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National News

GRANTS. Our Grant Program for 100% clubs is open. The deadline for applying for the grant is June 20, 2019. For more information, go to: <http://www.bowlsusa.us/grant-program.html>.

Asia Pacific Championships

For results go to: www.bowls.com.au/events-page/international-events/2019-asia-pacific. Here's wishing success to the men and women of Team USA headed to Australia!

LawnBowls CENTRAL

Glorianne Mather, Representative

On May 25th, Milwaukee had it's opening event. A Blind-Draw Pairs Tournament with 17 bowlers entered. Winners were Joe Zinna and Rebecca Nguyen. They had tied with Bob Schneider and Roland Fass at the end of regulation play, and Joe and Rebecca prevailed after the extra end play-off. The event took longer than usual due to a rain delay. There was also an Open House held Sunday on May 26, with 29 people stopping by.



Bowls Northwest

Bob Wells, Representative

Our Learn to Bowl Program starts tonight. It is a seven week program. One session each week is instruction and one session is managed play. Because of the Short Jack Tournament in Portland this weekend we will not have a managed play session the first week.

Rick and I held an instructors training a couple of weeks ago. Each instructor has studied the Bowls USA Tactics and Techniques Handbook, The Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Bowl - Making the Most of Your Game by Patrick Hulbert and Bowls - Skills Techniques Tactics by John Bell. Rick has 4 years instruction experience at the Mt. Dora Lawn Bowling Club in Florida. This is Kane's third season bowling and Nathan's second season bowling. This is Curt's second season and he will be doing the second program later in the summer. There are 16 people signed up and 4 instructors who will be teaching the first session, Rick, Kane, Nathan and me. The program fee is \$60 payable to Metro Parks Tacoma.

By Michael McKinley



Upcoming Events:

NED Open at Skytop/Buck Hill—August 17-22, 2019

Arculli Pairs at Essex—September 7-8, 2019

East Coast Challenge at Pinehurst, NC—October 19-20, 2019

Alex Last, Representative



James Corr, Representative



PIMD 2019 Women's Singles Championship —Annie Brillhart Claims Back the Crown

By Jim Corr

The PIMD Women's Singles Championship is the annual showcase for the region's women bowlers to demonstrate how it's done and for three years in a row now, a bowler from Berkeley LBC has won the bragging rights.

This year's event was held at the BLBC on Saturday, May 11. Annie Brillhart regained the crown she had won in 2017 after ceding it to another Berkeley bowler, Cathy Dinnean, last year.

The weather cooperated for a lovely day on the green, at the end of which Annie edged out a very fine performance by novice bowler Elizabeth Mulenga (Palo Alto). Annie and Elizabeth were the only players to win all three of their games, but Annie had a slightly better differential. Reggie Banares (Sun City, Arizona), veteran bowler and winner of many past events in the Bay Area and beyond, came in third. All PIMD tournaments are open to any member of Bowls USA.

The road to victory was not easy, however, as Annie had to face her good friend and current title holder, Cathy, in the third match. Down 4-12 on the eighth end, Annie told herself to slow down and just get the point. Which she did, so that by the 17th end, Cathy's lead had been cut to 13 -12. With three points on the 18th and final end, Annie showed the truth of that old saying: "It ain't over till it's over."

Congratulations to Annie on her win (again) and thanks to all who laid on the hospitality and volunteered as markers.

In an added kudos—for both Annie and the Berkeley Club—BLBC garnered at least two new Dual Members. This couple felt the green was bowling so well and looked to be in such good condition that they signed up on the spot. Many compliments from others, accompanied by hints of potential membership, were made regarding the state of the green, which is mostly attributable to the efforts and dedication of newly-retired previous Greenskeeper, Annie herself. The challenge now is to keep up her good work going forward.



Ron Rollick, Representative



There is not much to report from the desert during the summer time. June 1st will be the opening day for 2019 US Open registration and entries. It's a rush to get the website up and correct over the next 2 weeks. After last year's US Open, it is expected that events will fill up soon and quickly - so don't delay in getting your teams together and submitting your entries.

Men's singles will be maxed at 128 entries, men's pairs at 96. Men's four's could go 48 or 64. On the distaff side, the ladies singles will probably be in the 64 - 80 range. Women's pairs in the 48 - 64 range, while fours will probably be in the 32 entry level area. As much as possible, we want to avoid the issue of "byes", so as we reach certain "perfect" flight numbers, the website will be updated and everyone will be able to see what is happening and current status.

We anticipate another great tournament and look forward to seeing our friends from around the country as well as around the world again.

Use this link to go to the 2019 US Open: <https://www.lawnbowlingusopen.com/>

WANT MORE NEWS?

Contact your division correspondent. The newsletter would love to post news about your club season, or what you're doing in your off-season. You can highlight a member, an event, a club, or a philanthropic project. This newsletter is for you, the interested bowler. Photographs welcome also.

Deadline to get articles in for the July Newsletter will be June 30th.





Query the Coaches

Q: We're often asked how to establish good balance on the mat and through the delivery?

A: There are several corrective actions to try.

- Take a shorter step.
- Check timing of step and delivery.
- Align your body/hips with your delivery line.
- Shorten forward movement of your body.
- Place your feet and have someone try to gently move you off balance. Then change your foot positioning.
- Contact a Club Coach for further analysis and correction.



If you are interested in contacting a Club Coach, or training to be a Club Coach, contact Heather Stewart, Kottia Spangler, or Jackie Tucker. You must have bowled a minimum of 2 years to be a Club Coach, and have your club endorsement.



Gary Higgins, Representative

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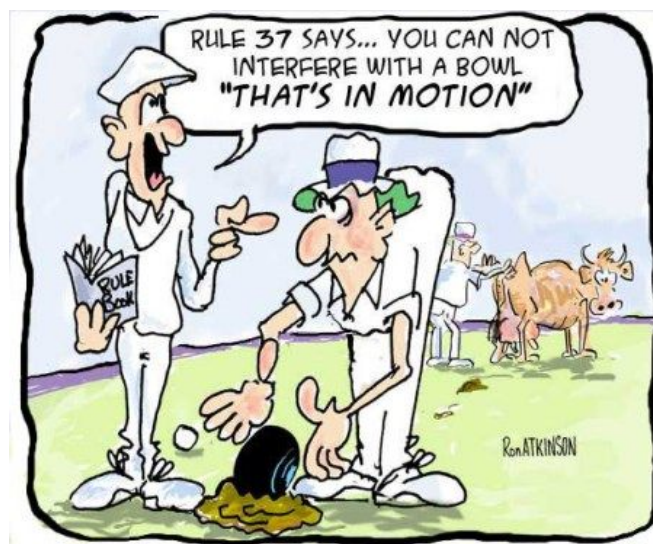
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July's UmpStumper

Melanie Vizenor, National Umpire-in-Chief

At breakfast this past weekend with a group of lawn bowlers, the following question arose: Can Team A and Team B (let's say it's a pairs game) agree to play an illegal jack?

Wishing Melanie success at the Asia-Pacific Games!





Southwest Lawn Bowls

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Cambria Lawn Bowls Update

WE'RE UNDER WAY!

By Joanne Kluck

Good progress has been made at Cambria LBC and here's a report:

Tuesday May 14: All Materials and supplies were delivered on Tuesday by Truck, and the very heavy work of getting the new surface rolls onto the green edges was accomplished.

Wednesday May 15: Taking up the old surfaces on the curbs, rolling up the old surface carpeting, and moving the old rolls to the dumpster by Bobcat skid steer tractor.

Thursday 5/16: The Old Surface has been rolled up, and a full dumpster bin has been removed. Another dumpster has been delivered, and we're working on filling it too. A truck load of fresh clean compactable sand has been delivered, the ditches emptied and excess sand removed, and by the close of the day the clean sand will have been applied and the start of leveling the sand with laser surveying equipment under way. Ian Berry, leading the crew, tells me that the overnight rain was actually helpful as the water will help settle the surface—they are going to use sprinklers to water the new sand overnight to get even more water on it. Looking forward, he thinks unless the weather gets really bad he may be able to start applying the starting elements of the new surface later in the day tomorrow.



2019 Novice Singles
First—Julie Buchanan
R-Up—Barbara Lee

Walt Disney Pairs



Sponsor
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Victor Green - Peter Ritchie