Playdowns. They will compete in the National Champion-
ships in early October at Newport Harbor LBC.

Asheville is planning to participate in this year 4-Club
tournament, September 14-16, hosted by Pinehurst LBC.
The other clubs that traditionally participate are Williams-
burg, VA & Pittsburgh, PA.

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Clearwater Lawn Bowls Club Plans Awards/ Scholarship Program

This summer, the Clearwater Lawn Bowls Club (founded
1926), will be establishing a series of "Award/Scholarship"
Lawn Bowling Leagues. Using a concept plan by Larry Hanks,
Board members Ron Ridley and Bruce Miller will be spear
heading the initial Awards league.

Charitable grants for donations by the winning teams to the
charity of their choice are for first place, \$1000, for second
\$500, \$300 for third and \$200 for fourth place. Additionally
each of the top four teams will receive monetary awards, free
one year memberships in the Clearwater Club and trophies.
Funding for three years for the grants has been donated by
members from CLBC. Currently, league details, leg work, and
meetings with future participants are taking place. It is antici-
pated that the first league will begin in the autumn of 2017.

In the first 3 years, the focus of this program will be on teach-
ers, government departments, charities, and corporations. The
goals of the League play are to introduce the sport to full time
working adults, to raise the visibility of the sport through play
(and press coverage) raise membership, and to assist local
charities. Due to work, league play would be once per week
(after work hours), or on weekends.

In the case of teachers, individual schools will field a team(s)
playing against other schools within the District. With Govern-
ment, the various department(s) (i.e. Police, Fire, Sanitation,
City Hall, IT, etc.) would field a team to play against one anoth-
er. Different business's would field different teams to bowl
against one another. In future years, it is hoped additional
local sponsors will provide additional Grant money donation
to the charities

A mixed triples, twelve end for-
mat will be used with each
league season running eight
weeks; culminating in a one day
playoff for the top teams.



Rod Ridley and Larry Hanks
spearheading a new Awards/
Scholarship League at Clearwater LBC

There is additional information on the Club's web site
www.clearwaterlawnbowlingclub.org



Essex County Lawn Bowling



Beautiful 80 degree weather for the first Triples Club Tour-
nament at ECLBC. Winners of the tournament
are: [Veronica Sum](#), Les Winter and [Sam Johnson](#), who
played a shorten final against runner-up winners: Evan
Wolfendon, an 11-year old novice and is grandson to the
skip, Michele Arculli and Maurice Lafond. Evan played
great, handled the pressure well and will one day be the
future of our sport!



New folks trying out lawn bowling for the first time at
ECLBC and playing a Triples game already.

Totally awesome!

2017 NED Bowls Clinic at Essex County LBC



Held our first 2017 NED Bowls Clinic at Essex County Lawn Bowling Club on Fri, 6/2/17 c/o Eileen Luba, Chair of NED Coaching Clinics.

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2017 Arculli Pairs



1st day: 2017 Arculli Pairs was held in Watsessing Park, Bloomfield, NJ with 18 pairs teams represented from all different Northeast Division lawn bowling clubs including host club, Essex County, Frick Park in Pittsburgh, Williamsburg, VA, Fernleigh in Hartford, CT and New York.

Honored the following bowlers inducted in the Hall of Fame:

****Ron Buck of Dupont**** (in memoriam)

****Lois Saladin of Pittsburgh**** (in memoriam)

****Colin Smith of Essex County****

Also honored Colin Smith with an honorary lifetime membership at Essex County Lawn Bowling Club for all his years of service as President of the club and as Tournament Director for the NED. Cont.

2017 Arculli Pairs cont.



Skippy Arculli



Joshua Sayer



Colin Smith, recipient of the Lifetime Membership award at Essex County Lawn Bowling Club. Congrats Colin. Well deserved and earned!

New York City LBC Honors Sailors



Members of the New York LBC spent a recent afternoon teaching bowling to some sailors.

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From Our Friends in Canada!

Westmount LBC, Montreal, Canada



Steeped in Tradition and Embracing the Future!

Where lawn bowling & socializing mix well near the base of Mont-Royal in the heart of Montreal. Drop by for some friendly instruction on the game or sample some of our ambiance.



In Memoriam



Hall of Famer, Woody Ogden (1929-2017)

By Larry Collaço

Woody Ogden, a long-time advocate of lawn bowls, passed away on April 18, 2017 due to complications of cancer. Woody was born in Lake Forest, Illinois, in 1929, grew up in Oakland, CA, and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1951. He was the father of four children: John (deceased), who followed him into lawn bowling, Terri, Lauri, and Rick; father-in-law to Barbara, Mike, and Kathryn; and grandfather to four.

A veteran of the Korean War (1951 - 1953), he subsequently became a Purchasing Manager for Simmons, the mattress and bedding company - retiring after 20 years in 1976. He then opened his own computer store with a partner (Advance Data Corp.), and retired again in the 1980s. He was a fan of the San Jose Sharks and all things related to Apple Computers.

He loved flying his Cessna 182 as well as being an integral part of the lawn bowling community both in Northern California and nationally. He was introduced to lawn bowls in the early 1980s by his mother, Doris Ogden Rea, and his passion for the sport subsequently took him to many places for national and international tournaments. Cont.

May they both rest in peace and are now united and exchanging memories past. Sincere condolences to Mary, Woody's wife and love, and to the entire Ogden family from the whole PIMD community.

It would be remiss not to acknowledge the great hospitality that the entire SW contingent, starting with the women's and men's tournament committees, showed us throughout the stay, especially Heather Stewart, who helped me find a partner for the Pairs, and Margi Rambo, whose friendliness and coaching tips were invaluable. But also, all the wonderful bowlers who we had the pleasure to meet, get to know, and bowl against.

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We also appreciated the hard work put in by the greens maintenance crew at Santa Anita this year in preparation for the Open, all four of which showed how bowling on faster greens can make our game even more enjoyable and fun than it is already in Northern California.

The camaraderie, the fact that all bowlers share a passion for this game and were all together in the same place, but come from different walks of life, made this experience a very rewarding one, not just from a bowls perspective but also from a personal one.

Bowling next to champions, being able to see them and appreciate their skills and attitude towards the game and competition, as well as the chance to receive suggestions and pointers, is what can inspire new bowlers like myself to follow in their footsteps.

That is what all sports should be about, providing role models and ways of expressing talents, passion and skills, even though oftentimes, some more prevalent and perhaps more “remunerative” sports show the worst of what the society is.

However, there is hope that we can all make our voices heard, because what makes our sport even more rewarding and worth pursuing, at any age and at any given point in time, is that it can be also seen as a way of connecting with yourself and with others, to find different meanings, personal trajectories, new opportunities, and friendships.

Finally, these are the results of that the PIMD bowlers achieved overall:

In Men's Singles: Tim Christie (2nd place, 2nd flight),
Nick Christensen (1st place, 6th flight)

In Women's Singles: Regina Banares (1st place, 2nd flight)

In Women's Pairs: Regina Banares & Pauline De Assis
(1st place, 4th flight)

In Men's Fours: Larry Collaco, Tom Burnowski, Mo Shooer and John Peet (2nd place, Championship flight) and

In Women's Fours: Regina Banares, Joanne Kluck, Pauline de Assis and Angie Peet (4th place, Championship Flight).

See you again in 2018!!

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Southwest Open cont.



SW Open, Runners-Up, Championship Flight (l-r): Mo Shooer, Tom Burnoski, Larry Collaco, John Peet.

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News from the PIMD: Coach to the Max

By Ginger Harris, PIMD President

Our bowling season is in full swing. We dodged the rain for Opening Day but got torrentially rained out for our first big tournament. Everyone showed up on time to bowl, at which point the heavens opened, and that was the end of the Aussie Pairs for that day. We have rescheduled, and please remember that all of our PIMD tournaments are open to bowlers from all BUSA divisions. We look forward to visitors, and promise you a warm welcome should you decide to come join our fun! The calendar of events is posted on our website. Check it out!

PIMD is taking full advantage of the wealth of information and ideas for skill development provided by the BowlsUSA national trainers. Enthusiasm was in high gear after the recent visit by Heather Stewart to share more drills and skills for our division bowlers' continued improvement.



Drills and skills by Coach Heather Stewart

Coach to the Max cont.

More than twenty coaches, and other club members who work with new bowlers, attended one or both of the two days of training in April, one in Palo Alto and the other at the San Francisco club in Golden Gate Park. All who attended the trainings left with new ideas and motivation to work with their club bowlers. A couple of clubs have decided to organize short single-skill sessions for a half hour or so before club draw games for ongoing support and a way to help members focus on specific skills during their draw games.

Recently, two of our certified club coaches, myself and Larry Collaco, travelled to beautiful Carmel to work with members there. The club is growing, and new members appreciated someone to work on basic skills, while other more seasoned members completed a circuit organized to practice specific skills - aim, weight and strategy.

A game of "Last Man Standing" was the final bit of fun for all. Thank you from the coaches to our Carmel friends for the warm welcome, delicious lunch, active participation in the skills and drills, and especially for the tasty wine and cheese following a long day on the green!



Ginger Harris, far left and Larry Collaco, far right, coached a skills class at Carmel Lawn Bowling Club.

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First PIMD Representatives to 2017 US National Championships Chosen

By Jim Corr

PIMD's first set of representatives for this year's US National Championship has been chosen.

For the third year in a row, in the **Men's Singles**, two-time former champion Nick Christensen came through a field of 18 contestants, and will be making the trip to Newport Harbor LBC, in the first week of October.

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Nationals cont.

In the **Women's Pairs**, the team of Ginger Harris and Ann Brillhart emerged on top. It will be Ginger's sixth trip to the Nationals and Ann's second.

The playdowns for the Men's Pairs and Women's Singles will be held in June.



Nick Christensen
Men's Singles champion.



Ginger Harris
Women's Pairs
Champion



Ann Brillhart
Women's Pairs
Champion

Thriving in the Senior Games

"Editor's Note: This story is reprinted, with permission, from [Look insideKP Northern California](#), the external-facing news site of Kaiser Permanente Northern California. Zarka Popovic is Treasurer of the Oakland LBC; her sister, Ratka Mira, is a former President and current Director of the Club."



BY [ANNA FIDDLER](#) ON MAY 22, 2017

The Kaiser Permanente-sponsored Sonoma Wine Country Games promote healthy, active aging — and for 3 seniors in particular, a transformation of body, mind, and spirit. Pictured above, Zarka Popovic (left) and Ratka Mira Popovic (right).

In grief counseling at Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center, sisters Ratka Mira and Zarka Popovic heard advice that would forever change their lives

“The counselor said, ‘Go out and find something to help take you out of your grief,’” Ratka Mira recounted.

The sisters had recently lost their father to cancer in the winter of 2013. And for Ratka Mira, her husband from a sudden heart attack just 3 months before.

The sisters soon remembered a childhood interest: lawn bowling. Growing up in Oakland, they had always loved watching the bowlers at the [Oakland Lawn Bowling Club](#) by Lake Merritt.

“I said, ‘This is the time! Let’s start checking off our childhood bucket list!’” said Ratka Mira.

“We took to the sport like ducks to water,” said Zarka. “I don’t want to say our grief lifted, but it became redirected.”

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Senior Games Cont.

Through their involvement with the club, they heard about the **Sonoma Wine Country Games**. Kaiser Permanente has been the principal sponsor since the inception of the games 7 years ago.

“The games fall into place with Kaiser Permanente’s commitment to support healthy, fit, and active seniors,” said Carl Campbell, public affairs director for Kaiser Permanente Northern California Marin-Sonoma.

This year the games take place June 2 – 18 and are open to anyone 50 and over interested in friendly and spirited competition. There are 20 different sports to choose from, such as archery, golf, and tennis.

“They really do card you to make sure you’re over 50,” laughed Zarka.

This is the second year the sisters will participate in the games, and they plan to make it an annual tradition.

“There are so many different athletes in a variety of disciplines. You really get a feeling that life can remain active for a long time,” said Ratka Mira.

And as a Stage 4 cancer survivor, participating in the games is especially meaningful to Zarka.

“As a cancer patient, you’re encouraged to do moderate exercise — and that also works for grief. When you’re grieving, or battling a disease, people don’t often know how to talk to you. So being a part of this community has really made me feel not as iso-

Senior Games cont.

Beginning of a New Life Chapter

Richard Harmon suffered from debilitating migraines for most of his life.

“I would have to go into a dark room until it subsided. I missed time with my kids. It was hard to leave the house,” Harmon said.

But then he sought care at Kaiser Permanente Martinez Medical Offices, and got the right medication that made the migraines stop all together.

“It was a whole new world. I was able to go about living,” Harmon recounted.

Having always loved sports and physical activity, Harmon started going to the gym frequently. A decade later, he decided to look for more of a physical challenge.

“I saw an advertisement for the Sonoma Wine Country Games and decided to go out and see if I could long jump — at age 62. I’m happy to report that I could and haven’t looked back since.”

Harmon now regularly competes in track and field events around the country — almost 10 times a year.

“The games are designed to encourage everyone to participate. Some people who are not in great physical shape sign up to run 200 meters — so they jog it! But their participation is appreciated by all,” Harmon said. “My life has totally been enriched by the games.”

“After years of watching the events, I realized that the games are more than just promoting active living,” said Campbell. “There’s a psychological and emotional aspect. These athletes all come away with deep feelings of fulfillment.”

For more information about the Sonoma Wine Country Games, and to register, please visit their [website](#).



Rich Harmon in a long jump



Shortly after our last submission to the Bowls USA newsletter in March, the South Central Division held their regional playdowns for the National Championships of 2017.

In the ladies pair's event, Dee McSparran and Alice Birkinshaw were undefeated in their games, gliding into 1st place. While Dee has been at the National Championships several times, this will be her first representing the South Central Division. Alice is a repeat – having represented the South Central in pairs last year with Reggie Banares.



Dee McSparran (L) and Alice Birkinshaw are the Women's Pairs winners.

In 2nd place were Myra Wood and Lorraine Hitchcock – 2016 undefeated National Champions, while 3rd place went to Sharon Perry & Reggie Banares.

In the men's pair's event, competition was very strong and close. On the final day, then front runners Rich Enockson & Frank Souza were defeated by the team of Rodger Green and Bob Perry in a close match 16 to 14. Ron Rollick and two-year novice David Shaw had to win their match against John DuVall and Glen Weber in order to eventually secure the Men's Pair's playdowns. The win points were extremely close – Rollick / Shaw with 16, Enockson / Souza with 15 for 2nd place and Green / Perry in 3rd place.

In ladies singles, five ladies initially took the green, but due to illness and a bicycling accident, two of the ladies had to drop out – leaving three to fight it out. Ultimately, Lorraine Hitchcock proved victorious. Reggie Banares was 2nd and novice player Chris Filipiak was 3rd.

In the men's singles, Len Hitchcock went undefeated in his matches, taking 1st place. Novice Jim Filipiak was 2nd, while John DuVall was 3rd. Cont.

South Central Champions cont.

It's great to see the husband & wife team of Len and Lorraine Hitchcock both representing the South Central Division, each in the Singles events.

Everyone representing the South Central is looking forward to traveling to Newport Harbor LBC in October for this year's National Championships.

The area's snowbirds have now all migrated, leaving only a few hardy bowling souls to tough it out through the summer. To avoid the high temperatures, nearly everyone is bowling either very early in the morning (6:30 or 7am) or some of the night owls are turning the lights on and playing in the evenings. All of the clubs here in Sun City, Sun City West and SC Grand have lights, so not difficult to do.

We look forward to the return of the snowbirds this coming Fall and the resumption of various tournament play.



Len and Lorraine Hitchcock were the Singles winners.



Ron Rollick (L) and David Shaw were the Men's Pairs winners.

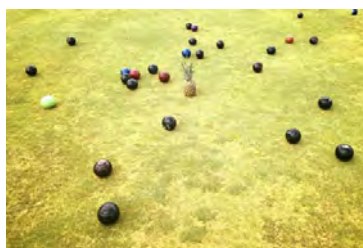


Seattle's Jefferson Park LBC Celebrates Opening Day in May After A Long, Wet Winter

Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club celebrated Opening Day with Bumbershoots, Blooms & Bowls, a spring-themed party on a lovely Seattle day.

The morning started with a traditional bowl to the pineapple, and then our traditional bowl to the ditch. Club members then celebrated the opening of the season with esoteric games, a seasonal spring potluck, and more bowling.

We're looking forward to another season of lawn bowls in beautiful Jefferson Park!



Bumbershoots, Blooms and Bowls to the Pineapple

First Tournament of the Season for Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club!

JPLBC had a fun and successful team tournament in May to kick off the lawn bowling season. Six teams battled under the Seattle sun for two days while showing team pride with "punny" team names and coordinated costumes. The mighty Fleeting Warthogs won first prize, followed by Team Duct Tape and the Gin & Tonics. Many kudos to tournament master Willie Weir.



Kat Marriner bowls for the "Under Construction" team during the JPLBC Team Tournament.

Jefferson Park Cont.



Jim Grutz bowls for the "Gin and Tonics" team, while Rikki Ricard and Phyllis Counts look on.

This Year's Short Jack Tournament Proves the Pacific Northwest Bowlers are a Hearty Bunch

News From Oregon - King City LBC and Portland LBC



Rain and hail plagued the Short Jack Tournament.

After a long, cold, wet winter (with record snowfall), we are having a cold, wet spring. Sunny days for bowling have been few and far between! We held our spring club meeting on April 15th, and then declared it "Opening Day" as the sun came out! After a potluck lunch, we took advantage of the good weather to bowl all afternoon. Alas, there have not been many sunny days since.

Our first tournament of the season is the Short Jack tournament, which we hosted in conjunction with Portland Lawn Bowling Club on Mother's Day weekend. In preparation for the tournament, Steve Shobe, KCLBC Vice President, cleaned the ditches and painted the backboards in between rain showers. Thanks, Steve, for making the green so inviting!

The attire for this event is generally dictated by the weather; gone were the "whites" and polo shirts favored by our Bowls USA members in the rest of the country. Proper attire for this event called for thermal underwear, long sleeves, and rain gear. Little did we know that before the weekend was out, we would need knee boots and Nor'easter foul-weather gear. Cont.

Short Jack Tournament Cont.

Members who planned to attend the NW Division meeting abandoned their bowls on the green. After the meeting ended, the bowls had to be retrieved from the flooded green. One brave and hearty soul, Debbie Tupper, raked them to the edge where they were lifted out of the water and reunited with their grateful owners. As we departed many questions were asked about “play tomorrow.”

On Sunday morning we were surprised to see that the green was dry. It did not rain overnight, and the lake was gone. By the time we started up, though, it began to rain heavily again. The first two games were played in heavy rain, but then it moderated to showers for game three, and finally sunshine for games four and five. In the end, the team of Ernie Carlson and Peter Mauro claimed victory, with Steve Shobe and Milo Blair taking second place.

Thanks go to the teams from Portland, Seattle, and King City for their participation in this extreme event! Special thanks to Larry Edgar, who rolled the green each morning in the rain prior to play, to Jimi Joe for organizing the draw, and to Val and Rich Epperly who provided the coffee and donuts. Maybe next year we'll wait until June?



Steve and Milo - Winners, Ernie and Peter – Second Place



In Memoriam



Evelyn Lucero

1945-2017

Evelyn Lucero

Evelyn was born in Los Angeles on February 26, 1945, the only one in her family to be born in California. The rest of her family was born in Northern New Mexico, near Taos. She was the youngest of seven daughters. Her father passed away when she was six years old. Her mother went to work to support the girls. She learned the value of hard work and the importance of a good education so off to college she went.

She earned a BA in History, a minor in Geography then a M.S. in School Counseling, a counseling credential and an administrative credential. She worked in LAUSD for 35 years. She served as an administrator for 25 years, fifteen years as a secondary principal. Evelyn became known as a principal capable of turning schools around instructionally and discipline wise. She brought two instructional systems to the district-the “House System” as well as the Coalition of Essential Schools.

She was asked to speak nation-wide, interviewed by President Clinton’s Transition Team and shadowed by Secretary of Education, Lamar Alexander. Brown University published an 18 page article she wrote on how she turned around Hollenbeck Junior High in East Los Angeles. Those years were the most rewarding seven years of her career, but also difficult years. It took everything she was and all she had learned to be successful.

She was named one of 21 Thompson Fellows, principals nation-wide known for their exceptional work in implementing instructional reforms. Upon retirement she took up water color painting. Among her other hobbies were gardening and interior design.

Evelyn also took up lawn bowling. She served as the Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club secretary and worked to insure that Beverly Hills provided all visitors and competitors with a good experience at their two tournament: the Disney and the Cal 5. She was a dual member of the Holmby Hills club and a member of the Southwest Governance Council. She truly enjoyed making new friends through lawn bowling, individuals she would normally never meet from different countries and states. Many have become close friends. Since her early 30s she began traveling extensively to over 45 countries. She learned a lot when she traveled. In 2014, she was chosen to be the Alternate and the Manager of the Bowls USA Women’s Lawn Bowling Team, traveling to Hong Kong and Xinxiang, China. It was her fourth trip to China. It was amazing for her to witness lawn bowlers from all over the world, who perhaps did not share a common language, but could communicate through the rules of lawn bowling. That is one of the beauties of lawn bowling. Lawn bowling seems to attract people who are kind hearted. It is a great sport!

Personal Notes

"I have known Evelyn for over 30 years starting when I was a teacher and she came to be Principal at Hollenbeck Junior High. We hit it off immediately and became best of friends. Over the years we traveled together, took each other to the hospital for surgeries, lawn bowled together and attended family gatherings. I could not have had a better friend, mentor and "big" sister. I pray she is in a better place with no suffering surrounded by family and friends. I will miss her every day for as long as I shall live."

Cheryl Barkovich (SW)

Evelyn made an impact in the SW Division as well as a personal impact on me. She served as my Vice President for the South Women's Division, and was a wonderful mentor and sounding board.

Evelyn played an important part in the fight to save the greens in Alhambra, even though she was not a member. She organized a protest in front of the Alhambra City Hall and made "Save Lawn Bowling" posters. She also organized a membership drive in support of Alhambra Bowls Club. Within three weeks we had 600 "auxiliary" members. ABC will be forever grateful for the driving force of Evelyn Lucero.

I will miss her friendship.

Cheri Cabot



"Evelyn's" protest in front of Alhambra City Hall to save the Alhambra Bowling Club. She made all the posters.

Redlands LBC Thanks Newport Harbor LBC, A Shining Example of the Southwest Division

Newport Harbor LBC could boast about its huge membership, its top quality greens and its high level players ... but they don't. They probably also won't tell you that they recently gave their extra roller to the Redlands LBC. Having recently purchased a larger, new roller, the Newport Harbor Club heard that the Redlands Club didn't have one. In spite of the fact that they could have done any number of things with the extra roller, the Newport Harbor board voted to simply give the roller to Redlands!! Though the Newport club and their board will humbly say it was no big deal, it was definitely a big deal to Redlands.

Established in 1923, the Redlands Lawn Bowling Club is the 2nd oldest in the Southwest division. It is located about 20 minutes northeast of Riverside, and has 1 green and a small membership of 32. For a club that is nearly 100 years old and has never owned a roller, this gracious gift from Newport Harbor LBC is truly a treasure! Newport Harbor may never really realize just how much this gift means to Redlands. Thank you Newport Harbor!



SAN DIEGO LAWN BOWLING CLUB

As promised, our website has a new look, and incorporates our Facebook page, so please come and join us at <http://www.sandiegolawnbowling.org>

And it's always great to learn (or re-learn) ways to improve our bowling and make our games more enjoyable. So to this end, (pun intended), Melanie Vizenor, Ralph Cook and Oi Ling Kwan have started a program of training our members to standardize the words we use and the giving of instructions or signals. Cont.

San Diego cont.

There was an amazing turnout for the first clinic, and by the time we got out to social bowl that day, we were all talking the same language: bowls in motion, bowls in original course, front ditch, rear ditch, hogline ... it was a thing of beauty. And then the next day, another lot of us were out there bowling away, all using the same signals for indicating how far to move the jack to center it, and skips letting their teammates know how far to roll the jack and how many extra feet were needed past the hogline if the mat was pulled up ... wow!



On the more serious side, our first club tournament, the Arthur Crowe Triples, was played on March 5. Eight teams battled it out, and warm congratulations go to our winners - Gerrie Giseburt, Greg Mattson & Joan Holliday.



Arthur Crowe Triples winners (L-R) Gerrie Giseburt, Greg Mttson and Joan Holliday.

San Diego cont.

We were also well represented well at the 2017 South-west Division Open by club members Bill Brault, Steve Smith, Leonard Wasserman, Christine Ludwig, and Melanie Vizenor.

In the Championship Flight, Men's Singles, Bill Brault placed 1st, Steve Smith placed 4th, and in Women Singles, Melanie Vizenor placed 2nd. In the Championship Flight, in Men's Pairs, Bill Brault and Steve Smith placed 1st, and in Women's Pairs, Melanie Vizenor (with her partner Denise French) placed 3rd. In the Championship Flight, Bill Brault (and his team) placed 1st, Leonard Wasserman (and his team) placed 4th. And in Third Flight, Fours, Christine Ludwig placed 1st.

Nice results -- including something that hasn't happened since the mid 1980s: The Bowler of the Tournament, Bill Brault, placed 1st in all three events. Congratulations, Bill!

Other great news is that we have 15 new members, twelve of whom joined during our very successful Open House on Earth Day. A warm welcome to all of them!

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ABC Bowls with Pasadena for the Day

On May 20, the Pasadena Lawn bowling Club visited the Alhambra Bowls Club (ABC) for a morning of inter-club bowling. Both clubs thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This time next year, our natural turf green will be gone, but we will have a new, artificial green with lights for evening play.



ABC is Selling its Maintenance Equipment

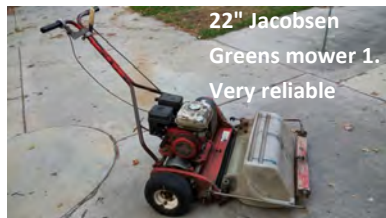
The Alhambra Bowls Club will have a new artificial green in 2018. We have two Jacobsen push reel mowers, a Scott Bonnar Queen mower, a Ryan Verticutter, and a Smooth Roll roller. We have manuals for all of them. We will entertain reasonable best offers. You will have to pick your purchase up, but we will help you load it. We need to sell these items by the end of July. If your club is interested, please contact Sean McMorris at 626-382-6994 or email at mcmorris23@gmail.com.



Smooth Roll greens roller. Runs great. Never had any problems with it.



Ryan verticutter. Works well. Has several new parts.



22" Jacobsen Greens mower 1. Very reliable



22" Jacobsen Greens mower 2. New engine, Very reliable



22" Jacobsen mower with grooming blade attachment. Can have for free with purchase of one of the other mowers.



Scott Bonnar 30" Queen mower. This is the club's primary mower. Mows quickly. 16 blade reel. Large rear roller and bin. New gas tank and bed knife. Likely time for a tune up and blade sharpening.

Amador Martinez Triples—Oxnard LBC

The Amador Martinez Triples is open to both women and men. There were sixteen teams from various clubs throughout So. California from Cambria to San Diego that competed. Four teams were from Oxnard. Skips set up their teams any way they want. The entry fee is \$75 per team.

Lunch is brown bag. Morning snacks and salads and desserts were provided at the lunch time. Format is three 12 - end games, winners will be determined on the basis of wins, losses and plus points with a max 10 points per game. If there is a tie at the end of a game, one more end will be played only to break the tie.

If there is a tie at the end of the tournament total points will be used to break the tie. There will be prizes for the first five teams. As it turned out 5th and 6th place were a tie so 5th place was decided by using total points.

We had many good players competing today, a number of which had competed successfully in both National and International Tournaments.

Oxnard used Rule 56.5.1 and 56.5.3 for the first time in tournament play today. This is when the jack is knocked out of bounds of play, it is re-spotted on the rink centerline and two metres in from the front ditch and play continues on. Note: We pre-marked all rinks at the two metre spot by using white golf tees placed flush to the surface of the green.

The Winners Were:

1. Phil Dunn, Grant Shear, Berry Hayes
3W+28
2. Bill Brault, Aaron Zangle, Anne Nunes
3W+24
3. Richard Purcell, Mike Newton, Wuhwa Hsu
3W+21
4. Kay Tong, Sean McMorris, Howard Horowitz 3W+17
5. Scott Roberts, Cory Vose, Art Roberts
2W+9 (total points 19)

Note: The 6th place team also had 2W+9 but only had total points of 11.



Contributed by [Bill Govan](#) from [Westmount Lawn Bowling](#)

Winners at Amador Martinez Triples



First Place: Grant Shear, Phil Dunn, Barry Hayes



Second Place: Bill Brault, Anne Nunes, Aaron Zangle



Third Place: Richard Purcell, Mike Newton, Wuhwa Hsu



Fourth Place: Kay Tong, Sean McMorris, Howard Horowitz



Fifth Place: Scott Roberts, Cory Vose, (shown) Art Roberts

LONG BEACH BUSY, BUSY, BUSY IN MAY!



Heidi Fernandes

The Southwest Open, held the last week of April, had good representation from Long Beach and everyone was happy for Heidi Fernandes. She came in First in the Women's Singles which had 27 entries.

Next came the Katy Stone Singles on Saturday, May 6, at Long Beach. With 16 entries, Mary Thompson and Joanne Hedgespeth (both Casta del Sol) took 1st and 2nd place with Kottia Spangler of Riverside coming in 3rd and Anne Nunes of Newport Harbor was 4th.

The Open House on May 13 had a new chairperson this year. Novice Alexis de la Garza took on the duties with assistance from both older and newer members. The turnout was 50+ in attendance and quite a few took advantage of a special membership offer.

Our hosting SW events in May ended May 21 as the Women's Novice Singles tournament was held on our greens. The winner, Mary Spease of Laguna Beach, will have custody of the Isabelle Forbes trophy until next year's tournament. Coming in 2nd was Alexis de la Garza of Long Beach and Adriana Sandoval of Redlands was 3rd.



Winners in the Women's Novice Tournament (L-R) 2nd Place Alexis de la Garza of Long Beach, 1st Place, Mary Spease, Laguna Beach and 3rd Place, Adriana Sandoval of Redlands.

Three other entries were Roberta Morrison and Chandra Trower of Long Beach, and Diana Wenzel of Newport Harbor.

As a finale to May, Long Beach LBC will hold its annual Memorial Day BBQ on Sunday, May 28, following the 10:00am game.

The Scots Visit the Southwest Open



Left to right: Thomas Clark, Callum Taggart, Phil Dunn, Johnathan Ross & Andy Weir.

Friendly Valley Mix/Match Pairs - RESULTS

2017 - April 8 (Flyer) Friendly Valley
(10 teams)

1	Terry Mar	Kenny Chu
2	Marty Bierman	Corey Vose
3	Rudy Uribe	Catherine Uribe
4	Cheryl Barkovich	Todd Werner

1st: Kenny Chu & Terry Mar

2nd: Corey Vose & Marty Bierman

3rd: Catherine Uribe & Rudy Uribe

4th: Todd Werner & Cheryl Barkovich

Friendly Valley LBC Mix/Match Doubles Tournament

8 April 2017

By Jack Quinn - 20 May 2017

On 8 April 2017, the Friendly Valley LBC held their annual mix/match lawn bowls tournament. Although the weather was a bit on the cool side, a good time was had by all. The group picture of the ten teams who participated is shown immediately below. Following that will be a series of ten photos showing the ten individual teams, by assigned number.



Friendly Valley Lawn Bowls Club 2017 Tournament Players - 8 April 2017
Photo by Jackie Kovacs (Kellar-Davis Realty)

FRIENDLY VALLEY LAWN BOWLING TOURNAMENT
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Team #1. Todd Werner (Lead) & Cheryl Barkovich (Skip) - Beverly Hills LBC
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Team #2. Scott Yahne (Skip) & Adriana Sandoval (Lead) - Redlands LBC
FVLBC 8 April 2017
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Team #3. Roy McAree (Skip) & Freda Hutchinson (Lead) - Friendly Valley LBC
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Friendly Valley Tournament Cont.



Team #4. Judy Brothers (Skip) & Laura Bausch (Lead) - FVLBC
FVLBC - 8 April 2017
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Team #5. Corey Vose (Lead) & Marty Bierman (Skip) - Santa Monica LBC
FVLBC - 8 April 2017
Photo by Judy Brothers (FVLBC)



Team #6. Catherine Uribe (Lead) & Rudy Uribe (Skip) - Beverly Hills LBC
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Photo by Judy Brothers (FVLBC)



Team #7. Kenny Chu (Lead) & Terry Mar (Skip) - Santa Monica LBC
FVLBC - 8 April 2017
Photo by Judy Brothers (FVLBC)



Team #8. Kay Tong (Skip) & Cecilia Tong (Lead) - Alhambra Bowling Club
FVLBC - 8 April 2017
Photo by Judy Brothers (FVLBC)



Team #9. Melisse Benson (Skip); JoAnn Cruz (Lead);
& George Patton (Alternate Lead); FVLBC
FVLBC - 8 April 2017
Photo by Judy Brothers (FVLBC)



Team #10. Roy Rogers (Lead) & Skip Stanfield (Skip) - FVLBC
FVLBC - 8 April 2017
Photo by Judy Brothers (FVLBC)



Jackie Kovacs (Kellar-Davis Real Estate)

FVLBC - 8 Apr 2017
(Photo by Judy Brothers)



Kitchen Crew & Others Getting Ready for Breakfast

Jackie Kovacs (Kellar-Davis); Irma Patton (FVLBC); Marge Edwards (FVLBC);
Jacque Werner (FVLBC); Skip Stanfield (FVLBC); and Melisse Benson (FVLBC).
FVLBC - 8 April 2017

(Photo by Judy Brothers)

Holmby Park LBC

Bus trip to Laguna Woods.

On Saturday, April 29, we took a coach to Laguna Woods. This lawn bowling club is in the middle of the largest retirement community in California and has two carpet greens (only one of them is usable), a comfortable club house and a spectacular view of their golf course. Visits like this are beneficial to both clubs - usually we learn from each other.

Three years ago, we noticed that they use several vertical poles helping older bowlers stepping up and down from the greens. Within a month, we copied this idea and now our own security poles remain very popular at Holmby. The carpet surface of the greens used turned out to be quite challenging to most Holmby bowlers. Still, some of the eight Holmby teams performed better than in the past. We won three of the eight Club vs.

Club matches, including the ritual dual between the two Presidents: Paul Flahive, Tom Seres and Richard Pozner beat hosting President, Bob Gervase's team 10 to 4. A proud moment for Holmby indeed!

The morning matches were followed by a delicious BBQ lunch on their patio, generously including beer, wine and sodas. This visitation is always a highlight on our calendar because of the tremendous hosts!

Consequently, the afternoon matches were shorter and the 'happy hour' continued on the bus. Our return journey was made more pleasant by Ted Burton and his co-conspirators who supplied extra drinks for our happy participants. A wonderful day to remember!

New Fence Around the Lower Green

It was reported in our April issue that last year trespassers made the regular green maintenance work practically impossible. Although large signs warned park users that these greens are only for the lawn bowlers, the existing low fence allowed soccer players and people with large dogs to take over our lower green after hours. An arrangement was negotiated with the DRP and we also obtained a \$5,000 grant from the Councilmember's Office to pay for the materials. Work started in November. Cont.

New Fence Cont.

By March, the installation progressed to the last section facing our patio. Workers of the Construction Division completed this challenging section in record time and eventually also installed a larger, stronger gate. Once again, our established relationship with the City and with the Supervisors of the DRP helped us to solve an important problem without any cost to our club.

We can now go ahead to start the vital spring maintenance work on both greens before our Hybrid Bermuda grass starts growing during the warmer weather. However, at certain sections of our greens the damage has been so severe that it seems unlikely that regular growth of the existing grass will cover all these bare spots.

We have, therefore, started preparations to replace the badly damaged areas with new Bermuda sods. As the DRP does not have such sods in reserve, we shall buy them from commercial sources. Work is expected to start in early May. Keep your fingers crossed that everything goes according to plans!

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In Memoriam

Colin Stead

It is with great shock and sadness that we learned of the passing of Colin Stead who died on March 3d. Colin had been a long time Holmby member. He was a very good bowler, and he was an even better man.

When he moved to California he became a stellar member of our club. He lost his first wife, but remarried. He introduced his second wife, Carol, to the game and it was a pleasure getting to know her. Not too many years ago they began a new chapter of their lives settling in Arizona, but returned on occasion to visit. He was already missed when he moved to Arizona and our loss is now permanent. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Carol, and Colin's family.

By Linda Bator

NUNES & BRAULT WIN ANNUAL DISNEY PAIRS

Anne Nunes and Bill Brault topped a field of 30 teams to capture the 47th annual Walt Disney Pairs 3-day event, Memorial Day weekend at Beverly Hills LBC. It was a repeat victory for Brault, winner of the 2012 Disney

The event featured a line-up of entries that included 16 members of the USA National Women's and Men's teams, a member of the Canadian national team, and top Southern California bowlers. BHLBC member Gary Oakland, as he was last year, was the gracious sponsor of the 2017 competition.

Winners Nunes and Brault also won a winner's inscription on the iconic Disney permanent trophy. (see below).

In all, the eight top finishers cashed out at the Memorial Day finals:

Nunes & Brault

Matt Bauschiero & Peter Richie

Howard First & Len Wasserman

Joann Hedgespeth & Mary Thompson

Ed Quo & Jim Olsen, Jr.

Scott Roberts & Linda Roberts

Carol Poto & Alexis de la Garza

James Chang & Lee Ang

The BHLBC green was running a challenging 16-17 seconds during the 3-day tourney, according to those who were either too long or too short.

Beverly Hills president is Bill Wolff, who also 'daylights' as the Club greenkeeper, resident carpenter, handyman, and authority on Asian foods. Joe Siegman was again Disney tournament director. Hospitality, absent the omnipresence of recently passed Evelyn Lucero, was tended to by Cheryl Barkowitz, Linda Lou Burton, and a hearty team of Beverly Hills member volunteers, who adroitly handled the event's complimentary breakfast and luncheon menu.



Disney sponsor Gary Oakland, left, makes presentations to 2017 champions Anne Nunes and Bill Brault. Yes. Those are Walt's bowls set within the huge trophy, and Mickey Mouse on top!

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Recent SW Tournament Winners

Fossati and Friends Triples



Alice
Birkinshaw

Adriana
Sandoval

Mary Ann
Beath

SoCal Rinks



Peter
Ritchie

Roger
Teske

Michael
Siddall

Scott
Roberts

SWWD Cal 5's



Linda Roberts Kottia Spangler Anne Nunes Eva Lee Dee McSparran

Correction from last Newsletter

Fours 1st place winners in AZ were Kottia, "EVA LEE", Anne Nunes, and Linda Roberts



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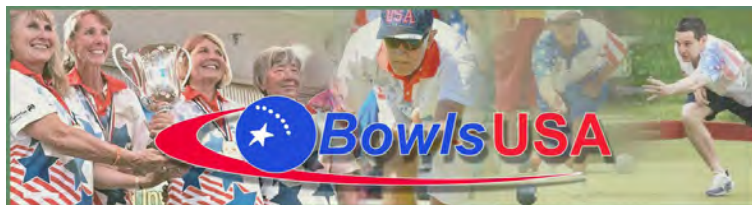
There are articles, videos, photos and a variety of information about Bowls USA and clubs across the country.

Check out some of the changes to our website. We've added a news page to share some news and entertainment items from time to time and up-dated important documents and dates. If you notice anything not working correctly or wish to send in news items please do so by emailing Dick Sayer at bowlsusawebsite@gmail.com

SWLBA Novice Singles (Men) - RESULTS

Newport Harbour 2017 - May 21 (18 entries)

- 1 Jim Olsen
- 2 Thomas Sternweis
- 3 Keith McCabe
- 4 Andrew Dufresne



Amador Martinez Triples Tournament 2017

April 9, 2017



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SAN JOSE LBC – UPDATE

The external works continue at the San Jose Lawn Bowls Club in Bramhall Park, San Jose.

Now for the fun..... the new bowling green.

The new bowling green will start to take shape this month, with Berry Bowling Systems management and supervisors from Australia, commencing work onsite by the time we publish this newsletter.

Mr. Ian Berry, son of the Late Alan Berry, who has personally constructed and/or supervised more than 400 synthetic lawn bowling greens, will take control of the construction of the Base and Drainage systems. At the same time, we can expect the Ditches to take shape, giving us the feel of the new bowling green. A few weeks later a specialist surface installer will arrive from Australia to start laying the new Dales Pro-Green Plus carpet.

Any lawn bowling club interested to understand how BBS use there decades of experience to build lawn bowling greens are welcome to visit San Jose during the construction stage. Introduce yourself to Ian and his crew and see what can be learnt.

By the next issue of this newsletter, we should be celebrating the new synthetic lawn bowling green at San Jose, BUT, the work doesn't stop there.

All bowling greens require maintenance. Some considerably more than others, some considerably less than others.

Berry Bowling Systems can and will give recommended advice on methods of maintenance and recommended equipment.

Like with our own bodies, the better we care and maintain them, the longer they can be expected to last.

Any investment in a new bowling green is large. No matter who funds the upgrade. The better you maintain your synthetic lawn bowling green, the longer you can expect the life span to be.

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