



Newsletter

February/March, 2017

Tiger Bowls Invitational and China Tour

More medals for **Team USA** coming from the Tiger Bowls/China Tour finishing today in Hong Kong, Shenzhen, and Zhuhai, China.

Team USA Women captured bronze medals at both the Tiger Bowls and China Tour events. The team includes (L to R) **Alice Birkinshaw (SCD)**, **Mary Ann Beath (SCD)**, **Betsy Lauryssen (SWD)**, and **Cheryl Barkovich (SWD)**.

Team USA Men just missed qualifying for the quarterfinals in the tie breaker with Canada. The teammates are **Patrick Chan (SWD)**, **Bob Birkinshaw (SCD)**, **Kay Tong (SWD)**, and **Marcus Zeino (PIM)**. Our congratulations to Team USA for bowling so competitively!



L-R: Alice Birkenshaw (SC), Mary Ann Beath (SC), Betsy Lauryssen (SE) and Cheryl Barkovich (SW)



Left to Right: Patrick Chan (SW) Bob Birkinshaw (SC), Kay Tong (SW) and Marcus Zeino (PIM)

Margi Rambo & Scott Roberts Bowl at World Cup Indoor Singles Tournament.

Warilla Bowls and Recreation Center in Warilla, NSW, Australia was the site of the World Cup Indoor Singles tournament. As Singles winners at the 2016 SW Open, Margi and Scott represented Bowls USA in the tournament.

You can read about the competition here: [World Cup Singles](#)

World Cup Indoor Singles



Margi Rambo (SW)



Scott Roberts (SW)

NEWS RELEASE

Quest for 'Olympic Dream' draws closer

Last year a pathway for lawn bowls to achieve official International Olympic Committee (IOC) Recognition arose when our number of participating member nations was formalised to be in excess of fifty – a minimum requisite criteria.

And although there is more work to be done, a meeting last week in Lausanne, Switzerland at IOC headquarters, between senior officials and the world leadership of lawn bowls, saw a hearty welcome, and much positive and respectful reaction to the quality of World Bowls' application. This was also fortified by a mutual agreement to work together in the spirit of open-armed encouragement and support.

Leading the World Bowls executive delegation was president John Bell and chief executive Gary Smith, who, as part of the recently lodged 'Lawn Bowls application for IOC Recognition' bid, met with Mike Joyce, IOC Coordination des Sports manager; and two representatives from SportsAccord, Philippe Gueisbuhler, head of Administration and Convention; and Michel Filliau, senior advisor to the President in charge of Membership Relations.

'I'm delighted with the excellent work done to date, along with the meeting in Lausanne,' president John Bell said on return. 'The meeting was extremely positive and has given us clear guidelines on how to progress our application. It will hopefully set us on course for achieving our sport's 'Olympic Dream.'

Mr Bell added the meeting clearly demonstrated the IOC has undoubted respect for both our sport and our bid for official recognition; saw many positives in our assessment; and is impressed by the globalisation of lawn bowls, its popularity, its values and its good governance.

It was acknowledged that the future development of lawn bowls at all levels is inextricably linked to IOC Recognition.

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In keeping with the recommendations outlined at our meeting, World Bowls will now pursue membership of the SportAccord International Federations' Union. SportAccord is the umbrella organisation for all (Olympic and non-Olympic) international sports federations as well as organisers of multi-sports games and sport-related international associations.

The lawn bowls application will be submitted to SportAccord's General Meeting in April 2018; and if successful, the World Bowls bid for IOC Recognition will be resubmitted to the IOC to be considered by one of the IOC Executive Board meetings later that year.

Umpires Corner

The following text is straight out of an email received recently. It provides a good segue into a discussion about possession of the rink and marking a toucher. Here's the text of the email:

I was just viewing on youtube a match in England, the International Open 2017, where the commentator was a WBB umpire. He mentioned that the rules stated that "touchers" should be marked IMMEDIATELY before the next bowl gets rolled. We should have that be consistent in our games whether [division tournament] or Social.

We all know that we're not to move around in the head when a bowler is on the mat. In fact, we're not supposed to interfere with, annoy, or distract them.

We also know that we're supposed to mark a toucher as soon as it comes to rest. And that act must be done by a member of the team that delivered the bowl.

So ... is the movement of marking a toucher while your opponent is on the mat an act of interference, annoyance, or distraction? Is it permissible to wait until the next bowl is in its original course to mark the toucher?

By reading the laws together, the answer pops right out

Law 13.2 says, "As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink will transfer to the opposing player or team **after allowing time** for marking a toucher as soon as it comes to rest."

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Umpires Corner

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Law 15.1 says, "A toucher must be marked with chalk by a member of the team that delivered the bowl or the marker **as soon as it comes to rest.**"

So let's assume Team A delivered the bowl that becomes the toucher. Team A is told by the laws to mark the toucher as soon as it comes to rest and Team B is told to allow time for marking it.

Now, we all know that some bowlers are quick to the mat and ready to bowl. Some bowlers practically push their opponent off the mat in their haste to deliver their bowl. And we all know that some bowlers don't pay really good attention when their teammates are bowling. Or perhaps there was a bee flying around and ... well, you get the idea.

Law 15.3 says, "If, before the next delivered bowl comes to rest ... a bowl is neither marked nor nominated, it is no longer a toucher." Reading this in positive language rather than negative language, it says that if you get that chalk mark on the bowl before the next delivered bowl comes to rest ... phew! You've got yourself a toucher.

So, Team A, pay attention and get that chalk mark on your toucher, and, Team B, allow your opponents the time to do so. But if, for whatever reason, Team B delivers their bowl before you have an opportunity to chalk it, just make sure to get it done before the next bowl comes to rest. And, no, it is not permissible to intentionally wait until Team B is about to deliver their bowl and then jump into the head to mark a toucher. And you know exactly what I'm talking about.

In either case, chalking the toucher while Team B is on the mat or after Team B's bowl is in course -- no laws have been violated.

Melanie Vizenor

Bowls USA, NUIC

Breaking News

At the Bowls USA Annual General Meeting (AGM) it was decided that a Grant Program would be an appropriate way to "give back" to those clubs that support Bowls USA.

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Breaking News

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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 and 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 may not be used for food or refreshments.

Grant recipients must submit a follow-up report on the success of the project to the Grant Committee 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 call.



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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 peacecorps.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 _____

Expenditures, cont.

Other – specify in detail

Total Expenditures

Work starts on the new Artificial Green at San Jose



The San Jose Lawn Bowling Club is getting a new look. After a two- year process the City of San Jose has awarded its contracts and Berry Bowling Systems of Australia is redesigning and building the new artificial lawn bowling green at San Jose. This will be Berry's sixth artificial lawn bowling green in California. The Australian based company builds artificial lawn bowling greens anywhere they are required. They have built over 500 artificial lawn bowling greens to World Bowls Board Standards, including five in California. The first one going down in 2001 at Santa Maria lasting 15 years, and was resurfaced by Berry's only last year. Then between 2002 and 2015 Cambria, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Coronado. All good quality artificial lawn bowling greens, running almost as good as when they were installed. The project at San Jose involves new sewerage, fencing, paths, banks, ditches, and drainage system along with the new artificial green.

Berry Bowling Systems is now proudly teaming up with Bowls USA as a Sponsor and doing its part to help promote the sport of bowls nationally. Berry's is now involved in advising several lawn bowling clubs and several city authorities on the tremendous benefits of artificial lawn bowling greens.

It is important for City Park & Recreation Planners to realise that lawn bowls can grow utilising artificial lawn bowling greens. The artificial greens reduce the city's water and maintenance costs tremendously, as well as allowing new bowlers to use the surfaces without damaging the greens. Not to mention the marketing aspect of able-bodied people and those with physical impairments playing together and against each other.

Berry Bowling Systems visits the U.S.A. three times a year, have equipment here permanently and are undertaking assessment of old and new bowling greens; providing advice on design and layout of surrounds to cities and clubs. Then when the time is right, bringing their professional lawn bowling green installers from Australia to complete the project to WBB Standards.

You can contact Alan Berry or David Aarons on (347)-892-1115 or via email to info@berrybowlingsystems.com and they will organise a visit to assist you in your green needs.

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Maintenance of synthetic bowling greens

Synthetic greens are sometimes incorrectly described as being maintenance free. This is not the case, in either sand filled synthetic greens or “carpet” greens!

Regular maintenance operations will provide a consistent playing surface and prolong the life of the pitch and as with their natural turf counterparts, in general a “little and often” maintenance policy is usually best.

Simple maintenance carried out from installation onwards will be far more cost effective than waiting until problems occur, then trying to rectify them.

The most important and most frequent maintenance operation will be brushing the surface. However, there may be a requirement for different intensities of brushing, dependent on several factors.

For example on a **sand** filled synthetic greens:

During play, infill material will migrate within the surface level away from high intensity play areas like rink ends .

If left unchecked, the critical length of exposed pile will be affected in these areas and will be prone to damage and premature wear. As infill levels are reduced in these areas, surface performance will also be affected with a significant effect on the speed of the green. Both of these factors should be considered when drawing up a maintenance schedule.

It is therefore essential to brush the surface on a regular basis, in different directions, to keep the infill mobile and to maintain consistent levels throughout the green. Brushing should be light, but aggressive enough to stand up the pile and to move the infill.

On both carpet and sand filled greens the need to keep the playing surface clear of debris to reduce the risk of surface contamination and mold build up is essential for the play and wear of the green.

Where greens are surrounded by trees, leaves, pine cones and seed pods etc., all need to be removed.

Your club has made a considerable investment in the green so that regular maintenance is going to help prolong the benefits of that investment.



Save the Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club!

Our beloved sport is under siege again. This time in Seattle where the beautiful, and very active, Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club is under serious threat of losing one green and the clubhouse to a junior golf program in the next year! This is an unfortunate problem that many clubs throughout the world are having.

While JPLBC has over 120 members, we need your voices to help in our cause.

Please follow the link below to sign a petition directed to the Seattle City Council and Seattle Parks & Recreation Department.

<https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/protect-jefferson-park-lawn-bowling-club-save-seattles-history.html>

Please identify yourself and your region to show



Jefferson Lawn Bowling Club, Seattle, Washington



PIMD Celebrates Opening Day, Rossmoor Anniversary

By Ginger Harris

Opening and President's Recognition Day is the perfect way to kick off a season of great bowling for our PIMD community. After several months of rain, clouds, and dreary weather we were ready for a day on the green, meeting new friends and greeting long time buddies. Over 100 enthusiastic bowlers arrived at Rossmoor ready to get back into the groove.

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As always, Rossmoor provided a warm welcome, delicious treats and three beautiful greens for our enjoyment! Rossmoor is celebrating their 50th year, and they REALLY put on a party! Anniversary pins were handed out to all those attending.

We played morning and afternoon games, all precisely organized by the magic man himself, **Bud Birkenseer**, our PIMD Tournament Director. A mix and match format guaranteed folks a team with someone from a different club in each game, one way that we have found to keep our division bowlers connected. The Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club generously organized and provided prizes for the "Spider" to begin the day. **Ed Guterres, Vera Belton, and Wayne Sampson** all took a bottle of fine wine home for their efforts of rolling one bowl and SOMEHOW ending up closest to the jack in the barrage of bowls coming from all directions! Thirty-six bowlers walked away with game prize \$\$\$ at the end of the day. Prizes were paid for first and second places on each green in the morning and afternoon games.

In attendance - 7 new bowlers who were attending their first Opening Day! We are looking forward to seeing them back out on the green at upcoming PIMD events. Also, **Charlie Thorpe, Peter Knopf and Ian Harris**, past presidents of PIMD. And, visitors **Pat and John Panter**, from St. Saviour's Bowls Club on the island of Jersey. They get the prize for coming the greatest distance, but kudos also go out to our members from the Fresno Lawn Bowling Club in California's Central Valley, **Dennis Vartanian, Cecil Oppen and Craig Bigham** who got on the road at 5:00 am so they wouldn't miss the fun!

It was a great day all around! We are looking forward to a season of good competition and continued meeting with bowling friends from around the division. Remember, PIMD tournaments are OPEN to bowlers of all other divisions who are members of BowlsUSA! Come for the bowling, and stay for the fun!



Former & Current PIMD Presidents.

L-R: Mike Ying (Rossmore)

Charlie Thorpe (Leisuretown)

Ginger Harris (Palo Alto)

Ian Harris (Palo Alto)

Peter Knopf (San Francisco)



Over 100 bowlers assemble for PIMD Opening Day at Rossmore LBC



PIMD: Recalling History, but Moving Forward

By Ginger Harris

PIMD Clubs have been around for a while. After spending 2016 celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Pacific InterMountain Division, the question came up about when most of our still active clubs were chartered. Sunnyvale is our newest club, opening in 1970, just after Rossmoor started bowling in 1967 (see other articles for reference to its 50th anniversary celebrations). San Jose and Carmel came on board in 1966, Fresno began in 1965 and Palo Alto opened in 1935. The Berkeley club was founded in 1928, several years after Oakland in 1903. And, the club which has been continuously operating and providing its members with the sport we all enjoy day after day? San Francisco, the oldest club west of the Mississippi opened its doors in 1901!

But, while proud of our traditions, PIMD is looking forward to continued improvement of its bowlers' skills and ability to pass on the sport to upcoming generations. To this end, we will welcome a visit in early April from Heather Stewart, one of our national trainers. Heather will be presenting refresher workshops for our 15 certified club coaches as well as others wanting to improve their skills or get a few tips on how to introduce new bowlers to our sport before they get in to the organized coaching program provided by each of our division clubs. Her visit coincides with one of the most popular tournaments we offer, the Australian Pairs. So, on Saturday April 8, in between coaching camps at Palo Alto and San Francisco, Heather will team up with Bud Birkenseer to try to take home the grand prize!



PIMD Novices and International visitors flanked by Rossmore President Mike Yeng and PIMD President, Ginger Harris at Opening Day, 2017.

Happenings at Rossmoor LBC

By Mike Ying

Many clubs find that membership fees alone are not sufficient to defray the total expenses it takes to run an efficient and healthy organization. To this end, the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club, located in a retirement community in Walnut Creek, CA has developed a number of ways to raise funds as a means of supplementing membership costs:

Help take inventory of merchandise for a local retail store in downtown Walnut Creek (and this year the effort was aided by group of volunteers from the Berkeley LBC)

Run a Super Bowl Pool

Run a booth in Flea Markets in Rossmoor

Casino Trips

The revenue from these fundraisers helps pay for close to one third of Club expenses. In addition, RLBC is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and has scheduled several events for the celebration:

Kick-Off Celebration Party, held jointly with PIMD President's Recognition Opening Day (see separate article)

Open House to promote the sport of lawn bowling to the Rossmoor Community by providing games, clinics, exhibition matches and refreshments

Invitation Bowls events when other PIMD clubs will be invited to a day of bowling followed by dinner

Awards Dinner—a year-end party to recognize all winners and bring closure to the 50th Anniversary celebrations with a slide show of the whole year's events

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John Ogden Memorial Winter League

By Giulia Gallo

California's unusually (and in a wider perspective, thankfully) wet winter put the kybosh on bowling for more days than one would like, but it couldn't stop the 2017 John Ogden Winter League, a favorite in-between seasons event in the PIMD. Cont.

As in the last couple of years, the event was hosted by Sunnyvale, on three consecutive Saturdays, between January and February. Through the intervention of the bowling gods they were just about the only days when it didn't rain during that period.

The League, a mix & match pairs event, is named in honor of John Ogden, a much-loved bowler, who, with his father Woody Ogden (a US Bowls Hall of Famer), organized the tournament for many years. For this year's competition, Woody contributed \$100 in added prize money to the already substantial tournament prize.

This year, 14 pairs from Bay Area clubs signed up for the tournament; teams included last year's winners, Robin Hoey and Shawn Roney (Berkeley), as well as an all-female team composed of two of our PIMD novices, Michelle Matthews (Palo Alto) and Giulia Gallo (Berkeley).

The tournament was a full round-robin: during the first two Saturdays of competition, each team played four 10-end games with 3 bowls each. The game format was shorter than regular tournaments, both to help take advantage of the daylight and to allow players to return to their home bases despite the traffic, and the weather. Players had 90 minutes to complete each game; most games lasted less than that, but a few hard-fought games went over the lunch break, giving the bystanders and the other players an opportunity to see some good bowling action.

The competition was fierce since the beginning, and the final ranking speaks for the quality of the players, and play. In the end, two teams were tie for the first place, with 25 total game points, and two teams were tie for second place; however, with points differential used to determine the final order used to determine the final order, prized were awarded to the first four teams: 1st Larry Collaço (Sunnyvale) and Michael Coiner (Palo Alto); 2nd Robin Hoey and Shawn Roney (Berkeley); 3rd Ginger and Ian Harris (Palo Alto); 4th John Hooper and Cris Benton (Berkeley).

Many thanks go to Heather Seacrist (Sunnyvale) for hospitality, Mario Giorgianni as Tournament Director, Larry Collaço, Michael Coiner and all the other helpful volunteers who helped make this year's tournament another success.



2017-18 Winter League Winners; Larry Collaco (right) and Mike Coiner

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By Nadine O'Leary

The club's first social event of the year was a celebration of the Chinese Year of the Rooster on January 28. Jon Yee, Angie Peet, and Marcy England provided a Chinese banquet for 60 members and guests. On March 5, we had a spaghetti dinner followed by a spirited group game called CatchPhrase.

Beginning March 22 and running for five consecutive weeks, the club will offer a Bowling Blast, an opportunity for interested newcomers to learn the game. Our evening Draw games will also begin on the 22nd, followed by pot luck appetizers.

Our club has two newly certified umpires – Frank Matyskiela and Jon Yee. Our other two certified umpires are John Hickson and Ginger Harris.

By John Grimes

How Does Your Club Attract New Members? The San Francisco Lawn Bowling Club is developing its first annual Membership Drive—and we need your help.

As the oldest municipal lawn bowling club in the United States, founded in 1901 by legendary Golden Gate Park superintendent/avid bowler John McLaren, we'd love to boost our membership to take full advantage of three lush greens, historic clubhouse (with wooden lockers!) and priceless camaraderie in our lovely, 1017-acre park. (See Google aerial).

Until now, word-of-mouth and nudging friends and family to join have mostly done the trick. But with so many competing activities we need to be more proactive to bring new generations to our blissful (yet unfamiliar) sport.

Come bowl with us when you're in town! Email: info@sflbc or call: 415.753.9298 and let us know. Open Tuesday through Sunday, weather permitting.





Southeast Division 2017 Open

This year, the Southeast Division's Open Tournament ran from March 4th to 9th. Competitive players from the United States, United Kingdom and Canada made their way to this ever-popular event

At the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club, fifty ladies competed in Singles, Pairs and Fours. The men played Singles (twenty-two entrants), Pairs (sixteen entrants) and Triples (twelve entrants) at the Clearwater Lawn Bowls Club.

The host venues did a fantastic job of organizing and running the tournaments and as usual, the hospitality was top notch. Thanks to Taylor Bowls for supplying hats for the men, jacks for the ladies and ice cream for all!

The Championship Flight Results

For the women:

The team of Christine Garbett (Lakeland), Lena Cameron (Lakeland), Ursula Cooney (Lakeland), and Audrey Ney (Lakeland) winning the Fours.

Cindy Higgins (Sun City Center) and Carol Finlayson (Midland, ON) the Pairs Champions.

Cindy Higgins (Sun City Center) Singles Champion and "Bowler of the Tournament" Award.

For the men:

The team of Patrick Duffy (Essex, NJ), Sam Johnson (Essex, NJ) and Garry Watts (Sarasota) the Triples Champions.

John Williams (World Parkway) and Dave Murray (World Parkway) the Pairs Champions

Burl Roller (Essex, NJ) Singles Champion and "Bowler of the Tournament" Award.

For all the results, visit the SED website [here](http://sedlawnbowls.org/tournament-results/) (sedlawnbowls.org/tournament-results/)



Burl Roller (Essex, NJ) Singles Champion and "Bowler of the Tournament" Award.



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John Williams (World Parkway) and Dave Murray (World Parkway) the Pairs Champions



The team of Audrey Ney (Lakeland), Lena Cameron (Lakeland), Christine Garbett (Lakeland) and Ursula Cooney (Lakeland.)

Del Ray cont.



The Delray Beach LBC held a North vs. South Tournament.

SED West Coast League

Sun City Center, Sarasota and Lakeland clubs finished up the four weekly sessions of the 2017 West Coast League (formerly the Grass League) tournaments. As a result of their win, once again, the original "Grass League" flag flies at Sarasota for the next twelve months.



2017 Grass League Champions

Delray Beach Lawn Bowling Club

Delray Beach, Florida has become a melting place of nationalities. Bowlers from all around the world spend their winter months here to enjoy balmy, calm weather. And so it was on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. The Delray Beach LBC held a North vs. South Tournament.

Thirty players were assigned to one of ten teams of triples, five representing the North and five representing the South. Our northern players come from as far away as Ontario, Quebec, Pennsylvania, New York and England. Southern club players come not only from Florida but from Italy, Uruguay, Israel, Argentina and South Africa. This year, the South won, 10-5.

The photo shows most of the players after the games enjoying a pizza lunch, compliments of the club.

If you are coming this way, we play every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Call the Club at 561-735-7191 or 561-375-9414 for more information.

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Kings Point West Lawn Bowling Club awarded 2016 Super Shots Trophy

The Bowls USA "Super Shots" program celebrates club bowlers who experience near perfection in a single end. 'Near perfection' is defined as seven or eight points in a pairs match, seven to nine points in a triples game and seven or eight points in Fours.

The Kings Point West Lawn Bowling Club (in Sun City Center, Florida) was awarded the trophy for the club that registered the most (fifty-four) Super Shots awards for 2016.

For more information about the various Super Shots recognition awards and to download the claim form, visit the Bowls USA Super Shots page [here](http://www.bowlsusa.us/super-shots-club.html). (www.bowlsusa.us/super-shots-club.html) Cont.

Super Shots cont.



Don Bowers (left) presents the 'Most Super Shots in 2016' trophy to Kings Point West Lawn Bowling Club president, Jim Ferguson.

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Canada Day, eh!

Sarasota bowlers enjoyed "Bowling in the River" on a sunny February afternoon. This was a new game for many of the bowlers and all joined in with lots of cheering and enthusiasm as the Bowlers tried to advance the Jack into the "River".

After bowling, all bowlers, friends and former members enjoyed snacks and socializing. Some tried their skill in drawing closest to the jack contests. The big winners were the "Happy Bowlers" who gathered for a photo at the end of another successful Sarasota Bowling Club activity.



The Big Winners, "The Happy Bowlers."

Lakeland Lawn Bowling Club News

Christine Garbett and Ursula Cooney won Gold Medals at the Polk Senior Games which took place at the Lakeland Lawn Bowling Club on March 2nd.

At the Southeast Division Women's Open (SEO) in Sarasota in early March, Lakeland's Ursula Cooney and Christine Garbett (Skip) won the "C" Flight and scored a perfect 8 shots on one end, which entitles them to a Super Shots Pin and Certificate. The Lakeland "Fours" team of Audrey Ney, Ursula Cooney, Lena Cameron and Christine Garbett (Skip) won the Fours Championship and Lena Cameron won the "B" Flight in the singles.



SEO Drawmaster Betty Lou Buck with "B" Flight winner, Lena Cameron



SEO "C" Flight Women's Pairs Winners, Ursula Cooney and Christine Garbett

Sun City Center 2017 Championships



Cindy Higgins, Ladies'
Singles Champion



Bob Ferguson, Men's
Singles Champion



Joe Mignogna & Ben Caudill, Men's Pairs
Champions.



Chriss Heller & Sally Mabesoone,
Ladies' Pairs Champions.

Asheville Lawn Bowling Club

Asheville now 100% Bowls USA

In 2016 Asheville, NC had just nine of its bowlers who were members of the Southeast Division or Bowls USA. Late in the year the club voted to become a fully affiliated member of both the SED and Bowls USA. For 2017 all 40 Asheville members will carry SED and Bowls USA cards. Way to go Asheville!

Club officers for 2017 are: Bill Stoermer, President; Fred MacKenzie, VP; Jennifer Browne, Secretary; David Sarbey, Treasurer; and Stan Glickman, Wilma Momkes and Terry Rieincke Members-at-Large.

Asheville bowlers do well at Southeast Division Open

Four Asheville NC bowlers competed at the SED Open in March. Roger Parkin and Steve Nelson teamed up in pairs and played all three events. Hans Momkes and Jon Peele, who have dual memberships with Asheville and Mt. Dora FL, played in singles and pairs.

The four had a showdown match in the semi-finals of the pairs championship flight with Nelson-Parkin emerging with the win in a hard fought game. They went on to place second with Momkes-Peele coming back to garner third.

Nelson-Parkin teamed up with Clearwater bowler Burl Roller to claim second in the triples championship flight. Nelson won the B flight in



L-R: Hans Momkes, Steve Nelson, Jon Peele and
Roger Parkin

Polk Senior Games



Christine Garbett and Ursula Cooney won Gold Medals at the Polk Senior Games which took place at the Lakeland Lawn Bowling Club on March 2nd.



St. Patrick's Day at Sarasota



Held a few days early on March 15, this annual event attracted 40 members out to play triples and pairs. Most were sporting green tops, bow ties, hats and even a few with green pants. Prizes went to the two game winners and highest single game winner (Sue Abbott and Deborah Foster).

Lunch was topped off with a 'green chartreuse liqueur on the rocks'. The day ended with lots of laughter and a closest-to-the-jack contest - with winner receiving an appropriate Irish gift.

Winners at the Sarasota Championships



Bob Dainty, Mary Meldrum and Daniel Jittu - Washington Mixed Triples Champions]

Additional Sarasota Winners

Debbie Foster – Ladies' Singles Champion]

Garry Watts –Men's Singles Champion

André & Nicole Bessette– Mixed Pairs Champions
(André also won the "Cut Throat" Championship)]



The Villages Lawn Bowls Club

The Club has reached 55 members and the Recreation Department has granted an extra half day of green use for the Club. Bowling is now available Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2pm until dusk and Wednesdays from 8am until dusk.

In February, the Club again took part in the Villages Outdoor Expo with Christine and John Garbett along and several volunteers manning the lawn bowls table. Five-hundred flyers were printed and only a few remained after the two- day show. We had a video running and we also demonstrated and talked up the game! After the Expo, we have had several people come along and try the sport, so it was worthwhile "spreading the word".

Our singles tournament is still ongoing, with 30 bowlers entered, some having only been bowling for three months. Member Doug Stenzel very graciously donated a magnificent trophy for the "Green Championship". As we have many new bowlers competing, we are using a 15 end, double elimination format, thus giving losers a second game in the lower bracket. League and a Veteran/Novice triples league. Cont.

Villages Cont.

A pairs tournament is planned to take place after the singles are completed.

The second annual "Rio Grande Invitational" takes place on April 5th, with 8 teams competing in "Fours", then split into two sets of pairs to play Australian and Two-bowl pairs. Prizes are awarded for the top two teams. The teams are already getting into the spirit of the event by coming up with team names. Socializing in the local Recreation Center follows the games.

The Villages Senior Games take place on Saturday, April 29th, with the closing date April 12th.

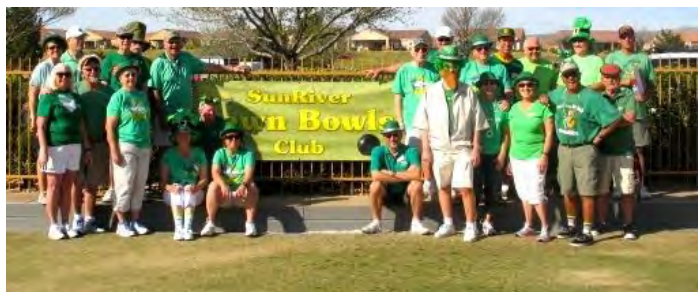


Valletta Hudson talking with an interested visitor at the Villages Outdoor Expo.

Sun River cont.

The condition of our green has not stopped us from bowling and having fun. Sun River Lawn Bowling Club enjoyed two fun tournaments: Lemon Fun Day in February and Leprechauns on the Green in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The basic rules were modified in both cases to challenge our skills plus have a lot of fun.

During the Lemon Day Fun on February 25; ends 1 thru 3 saw a lemon used for a jack with regular scoring: ends 4 & 5 saw the 3 closest shot bowls removed, with the 4th, 5th, and 6th closest bowls captured points: ends 6 thru 8 the jack was not used and the Skip placed the mat where he wanted and only bowls on or touching the mat counted: Ends 9 & 10 regular rules applied but players must use their partners bowls: Ends 11 & 12, Lead placed the mat on the left borderline and the jack was placed on the 2 meter mark. What a fun way to test your skills. Afterwards all enjoyed lemon deserts.



Leprechauns on the green was played March 18, the day after St. Patrick's Day, but every one had green on. A large Shamrock was placed on the 2-meter mark at both ends. Regular scoring was counted the first 6 ends with additional points for any bowls on or touching the Shamrock (both teams could score Shamrock points).

Ends 7 thru 12 had the 4,3,2,1 counting rule where both teams could score bowling points (closest bowl worth 4; 2nd closest 3; 3rd closest 2; and 4th closest 1) plus any additional Shamrock points. Ends 9 thru 12 saw the addition of lucky charms on one end of the rink; a bowl landing on a lucky charm earned bonus points. Team with highest points wins.

Sun River LBC in Sun River Saint George, UT:

Sun River's management company has committed to the lawn bowls club to improve the condition of the green. Last year we saw a refurbishment of the borders and new sod placed down. The sod installers where not familiar with the requirements of a lawn bowling green and left many valleys, ridges, and groves in the green, making bowling a very difficult challenge. Hopefully, they will have most of the problems corrected before the Huntsman games in November. Cont.



2017 Arizona Tournament Season Begins

The 2017 Arizona tournament season started off with Arizona Rinks. Once again, George and Jackie Tucker sponsored this event with an \$800 guaranteed 1st prize. For several years, the Tuckers have sponsored this event as well as the Thomson-Zivec Pairs event. This year a total of 18 teams – two men, two women – were entered. This number is down a bit from previous years – primarily because of the poor exchange rate between the US and Canadian dollars. Many Canadian “snowbirds” chose not to make the migration this year.

First place was won by Keith & Jean Roney, Mike Wagner, and Rosalie Parsons-Brown. Second place was Bob & Alice Birkinshaw, and Scott & Linda Roberts. Third place was Neil & Dianne Douglas and Stu & Jan MacNaughton. Fourth place was Mary Ann Beath, Anne & Ivo Van Bastalaere, and Ron Rollick.



Arizona Rinks, First Place Winners

Salisbury Singles

The second major event which finished on Wednesday, Jan 18th, was the Salisbury Singles. This event is named for a past National Champion from the South Central Division – Champ Salisbury. For several years, Mrs. Peggy Salisbury has sponsored this event in honor of her husband with a \$1,000 guaranteed 1st place.

This event is a two-day tournament. This year there were 46 entrants. Day one starts with five games for each person, the first person to win seven ends is the winner. Points are not counted, it's simply who wins or loses the end. Games can be as short as seven ends, or as long as 13 ends.

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On day two, format continues but with game winner needing eight ends to win – a max of 15 ends to be played. There are unlimited burned ends – no re-spotting – so games can become real duels if drive shots are part of each player's arsenal. At the finish, Charlie Herbert was the eventual winner, defeating Lyall Adams. Third place was won by Mike Wagner, and fourth place by Jim Roth.



Charlie Herbert

Thomson/Zivec Pairs

As soon as the Salisbury finished, the Thomson / Zivec pairs event got underway. This is the second major South Central Division event sponsored by George & Jackie Tucker, with a guaranteed 1st place prize of \$700. This event is any combination of men or women, and there were 34 teams entered.

In past years, the Arizona weather was very cooperative – sunny and warm. This year was a different story with cold temperatures, rain and wind. Normally, the two days of qualifying are three, 14 end games each day. Due to the weather, it was decided to play four, ten-end games on the first day, and if weather permitted, another two ten-end games on the second day. This worked out fine as the afternoon of the second day would have been rained out.



Our sponsors, the Tuckers, ultimately proved too much for the field – winning their own 1st Place .

George Ralston Sr. Mixed Triples

At the end of January, the George Ralston Sr. Mixed Triples was hosted by Johnson Lawn Bowls in Sun City West. This is a three- day event with day one and two qualifying with three, ten- end games each day.

There weren't a large number of entries, so on the third day, teams were put into four-team flights – and each game was 14 ends. After some great games, Neil and Dianne Douglas along with Ernie Kassian took 1st place over Steve & Lorraine Bezanson and Larry McLellan. Third place won by Anne & Ivo Van Bastelaere and Hugh Branston with fourth place won by Len & Lorraine Hitchcock and Larry Strueby.

South Central Open

February 11th was the start of the South Central Division Open. The ladies play singles, pairs, and rinks. The men play singles, pairs, and triples. For the men this year, there were 44 pairs teams, 46 singles entries, and 36 triples teams. For the ladies, there were 20 pair teams, 18 singles, and 14 rinks teams. For both men and women on day one – qualifying is four games. The ladies' fours and pairs as well as the men's triples & pairs play ten- end games and singles are 14 points. Day two teams are placed into flights with 14- end games played in fours and pairs for the ladies and 14- end games for the men's triples and pairs. Both men & women singles are 18- point games. This year a Bowler of the Tournament award was re-instituted for both men & women.

The Women's Fours' was won by the team of Kottia Spangler, Eva Lee, Anne Nunes, and Linda Roberts. Margi Rambo and Candy DeFazio won the Pairs, while Alice Birkinshaw won the Singles. By winning the Singles event, Alice narrowly edged out Jean Roney by one (1) point to claim the ladies' Bowler of the Tournament.

The men's triples was won by the Jefferson Park (Seattle) team of Jeff Covell, Todd Wagers, and John Hollingsworth. Second place was won by Charlie Herbert, Rick Marinaccio, and Darrel Jones.

In the pairs – Leo Dusablon and Steve Bezanson won out over Bill Brault and Jim Filipiak. In Singles, Charlie Herbert was victorious over Gord Fall. This is the Second year in a row that Charlie has won the Singles and this win vaulted him into first place in the men's Bowler of the Tournament.



Fours 1st Place Winners: Kottia Spangler, Candy Defazio, Anne Nunes & Linda Roberts



Alice Birkenshaw, Singles winner and Woman's Bowler of the Tournament



First Place Men's Triples



Charlie Herbert, 1st Place winner of Singles and Men's Bowler of the Tournament



1st Place in Pairs, Leo Dusablon and Steve Bezanson

2nd Place Men's Pairs

Jim Filipiak and Bill Brault



Mary Terrill Mixed and/or Women's Pairs

February 23rd was the start of the Mary Terrill Mixed and/or Women's pairs. This is a three- day tournament, days one and two playing two, 14- end games and teams placed into flights on the third day, again playing 14- end games. There were 16 teams in this tournament, most of which were mixed pairs.

This year's winners were Dee McSparran and Ron Rollick. Second place won by Leo and Lill Dusablon. Third place was Len & Lorraine Hitchcock, and fourth place was Mike Wagner and Mary Ann Beath.



First Place Winners, Dee McSparran & Ron Rollick

Arizona Senior Open Triples

Starting in March, the Arizona Senior Open Triples got underway. For this tournament, all skips must be at least 70 years old and cumulative years for the team must be at least 205. Teams may be made up of any combination of men or women. This year there were 22 teams.

In the championship game, the score ended up tied after 12 ends. A 13th end was required and ultimately the win was achieved by the team of Jeff Machan, John Duvall, and skip David Gardiner. Second place was won by Bob Perry, Ron Rollick and skip Bill DesBrisey.

Arizona Open Pairs

On March 7th, the Arizona Senior Open Pairs started. The age requirement for this tournament is that entrants must have been born in 1952 or before (at least 65). Cont.

Pairs, cont.

Teams can be any combination of men or women. This year there were 24 teams entered. The pair combination of Jeff Machan and David Gardiner again proved too much for the Senior field – winning out over second place team Neil and Dianne Douglas. Third place was Dee McSparran and Chris Adams, with fourth place went to Bob & Eileen Milsom.

And finally....

The South Central Division Playdowns will start March 21st with pairs and the singles playdowns will be the following week. These results will be submitted with

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Coronado Goes Green on Green



CORONADO LAWN BOWLING CLUB

Submitted by Berie Grobe

The Coronado Lawn Bowling Club turned green on the green for their annual St. Patrick's Day Triples Mixer on a sunny and splendid spring day. 24 teams joined in the fun. AND, the winners were:

1st place: Skip, **Javier Garcia**; Vice Skip, **John Schmidt**; Lead, Combo **Jan and Jim Corbet....first time winners!!** (Also John's first 1st place) cont.

Coronado cont.

2nd place: Skip, **Bill Hiscock**; Vice Skip, **Nancy Granquist**; Lead, **Rick Heyse**....first time in the money for Rick!!

3rd Place: Skip, **Olga McCord**; Vice Skip, **Carr Ferguson**; Lead, **Carol Gillard**

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HOLMBY PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB

Submitted by Tom Seres

March has historically been a very successful month for our visitation program. During two exciting (and consecutive) Saturdays, seven SWD clubs sent their bowlers to Holmby for friendly bowling and camaraderie. We believe that visitations are an important part of club interactions and they also provide 'social bowlers' a competitive experience.

For better or worse, the 'social' (by definition) bowlers prefer to play within their own club, rarely participating in the SWD organized tournaments. Since these tournaments generally take place on weekends, the 'tournament' bowlers are busy traveling between the various SWD clubs that organize these 'money' competitions. Many of these competitive bowlers are still in the workforce which, when combined with their weekend tournaments, leaves little time for 'club bowling' enjoyed by the 'social' bowlers.

For many years, different clubs have dealt with this situation in various ways. Our approach at Holmby Park has been to focus on the type of visitations which seem to bring the 'tournament' and 'social' bowlers together in a more relaxed atmosphere of competition. Our experience also shows that many 'social' bowlers gradually gain competitive experience via visitations, thereby allowing them to progress to the more serious SWD tournaments. Here is a summary of how our latest two visitations have turned out in March.

On **Saturday, March 11**, players from Alhambra, Oxnard, Hermosa Beach and Long Beach were warmly welcomed at Holmby Park. This event was so popular with our players that Holmby bowlers outnumbered the combined visitors. The happy group photo of this event is shown above.

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Holmby Park cont.

On Saturday, **March 18**, The Groves LBC sent 12 bowlers, Santa Anita and Hermosa Beach came with nine bowlers each. Friendly Valley was represented by six players. It was unfortunate that the date of the popular 'Carnival' at Long Beach was recently changed to the same day - March 18, so many bowlers went to Long Beach instead of to Holmby. We have always been supportive of the 'Carnival' event and it seems that two popular events can still coexist on the same day.

During the morning matches, Holmby won 5 matches while Santa Anita and The Groves each won 3 matches. Hermosa Beach ended up with one win. We sincerely **thank all our volunteers** - with special *Thanks!* to our hospitality **ladies** - who, as always, worked tirelessly to make these two visitations such a success.

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SWWD Veteran Novice Triples



Denise French - Joanne Hedgespeth - Mary Thompson

The South West Women's Division held their Vet-Novice Triples Tournament on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at Casta del Sol LBC.

First place winners were Denise French (novice), Joanne Hedgespeth and Mary Thompson.

Friendly Valley Lawn Bowling Club

Submitted by Jack Quinn



The FVLBC Casino Night Experienced a Great Turnout!

We were pleasantly surprised at the turnout to our 50th Anniversary Casino Night that was held on Saturday 18 February. All who have spoken publicly have emphasized how enjoyable the evening was. There were several positive comments by attendees regarding the dealers.



Much Thanks is owed to many members and possibly other volunteers who helped make this event a success.

FRIENDLY VALLEY LAWN BOWLS CLUB (FVLBC) VISITATION

At HOLMBY PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB - 18 March 2017

By Jack Quinn

Because I did not attend the event at Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club, it has been necessary to rely on others to provide the necessary information to write a report. Thanks to FVLBC president Judy Brothers for providing most of the needed input. Also of help was Tom Seres, president of Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club.

The Friendly Valley Lawn Bowls Club (FVLBC) took two teams to Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club to participate in the triples competition held in the. The two teams were organized as follows:

Team No. 1: Skip: Skip Stanfield **Vice:** Judy Brothers,
Lead: Lorna Bausch

Team No. 2 : Skip: Roy McAree, **Vice:** Melisse Benson,
Lead: Freda Hutchinson

Neither FVLBC team was successful against its more experienced opponent; however, that fact did little to diminish the fun of confronting the challenge. It's the process that's most important, not the result. Of course, as the objective is to win, victory would be a rewarding outcome.

Lunch provided by Holmby was every bit as good as expected, which means it was very good! They do a wonderful job of feeding their guests.

For the games in the afternoon, team members were selected by a "blind draw". A player who was an opponent in the morning may be a teammate in the afternoon. The games were competitive by team, but not by club.

No doubt a good time was had by all who attended the event at Holmby. That certainly held true for the FVLBC participants. It's always that way with Tom Seres, president of the Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club, at the helm along with the great crew Holmby has that supports him.

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Friendly Valley LBC Participants at Holmby Park LBC - 18 March
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Posted below is a FVLBC group photo taken at the event by Fallon, granddaughter of Melisse Benson, one of the Friendly Valley participants in the games.



Long Beach 22ND ANNUAL

CARNIVAL

What tournament needs 96 players who rotate among three 12-end games with an opportunity to be one of 12 cash winners?

On Saturday, March 18, Pat Gonzales and the Long Beach LBC again hosted the well-known and beloved Carnival. The weather was great, the greens were running well and the hospitality lived up to Long Beach standards.

Entrants were encouraged to wear carnival colors so the greens were alive with lots of colors which included the attractive lawn bowls. At least twelve SW Division clubs were represented.

Although the flyer said there would be 12 prizes, Pat actually awarded 13 plus a Consolation prize. First place winner was Robert Busciglio of Long Beach.



Robert Busciglio awarded 1st Prize by Pat Gonzales

Winter League Results

FINAL Winter League Results for the 2016/2017 Season

As is the case every year, the Winter League season was a huge success with some intense competition and incredible bowling.

North Gold:

Long Beach
Newport 1
Santa Anita and Santa Monica

North Silver

Newport 1
Beverly Hills
Alhambra and Newport 3

South Gold 1

Long Beach
Newport 1
Santa Anita and Santa Monica

South Gold 2

Long Beach
Newport 1
Santa Anita and Santa Monica

South Silver

Newport 1
Beverly Hills
Alhambra and Newport 3



The Long Beach Gold Team - Winter League Champs!

L-R: Barry Hayes, Heidi Fernandes, Grant Shear, Robert Busciglio

Southwest Women's Division Ladies Day

The Southwest Women's Division (SWWD) organizes this monthly club event, typically on a Wednesday. A special Holiday Luncheon is scheduled each December.



Norma Goodhart , with help from Shelly Cohen, organizes the SWWD Ladies' Days.

2017 schedule [\(download printable version\)](#)

Mar 15 - Santa Anita

Apr 19 - [Casta del Sol](#)

May 17 - Long Beach

Jun 21 - Holmby Park

Jul 19 - Santa Ana

Aug 16 - Laguna Beach

Sep 20 - The Groves

Oct 18 - Newport Harbor

Nov 15 - Sun City

Dec 20 - Laguna Woods Holiday Luncheon



Ladies Day at Santa Anita - March 15, 2017

Morning Winners:

1st Place tie: Pashi Vakiva Sandy Dalzell Patty Maher

1st Place tie: Catherine Uribe Norma Goodhart Evelyn Lucero

3rd Place: Linda Bator Teri Komatsu

Afternoon Winners:

1st Place: Pashi Vakiva Norma Goodhart Louise Peralta

2nd Place: Heidi Fernandes Diana Wenzel Alex de la Garza

2nd Place: Shelley Cohen Mow Yi Chan Monica Thompson



December 14, 2016 Ladies Day Christmas/Bowling Luncheon at Laguna Woods

This year, I think because Laguna Woods only had one green available, the turnout was a little smaller than last year. We had 40 bowlers – 6 triples & 1 double – and a total of 66 ladies for the luncheon. There were quite a few ladies attending for the first time and I think they found out what a fun time we have and will feel compelled to join us when we start up again next year.

I took several pictures, which are included here, both at bowling & the luncheon. Most everyone was decked out in casual Holiday attire, some with Santa Hats as you will see.

We had a tie for first place – a double & a triple. They were:

Margi Rambo & Sandra Schlosser

Diana Wenzel, Karen Sando & Donna O'Brien.

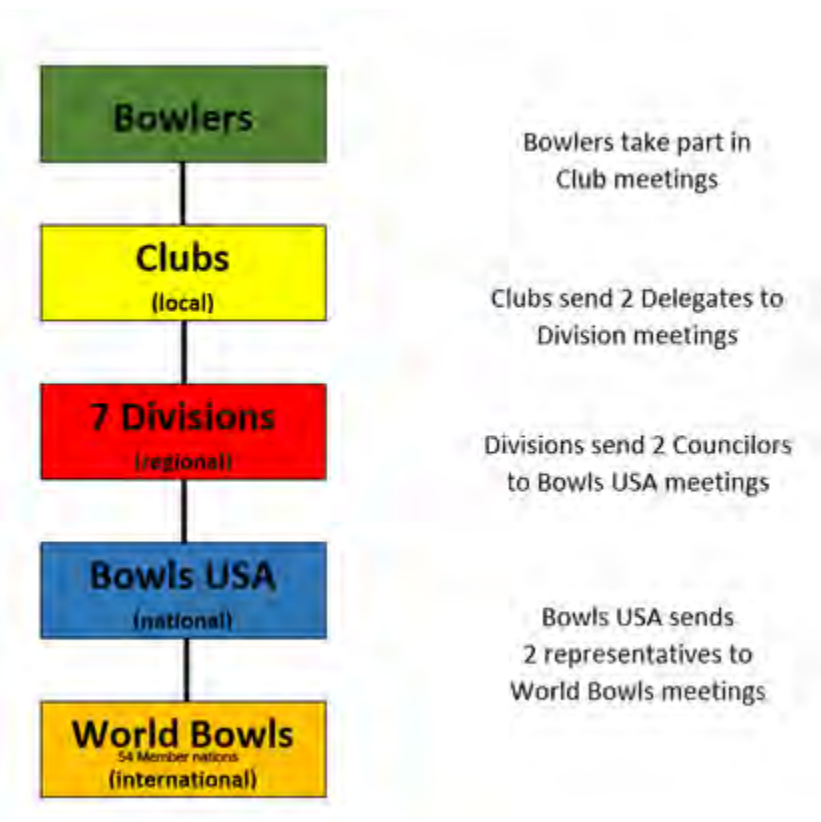
Second Place went to:

Colleen Jenkins, Denise French & Kay Hudnall

CONGRATS to you all !!

Ellie Orewyler did a great job, as usual, arranging the luncheon for our enjoyment. The dining room was all set up for us with Poinsettias on each table, which were won by someone at each of the tables & we had lots of presents that were donated by our attendees & raffled off. With a little bit of wine to get the afternoon started, the meal was served & was delicious.





Divisions



Governance

The **Executive Committee of Bowls USA** manages the daily business of the national organization.

The **Standing Committees** provide ongoing support and expertise to the Executive Committee and National Council.

The **National Council** is made up of two Councilors from each Division, formulates rules, policies and regulations for the organization.

The **Constitution and Bylaws** outline the day-to-day rules for Bowls USA and provide comprehensive guidelines to keep things running smoothly.

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