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## LawnBowls CENTRAL

Glorianne Mather, Representative



### Central Open Tournament:

The day of the Pairs, there was a special lunch to recognize Joe Zinna for his election to the Hall of Fame.

### Results:

#### Pairs:

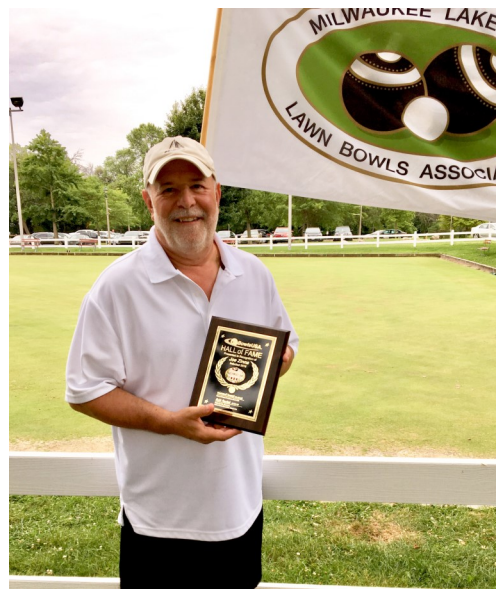
1. Bob Schneider and Joe Zinna
2. Max Cavender and Jim Cavender
3. Jim Grzybowski and Randy Grzybowski

#### Singles:

1. Bob Schneider
2. Max Cavender
3. Leif Anresen



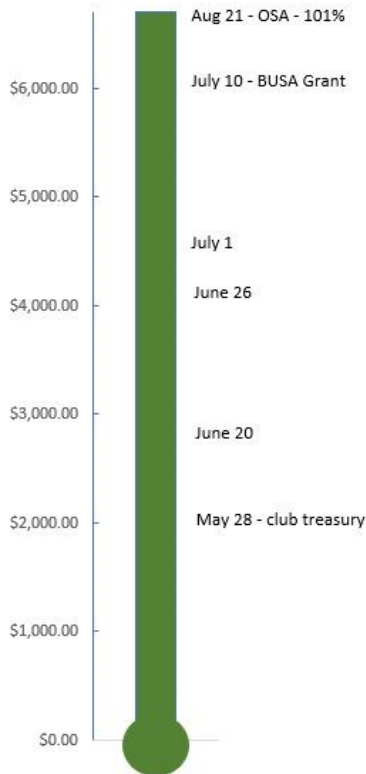
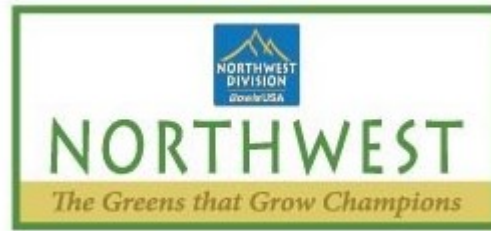
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Joe Zinna



Jim and Max Cavendar



## Bowls Northwest

Bob Wells, Representative

A huge thanks to **Oregon Sports Action**, their donation to the mower fund put PLBC over the top in funding the new purchase. Jack just sent notification of the organization's kind contribution.

In just a bit under 3 months, club members, Bowls USA, and OSA made the mower a fully funded asset of PLBC.

With the continued support of Bowls USA and Oregon Sports Action on various club improvements, the Portland green has become one of the NW division's gems. Our other valuable gems are greenskeeper Mark, mower Chris, and mechanic John. We all owe a big debt of gratitude to this crew.

## TACOMA RECRUITMENT EFFORTS Michael McKinley

Gene Ankli and I began showing up at events and handing out playing cards with a picture of our club sign and our website on it. We did the Walk Tacoma, University Place Duck Daze and just walked around at various events with our lawn bowling t-shirts and TLBC caps engaging people and inviting them to participate. I made a bunch of "join me" buttons with a picture of our green and the tulip tree with a rainbow I had taken, and passed them out at the Spring League and to past participants so they could wear them around. When the club's posters were finally ready, Gene plastered the businesses and bars downtown and I hit the west end. We asked all our members who belonged to a neighborhood social media site like Nextdoor to place a notice of our League and Learn to Bowl programs.

We were a couple of weeks out from the Learn to Bowl first session starting and only 2 people had signed up. It's been said in advertising class that 1/2 of advertising is wasted. You just don't know which half. Some of what we did must of worked because we ended up with 21 people signing up, with 4 the first night right on the green.





## More From Central:

Max Cavender and his dad Jim cruised through the competition to win the Potlicker Cup on its 20th anniversary. This is the first win for both. Max did his usual masterful job as skip while Jim played steady lead bowls and provided some fatherly lawn bowling wisdom to his son Max. Jim was around for the original event 20 years ago (by way of explaining the headline),

The Cavenders were undefeated going into the last game against the one loss team of Bob Schneider and Joe Zinna. Behind on points going into the game, Bob and Joe needed to win by eight shots to take the title. Max and Jim won to remain undefeated and close out the tournament. Bob and Joe's loss dropped them into third place behind the one loss team of Leif Andersen and Carl Landgren. We also welcomed Rick and Becky Fitzgerald from Mt Dora, Florida.

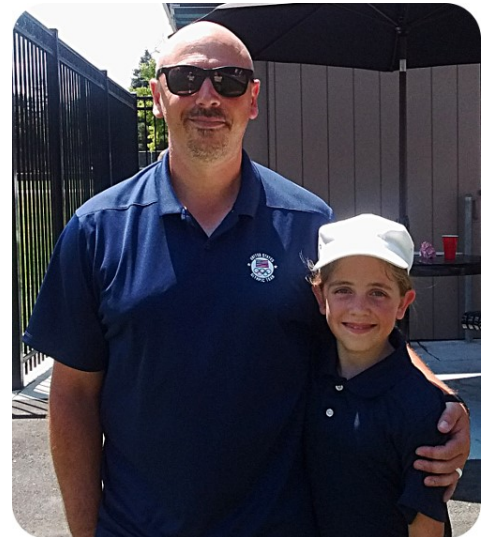


James Corr, Representative

## A new generation in the PIMD

The San Jose Lawn Bowls Club held its Vet-Novice Tournament on Saturday, August 10 and one team came with the youngest player to grace a PIMD-region tournament in many a year. Cathrin Le Messurier is only 10 years old and this was her first venture into competition. If her last name rings a bell, you will no doubt be thinking of her Dad—and Sunday mornings coach—Dan Le Messurier, who just stormed through this year's USA Professional Bowls Association Qualifiers—winning two of the three Singles events *and* the Pairs event (see August Newsletter).

And it turns out the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. With what one observer described as "a delivery to be envied," Cathrin helped her Dad take second-place in the SJLBC tournament. First place went to the combination of Mike McNortin (veteran) and Bill Claggett, while, in third place, Andrew Eacott teamed up with two novices Ray Solnik in the morning game and Steve Shaffer in the afternoon.



## 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 Sept Newsletter will be Sept 9th.





## **Lawn Bowlers' Bowling Trip—Devon, England—July 1 - 8, 2019—**By Pauline de Assis

At the beginning of July twenty nine Rossmoor LBC bowlers and spouses plus four bowlers from Palo Alto LBC arrived in Devon, England (known as the English Riviera due to its fine summers) to bowl and tour for a week. The trip was split between sightseeing and bowling. On even-numbered days a local touring company took us to points of interest, and on the odd-numbered days we visited nearby bowling clubs to share friendly games.

Our “headquarters,” the Toorak Hotel in Torquay, Devon, offered both an English breakfast in the morning and a full course dinner each evening. The hotel also had an indoor bowling room where we enjoyed playing games after dinner. Each touring day provided a different perspective on England and the Devon countryside. Our tours took us to Plymouth, the Dartmoor moors, Kingsware, Dartmouth, Slapton Sands, Buckfast Abbey, Dawlish and Exeter. To describe each would require a separate article, so here is a summary of highlights.

The most striking aspect of the three bowling clubs we visited was the warmth and wonderful friendliness that greeted us when we arrived at each. The clubs' members approached us and engaged in conversation from the beginning making us feel at home. This carried over to the games after our team captain, Wayne Sampson, arranged who would be playing against whom from the host clubs.

We should note that a friendly game appears to be a social event in England. We were scheduled to play 21-end games, but never reached that many. Each game was divided into two halves. Between the halves, when the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> end was reached, a bell would be rung, and everyone would retire to the club house for “tea”, which was literally a cup of tea (with or without sugar and milk) and biscuits (cookies, scones or small sandwiches). The players from each game would sit with one another to eat and talk, followed by short speeches and jokes from the team captains and a gift to the host club by our club president Ed de Assis. The games would resume after about 30 minutes and play until it was decided to stop. Our game counterparts would then invite us back to the club house for a pint (of beer) or a G&T (gin and tonic) or something non-alcoholic. Very civilized!

The clubs we played at are: Torbay Country Bowls Club, Newton Abbott Bowls Club and Kings Bowls Club. We met varying degrees of success. At each there were six simultaneous games. We were fortunate to have overall winning totals in the first two clubs but ran into very stiff competition against Kings. As it turns out, they send many players to their national competitions.

A special note of recognition and thanks to Diana Wong who did a superb job of contacting all the necessary groups and keeping us informed of the changes that occurred along the way. Also, to Bert and Melinda Whalley of Devon, who as frequent visitors to Rossmoor over the last 15 years, inspired us to visit their home and bowl against their teams.



Torbay and Rossmoor bowlers before their games began.



## Query the Coaches

Q: How should I prepare before a tournament day?

A: Preparation will reduce stress and should include:

- Set your personal goals regarding the competition
- Complete practice
- Clean your equipment
- Make a packing list
- Plan a travelling and competition timetable
- Plan supplies for hydration and nutrition/bland meals
- Competition eve sleep
- Contact a Club Coach for further advice



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. For more information contact Kottia at [k519ss@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k519ss@sbcglobal.net).



## More from the Northwest



### NWD Novice Tournament

Jefferson Park LBC hosted the NWD Novice Tournament with an amazing **22 entries**.

In the championship game **Shane O'Neil (JP)** beat **Kane Tobin (Tacoma)** to claim the crown. **Roscoe Pershall** (Portland) tied with **Mike King (JP)** for 3rd.

Tacoma had 13 entrants, JP with 8, and Roscoe the only representative from PLBC.

Thanks to the many "seasoned" bowlers who showed up to coordinate the event and mark.



SW Women

# Southwest Lawn Bowls

A Division of Bowls USA



SW Men



Certified Club Coach Course  
As part of Bowls USA nationwide Coaching Program, a **Certified Club Coach Course** will be presented in the Southwest Division in 2019.

It is the objective of Bowls USA to have well qualified coaches across the country to assist in raising the enjoyment and standard of our sport and to provide the necessary assistance to players of all ages and skills levels. Check our website for details.

A Loss at Mile Square Park . . . in Fountain Valley

Charlyn Moltane, Santa Ana Lawn Bowling Club

**OC Parks does not want a lawn bowling facility** in their expansion of the 93 acres at Mile Square Park. At the Open House Thursday, August 15, OC Parks designers displayed posters with the committee's ideas for the park expansion. Lawn bowling was not included. In fact they did not include any activities . . . like tennis, pickle ball, lawn bowling, or any games. All they seem to want is walking and nature space and an amphitheater.

My great disappointment at our loss was cushioned slightly when one presenter told me that lawn bowling was discussed at two of the meetings. Good. That means my letters and e-mails and e-mails from other bowlers had gotten through to the committee. He said their reasoning was that it was not a multi-use area. This is probably their reasoning for also denying lawn bowling at The Great Park. At least I tried. I live across the street from Mile Square Park.

We must preserve the existing lawn bowling clubs. Many smaller clubs are struggling for members. Our bowling associations need to do more to get lawn bowling in the public view through news, senior publications, and social media. Members with technology skills need to help clubs with older members set up technology.

## SWLBA SoCal Rinks



Len Wasserman

Corey Vose

James Flower

Charlie Herbert

## SWWD Division Rinks Winners



Joanne, Mary, Anne, and Mary