



Monthly Newsletter

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Bowls USA Women's Team Wins Silver!

Asia Pacific Championships, Christchurch, New Zealand



Bowls USA Women's Fours Team (L-R) Deanna Amos (coach), Candy DeFazio, Janice Bell, Myra Wood, Anne Nunes, Jackie Tucker (asst. coach)



Bowls USA Women's Fours Team Wins Silver

L-R: Anne Nunes, Janice Bell, Candy DeFazio, Myra Wood

Asia Pacific Championship 2015

Woman's Team USA have done themselves and their country proud at the Asia Pacific Championships held in Christchurch New Zealand on 24th Nov – 6th Dec 2015.

Their sectional play final positions are Kim Heiser Singles 4th, Kim Heiser and Anne Nunes Pairs 7th, Myra Wood, Janice Bell and Candy DeFazio Triples 4th and Myra Wood, Janice Bell, Anne Nunes and Candy DeFazio in the Fours 1st who also went through with a remarkable undefeated record. The fours met and beat Malaysia in the semi-finals on their way to a Grand final playoff against Australia. Held on a TV rink our team kept in touch with the Australian team for the first few ends but the Australian players proved far too good on the day and our girls had to be happy with collecting the silver.

Team USA women have qualified for the first time in Singles Triples and Fours to play at the 2016 World Bowls, and brought back a silver medal. This was a fantastic effort by these five players.

I am very proud of them all. This was a great achievement and just could be the start of better things to come.

Deanna Amos.

Team USA Head Coach

Asia Pacific Championships, Christchurch, New Zealand

November 24—December 6, 2015



Bowls USA Team, Back row, L-R: Neil Furman, Scott Roberts, Aaron Zangl, Charlie Herbert, Bill Brault, Coach David Cameron, and Assist Coach Jackie Tucker. Front Row, L-R: Anne Nunes, Janice Bell, Kim Heiser, Candy DeFazio, Myra Wood, Coach Deanna Amos.

Bowls USA Men's Team Well Represented in New Zealand

By Scott Roberts

During the USA Men's camp held back in April, we had three goals for the team: Qualify for World Bowls 2016, Play as a Team and "Be Respected." The five men who represented USA from the camp were Bill Brault, Neil Furman, Charlie Herbert, Scott Roberts and Aaron Zangl set out to achieve those goals, along with Coach David Cameron.

Teams were broken into two sections of eight, playing seven games against all teams in the section. The winner of the section moved directly into the semi-finals. Second and third in a section qualified for the playoffs, which were randomly chosen amongst the four teams. The top five teams in each section qualified for World Bowls next year.

The initial disciplines for the men were 3-bowl pairs (Neil and Bill) and 2-bowl triples (Charlie, Aaron and Scott).

The pairs team finished their section with four wins and one tie to qualify in third place in their section. By random draw, they ended up facing, and losing to, Canada in the quarter-final game. The Canada team would end up getting the gold medal in this event.

The triples team finished their section with five wins, including a comeback from down 10-5 to win, 16-15 over the very strong Malaysian team. This was the same five wins that Malaysia and Japan had, but due to tie-breaking plus points USA finished fourth in the section.

The second disciplines for the men were singles (Neil) and rinks (Charlie, Aaron, Scott and Bill). Cont.

Bowls USA Men's Team Well Represented in New Zealand

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Neil finished his brutally tough section with three wins which put him in a three-way tie for 4th. However, due to the tie-breaking plus points, Neil finished in 6th place by only four plus points over the seven games played.

The fours team started like gang-busters winning five of their first six games, most in blowout fashion with the only blemish being a heart-breaking narrow loss to the Malaysians, setting up a winner-takes-the-section match with New Zealand. The game was tight early, but New Zealand pulled away to win the game and the section. The Kiwis would ultimately get the gold medal in the event. The fours team still won five games and finished in second place. The quarter-final game by random draw was a rematch against the Malaysians, who would again narrowly win over the Americans.

Overall, the American men's pairs, triples and rinks all qualified for World Bowls next year, with two of the three teams making the playoffs. The team shared a house and bonded over the three-week span that we were together and we played as a team with everybody making contributions to the victories. Many spectators came up to us saying that they were surprised that the US plays bowls and followed that we had to be the most improved team there. I would call that being respected.



Bowls USA Men's Team, R-L: Neil Furman, Scott Roberts, Charlie Herbert, Aaron Zangle, Bill Brault.



Bowls USA Women's Team L-R: Anne Nunes, Myra Wood, Candy DeFazio, Janice Bell and Kim Heiser





2016

Jan. 9-11 Arizona Mixed Rinks, Sun City, AZ
Jan. 12-13 Salisbury Singles, Sun City, AZ
Jan. 14-16 Thomas Zivec Open Pairs, Sun City, AZ
Feb. 6-11 SCD Open, Sun City & Sun City West, AZ
Oct. 24-28 -National Championships, Sun City West, AZ

Sun City West & Sun City, AZ
Home to 11 Lawn Bowling Greens
Just 25 min. from downtown Phoenix- 10 min. from NFL Football and NHL Hockey
The Perfect Winter Lawn Bowling Holiday
S.C.D Tournaments Feb. 6-11/16
Womens: Feb: 6-7th Fours, 8-9 Singles, 10-11 Pairs
Mens: Feb: 6-7 Mens Triples, 8-9 Pairs, 10-11 Singles
Please check this site for entry forms:
www.scdlawnbowls.org/tournaments

You can find the Bowls USA officers and councilors that represent the different divisions on the [Bowls USA](#) website on this page: [About Bowls USA](#).

Contact your division councilor with any questions or concerns you may have.

Umpire's Corner

By Melanie Vizenor, National Umpire In Chief

While we're giving thanks at this time of year – how about “knowing that you need your opponent because without him or her, there is no game.” Lori Myers said. As an umpire (and now as NUIC), I have noticed a tendency for players to ask umpires to regulate the behavior of other players. I believe this comes from the mistaken belief that the Code of Bowling Etiquette is part of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

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Umpire's Corner

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We have all had to endure bad neighbors, rowdy folks at a ballgame, and other sorts of nuisances. Surely they all grew up hearing the same suggestions for how to get along in the world as we did: follow the Golden Rule, give up your seat, say please and thank you, don't spit your gum out on the sidewalk, cover your mouth when you sneeze, etc., etc.

When you encounter a bowler who seems clueless about the Code of Bowling Etiquette, rather than taking umbrage and upsetting your game, recognize that they're probably that bad neighbor or rowdy person at the ballgame, or some other sort of nuisance ... and then just give thanks that you aren't them. Next newsletter, specific examples of the Laws vs. Etiquette.

Melanie A Vizenor, NUIC

Attention!

All ladies interested in improving their tournament bowling skills are invited to participate in a skills camp. This camp will be especially useful for bowlers considering international competition as their goal. The camp will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14 following the South Central Open in Sun City, AZ.

The camp is open to all women bowlers and will focus on drills to improve shot making, strategy of play, and skills for each position on a team. It will also include competition scenarios that will have players rotating through the different positions of a team.

Friday evening Melanie Vizenor, Umpire in Chief for Bowls USA, will be holding a class on rules of the game for general knowledge purposes, umpires, and umpires to be. We will also be getting together at a local restaurant where “campers” will have the opportunity to meet bowlers from around the country and share experiences.

Additionally, Stephen Forrest, a Level 3 coach from Canada, will be available to video and critique your delivery for a fee (\$20-25). This service is optional.

Camp applicants must be Bowls USA members and will be required to pay a fee of \$50 for materials and snacks during the day. Checks should be made to Bowls USA.

For application materials contact teamusawomen@gmail.com

Around the Country

Southeast

Mount Dora Bowling Blast

By Tom Eppich

The Mount Dora Fall 2015 Bowling Blast for businesses concluded in November with **Visit Mount Dora, Inc.** claiming the championship by beating **McDonalds – Donnelly Street** 12 – 5.

During the six week tournament, sixteen teams involving over 70 players from Mount Dora area businesses bowled against each other. Over 60 member volunteers assisted in a variety of ways, including serving as team coaches, throughout the tournament.

Lynette Barba, owner of an Allstate Insurance agency, stated in her completed survey "Great recreation activity. All club members did a fabulous job of engaging the community in this unique gem in Mt. Dora."

An overwhelming majority of the players indicated in their completed surveys that they will play in future such tournaments in 2016. Twenty-four players requested information on the benefits and costs of joining the club.



"Visit Mount Dora, Inc." winners of the Mount Dora Bowling Blast.



Getting into the game during the Mount Dora Bowling Blast.

Southeast

Villages Tri City Invitational, Villages, Florida

By Christine Garbett

Perfect weather for the day and teams were mixed in together with 42 bowlers in the morning game and 42 in the afternoon. Teams of fours and triples took part, with a break for lunch followed by a second game. We had several brand new bowlers from The Villages taking part, two of whom had only bowled for two weeks. This was again a very successful day and the new and newer bowlers enjoyed it immensely.

The day started with welcomes from our Recreation Department Supervisor, Wendy McEldowney, and our new president, Henry Landsberg. This was followed by a spider with the winner, Johnny Pelegrini, winning a bottle of wine. The top fours and top triples in the morning game all received a scorecard holder and towel. Don and Mary Butchers of The Villages hosted a gathering at their home following the second game.

The Villages Lawn Bowls Club now has bylaws and a small annual fee. So far there are 37 members who have paid their annual fee and several of them are also Bowls USA members.



Bowlers from Mount Dora are in light blue shirts, Lakeland in dark blue shirts and The Villages in white shirts.

Central

6th Annual Lakeview Tournament in Mitchell, SD

By Rodney Titze

Here are the results of the 6th Annual Lakeview Lawn Bowling Tournament held in Mitchell, South Dakota of the Central Division on 10 & 11 October, 2015. We had 12 bowlers participating in each event.

Prizes were awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place lawn bowlers in each event with values as follows: Third place \$40, second place \$70, and first place \$110. The weather was super and all had a great time!

6th Annual Lakeview Lawn Bowling Tournament

Triples:

Semifinals:

Elaine Goldammer & Doug Cross & Jim Jelden over Bonnie Weber & Brad Vobr & Dave Wosje 11-4

Mary Titze & Janis Gerlach & Rod Titze over Carissa Vobr & Tiffany Vobr & Jenny Kunkel 11-6

3rd place match

Bonnie Weber & Brad Vobr & Dave Wosje over Carissa Vobr & Tiffany Vobr & Jenny Kunkel 11-5

Championship match

Mary Titze & Janis Gerlach & Rod Titze over Elaine Goldammer & Doug Cross & Jim Jelden 11-2

Pairs:

Semifinals:

Mary Titze & Rod Titze over Elaine Goldammer & Jim Jelden 11-1

Janis Gerlach & Wayne Gerlach over Bonnie Weber & Dave Wosje 11-10

3rd place match

Bonnie Weber & Dave Wosje over Elaine Goldammer & Jim Jelden 11-5

Championship match

Mary Titze & Rod Titze over Janis Gerlach & Wayne Gerlach 11-5

Singles:

5th place match

Dennis Selfridge over Jim Jelden 11-7

Semifinals:

South Central

Bob Lane Mixed Triples

All SC Stories by Ron Rollick

The following results are for the South Central Division's first tournament the Bob Lane Mixed Triples.

Championship Flight:

1st- Lyall Adams/Hugh Branston/Chris Adams

2nd- Regina Banares/Ron Roman/Constance Desjardins

3rd- Stu MacNaughton/Jan MacNaiughton/Alan Brunskill

4th- Len Hitchcock/Larry Strueby/Sharon Mitchell

2nd Flight:

1st - Jim Ward/Sharon Ward/Karen Heagle

2nd - George Ralston, Jr./Dora Stewart/John Stewart

3rd Flight:

1st - Mary Ann Beath/Ron Rollick/ Mike Wagner

2nd - Rodger Green/Laurie Moritz/Jean English

4th Flight:

1st- Frank Souza/Bob & Alice Birkenshaw

2nd Paul Mueller/Pete Pires/Barb Schaefer

5th Flight:

1st- David Smith/Rosalie Parsons-Brown, Greg Brown

2nd - David Parker/Ron Bjornson/Andrea Strecker

6th Flight:

1st - Bill Wilkinson/Bob Perry/Sharon Perry

2nd- Mary Wright/Grant Summers/Scott Peterson



Santa's Mixed Fives

Johnson Lawn Bowls Club, SCW, Dec. 1-2



1st Place: Mike Wagner, Rosalie Parsons-Brown, Greg Brown, Dianne Douglas, Neil Douglas

South Central

Santa's Mixed Fives

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The Santa 5's tournament is a fun two- day mixed event. Each day a triples team and a pairs team play in the morning. A break for lunch, then a rinks (4's) team and a singles game in the afternoon. Game is scored normally, but winner is determined by number of ends won (1 pt each) and 2 points for actual winning score. Each game is 14 ends. As an example over the two- day event, there were several games where one team had won eight ends to six, but lost the game score. Team 1 = 8 ends won. Team 2 = 6 ends + 2 for score = 8. Tie game.

The weather was cooperative (as usual) starting each day in the low 60's and warming up to mid – high 60's. Some folks were comfortable in shirt & shorts, while others were layered up. Coffee, fruit, muffins, were available each morning and everyone enjoyed wine, cheese and crackers at the final.

Here is a complete list of all the winners:

1st– Mike Wagner, Rosalie Parsons-Brown, Greg Brown, Dianne Douglas, Neil Douglas

2nd– Bob Milsom, Eileen Milsom, Jim Ward, Sharon Ward, Ernie Alfoldi

3rd - Hugh Branston, Ron Roman, Constance Desjardins, Betty Mayne, Bob MacQueen

4th - Grant Summers, Scott Peterson, Mary Wright, Lyall Adams, Chris Adams

5th - Laurie Moritz, Stu MacNaughton, Jan MacNaughton, Marlene, Cleutinx, Jean English

6th– Jim Roth, Sue Roth, Tom Roth, Laurie Roth, Wray Roth

7th– Regina Banares, Gary Carson, Martine Castellani, André Banares, Gerry Roliz

8th - Jeff Gray, Don Woods, John Preston, Joan Mollers, Maury Tiaht

South Central

Bill Weaver and Cy Stephen Pairs

There were 12 pairs of ladies competing in the Cy Stephan tournament. The first day was held in Oakmont in Sun City, AZ. By all accounts the greens were very true and extremely quick playing at approx. 15 seconds. After the first day, the team of MaryAnn Beath, Anne Van Bastelaere were leading. The second day tournament was held at Sun City Grand. The ladies had to adjust to a much slower green, but that didn't stop the leader; Beath and Van Bastelaere continued their winning ways and finished on top.

2nd Place: Jan MacNaughton and Chris Fereday

3rd Place: Reggie Banares and Dee McSparran

4th Place: Jeanne Christie and Jean English



1st Place: Mary Ann Beath & Anne Van Bastelaere.



1st Place: Ivo Van Bastelaere and Ron Rollick

There were 28 pairs of men competing in the Bill Weaver tournament. The first day was held at Bell in Sun City, AZ. Both greens at Bell were playing at a good pace, being variously clocked at 12.5 to 13.5 seconds. After the first day, the team of Tom Roth and Greg Brown were leading.

The second, and final day, of the tournament was held at Lakeview. Again, the men had to adjust to a slower green. Over the summer, Lakeview was completely redone and renovated. This was the first South Central Division event held here at Lakeview since the reconstruction, and while in good overall shape, the pace was slower, in the 10.5 to 11.5 second range. As in any lawn bowls competition, there were some upsets with both lucky and unlucky wicks. The eventual winners were Ivo Van Bastelaere and Ron Rollick.

Second Place: George Ralston Jr., Jim Filipiak

Third Place: Norm Dean, Dave Reinerston

Fourth Place: Bill DesBrisay, Bob Perry

Northwest

Barefoot Bowls at Portland LBC

With the arrival of Fall weather, the Portland Lawn Bowling Club has wrapped up its 'Barefoot Bowls' Summer leagues. 2015 was a banner year for Barefoot Bowls – both the **Wednesday Singles** and the **Sunday Teams** saw growth in numbers and improvement in skills, with six new members added to the PLBC roster. The **Wednesday Singles** enjoyed an 8-week series, although weather delays stretched play to 12 weeks. In the end, Ernie Carlson clinched the title, slipping by former winner Larry Edgar (finishing 3rd) in the last two weeks. Laurie Stapleton was second, and new bowlers Gretchen and Mark Lambert tied for third.

The **Sunday Teams** played two 6-week series over the summer. Between the two series a total of ten teams competed, including three teams new to bowling. This group not only bowled competitively but learned rules, competed in trivia, and shared food. In the end, the early summer winners played off against the late season winners, with Peter Mauro and Pam Edwards of 'The Real PPS' taking the ultimate team title. Karen Kraus and Quinn Jackson of 'Bowl 'em Around' claimed second place, losing by only 1 point in the last end to 'The Real PPS'.

WorldBowls Champion of Champions

Interview with Andrew Klubberud

By Jenny Mears



Andrew Klubberud, USA, and Kevin Anderson, Scotland at Club Helensvale in Gold Coast, Australia.

Northwest

Interview with Andrew Klubberud

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What was the event? Where was it? How were you chosen to participate?

This was the 2015 WorldBowls Champion of Champions. National champions from all over the world receive an invitation to compete. I participated by virtue of my 2014 singles title.

How did you do? Who did you play?

The tournament was absolutely fantastic. We each played 11 matches over six days. The games were two sets, 9 -ends with a 3-end tie-breaker. This was my first international bowls event. My opening match was against Stanley Lai of Hong Kong, I can hardly remember the game but I will never forget the weightlessness of my legs in anticipation of the final shot.

In the end I was happy to win and proud of my effort but realized it could have gone either way. After that it was bowling as usual. I went on a nice run and was in good position to move through to the knockout phase but came up one point short in each of my last two matches. I finished 6&5, 5th in my group, 10th overall.

What was your experience like?

I'm so grateful to BowlsUSA for providing access to this event. I had a great time with good people under fantastic conditions. Thanks to WorldBowls for providing me with great bowling motivation, Club Helensvale for the hospitality and immaculate greens and a thousand thanks to my home club, Jefferson Park LBC.

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DieHards League: No Wimps Allowed!

By Russ Leonard



Northwest

DieHards League: No Wimps Allowed!

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The DieHards, Jefferson Park's premier skills-based, crap-weather bowling league, where our motto is "No Wimps", ran once again this fall, for the ninth consecutive year.

Every Wednesday night, beginning in October and wrapping up the day before Thanksgiving, saw the most diehardiest of our members turn out to roll up and back in variations of our crazy game designed to develop a real technique, prove an esoteric point, or simply confound the living you-know-what out of who ever showed.

Over the years we've dabbled in Jack Last, and Double Jack Last, and Real-Time Yardstick, and Tasmanian Rules Lawn Bowls, and Two Heads Are Better Than One, and Going All Krueger On Your Ass (aka offhand bowling), and the New Normal -- each its own twist on our more traditional coursings up and down the green.

We bowl in wind, and rain, and fog, and near frosting temps, on the very best greens in northern North America, thanks to the weekly devotionals of our beloved Donut Crew. In the end, Andrew Schuenemann, outpaced the Spartan field this year, winning an "I'd Rather Be Lawn Bowling" license plate holder and the still greater glory of being crowned DH Champion 2015.

Congratulations to Andrew, and to runners -up, Chris Davis and Rikki Ricard, with honorable mention going to novice bowler John Huffman who showed up the most, earning the prestigious DieHard Attendance Competition. No Wimps indeed!

PIMD

Fresno LBC Back in the Game!

By Ginger Harris

Earlier this year, the PIMD was thrilled to welcome Fresno back into the lawn bowling circle of friends. Several of the club bowlers travelled to a couple of division tournaments, participated in the summer "Friendship Games" hosted by some of the division clubs, and even attended the Sonoma Senior Games to see yet another green and meet more of those "really nice lawn bowling people!"

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PIMD

Fresno LBC Back in the Game!

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The group expressed an interest in having bowlers visit their local club for a day on the green. Since the division calendar was pretty much filled and set in stone, the first available date was November 14. But on that weekend, 18 adventurous bowlers - with representatives from Palo Alto, San Francisco, Oakland, Santa Clara and Berkeley - made the trek south to say "Welcome!" to the enthusiastic and energetic Fresno club members. The welcoming committee - every member of the club, that is - greeted the visitors with huge smiles. "We are beyond happy that so many of you made the trip," members commented. "This is just wonderful!" The club had ordered beautiful weather, and that's what we got. There were plenty of bowlers to fill the green which has been the focus of the club's energy this past year. Members have worked diligently to repair and improve their facilities, and it shows.

After a fall-themed spider to start the day, teams played either pairs or triples in 12-end games, enjoyed a brown bag lunch and got right back on the green for a second go at winning the big bucks that the usual \$3 entry fee provided! After the game, one member commented, "This was the best day of lawn bowling I've had in my life!" The "Fresno Fall Friendship Game" will be on the calendar again for 2016! Come bowl with us!



PIMD and Fresno LBC'S



PIMD

Fred Hawley Invitational Tournament

By David Hale

Fred Hawley loved lawn bowling whether he was watching or playing. He supported teammates and opponents alike, was always rooting for the underdog, offering congratulations, and making some totally unbelievable shots himself!

But, Fred was competitive. He loved tournaments and was always an entry in the club Senior Singles event for bowlers over 70. He got to thinking that maybe the younger bowlers had an advantage and suggested a Super Senior tournament for those over 80—the “Golden Geezers” as he called them. This seemed like a good idea and the Super Senior Singles tournament became a fixture on the club calendar.

It has since been renamed the Fred Hawley Invitational and was opened to all bowlers over 80 in the PIMD, men and women.

The event is held towards the end of the year to avoid hot weather. It was still plenty warm on October 21 for the eight bowlers in the contest. Each bowler would play three games. A three-end playoff would decide the champion if there were any undefeated bowlers.

As in previous years, the bowling was excellent and very competitive. The scores didn't always reflect how close the games were.

After the first two games, Ted Crum and Howard Mackey from the Berkeley LBC, and Max Capistany from our Palo Alto club were undefeated. The schedule showed they would not play each other in the third game so there was a possibility of a three way playoff. If they all lost, there would be a tie with five bowlers having two wins and a loss. In that case the champion would be decided by differential points.

Ted and Howard each won their last game but not without difficulty. Ted won by one point over Carmen Quackenbush who had a very strong tournament. Howard squeaked out a one point victory over Carmen's husband, John. Max was on the wrong side of a one point game, falling to Con Glafkides who improved steadily throughout the tournament.

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PIMD

Fred Hawley Invitational Tournament

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With two undefeated bowlers, a three-end playoff was needed with one point maximum each end. Ted bowled well and won the first two ends making him the 2015 Fred Hawley Invitational Champion. Congratulations to Ted Crum and all the bowlers for some really fine bowling.

It's interesting to note that all the winners of this over-80 tournament have been in their 90s. They just won't give the young guys a chance



Ted Crum and Howard McKay

Southwest

Alhambra Lawn Bowls Club



Kay Tong's triples team of Linda Vose (Holmby Park LBC) and Howard Horowitz (Beverly Hills LBC) won 1st place at the Izzy Forbes Vet-Novice Triples in Long Beach on their green. 11/14/2015.

Southwest

Sun City Triples



L-R: Sean McMorris, Kay Tong, and Alan Ngo, all from ABC, won the Sun City Triples on 11/15/2015. It was the last tournament of the 2015 season.

ABC Club Singles Tournament

Alhambra Bowls Club reestablished its Club Singles Tournament this year. Twelve members participated and the competition was fierce. All participants had to make arrangements to play one another by a certain date. At the end of October the four members with the most wins were seeded then engaged in a one-day play down. At the end of the play downs the results were as follows: Sean McMorris 1st, James Chang 2nd, Fan Hung 3rd, and Alan Ngo 4th. Congratulations to all!



First Place winner in the ABC Singles Tournament, Sean McMorris.

Southwest

ABC Celebrates Christmas

By Sean McMorris

The Alhambra Bowls Club held its annual Christmas party on Dec. 10th, and once again, it was a packed, jovial affair. Old and new members attended with guests in tow, yearly accomplishments were celebrated, and once again the club's benefactor generously donated money to ABC for the upcoming year.

As in years past, the club reserved dining space at a local buffet and hired an entertainer to play music and interact with the crowd. ABC's president, Frank Duarte, welcomed everyone with his well-established sense of humor, noted the club's tournament success and renovation accomplishments, then gave a short tribute to deceased members before we ate.

Once our bellies were full, the gift exchange commenced. This year, rather than the club purchasing gifts, each guest brought a wrapped gift worth a minimum of \$5.00. Names were put into a hat and gifts were handed out in the order that names were drawn. A special gift was given to the club's benefactor, Mrs. Lam Jong.

After gifts were opened members and guests sang Christmas carols, danced, and joked around before heading for home. In closing, ABC looks forward to building upon its 2015 successes and wishes Lawn Bowlers across the country happy holidays and good bowling.



Southwest

Ladies' Day Christmas Event

By Micky Alexander

This year's Ladies Day events, came to a grand conclusion at Laguna Woods. There were 65 of us, some for the luncheon only, but most also came out to bowl. We could see that the greens were set up for us as we came in from the parking lot and there was good hot coffee and lots of goodies that we partook of while visiting before the game.

There were a few mix -ups getting everyone in the right place to bowl because a few ladies were unable to attend at the last minute. However, with the help of a very able assistant, Nancy Doss, the games were under way. It took a few minutes, after I finished bowling, to figure out the winners. But, again, I had help. This time it was Nancy, Norma Goodhart and Shelly Cohen. Appreciate it gals!

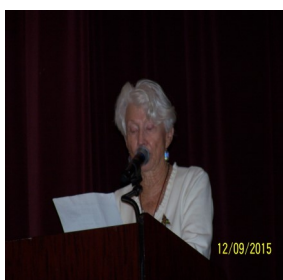
The winners of the game were:

1st place - Margi Rambo, Ginny Kelly & Diana Wenzel
2nd pl Tie - Mary Thompson, Barbara Gervase & Norma Goodhart
2nd pl Tie - Dee McSparran, Pat Martinez & Mary Spease

After the congratulations and pictures were taken we all headed to Clubhouse 5 for the official Holiday Luncheon. It was beautifully set up for us complete with a fitting tribute to Izzie Forbes.

Raffle tickets were being sold and purchased at a rapid rate for all the beautifully wrapped gifts that filled up a couple of long tables. There were a few announcements made and a BIG thank you given by Pat Gonzales, President of the SWWD for the last two years, to Ellie Orewyler, who arranged all of this for us. While we were served the delicious lunch and having some wine, the raffle got underway, a few now and then interspersed throughout the event. We were also entertained by Joey Simms, a very funny comedian, who happens to live in Laguna Woods and arranged for us by Jeannie LeRoy. As you can tell, a lot goes in to putting this day together.

Thank you to everyone who has lent a hand, helping me conduct the Ladies Days for these past two years. I have enjoyed it so much and have met & made some lasting friendships, which is at the heart of this game of Lawn Bowling!



Southwest

Rotary vs Optimist LB Tournament

By Berie Grobe

The Coronado Rotarians and Optimists squared off again in their annual bid for the coveted trophy that passes between the organizations. In a very close tournament, the Rotarians took the trophy back from the Optimists for this year. Dale St. Denis has been instrumental in keeping the competition alive. Dale had a massive stroke about 18 months ago, although one side is a bit paralyzed, he keeps on going. In fact, he rolled the first bowl out on the green that day and it went quite close to the jack.

Coronado LBC Annual Knockout Tournament

On perhaps the most beautiful day of 2015, the Coronado Lawn Bowling Club held its annual Knockout Tournament. Dressed in whites plus festive holiday attire, a small group battled for winning places plus competed for an extra prize for highest score on the 3rd End and for a Spider Prize.

Rosalyn Smyth presented the Spider Prize to Bill Killingsworth and Jim Olson also won the 3rd End Prize.



Coronado LBC Annual Holiday Bias Box Gala

The Coronado LBC collects \$1 per wrong bias thrown during social bowls all year. All proceeds help fund the annual Holiday Bias Box Gala.





The Team USA Women's Selection Committee is happy to announce that **Alexis Vanden Bos** of the Northwest Division, has been named to represent the USA at the **World Indoor Singles Championships** in Warilla, NSW, Australia in March, 2016.

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful competition to Alexis!



The Team USA Men's Selection Committee is happy to announce that **Scott Roberts** from the Southwest Division, has been named to represent the USA at the **World Indoor Singles Championships** in Warilla, NSW, Australia in March, 2016.

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful competition to Scott!



From the President..

President's Award

In 2010 the National Council approved a President's Award for the purpose of:

Recognizing outstanding service in the promotion of and awareness of the sport of lawn bowls within Bowls USA organization.

Recognizing outstanding work in the endeavor of a specific project assigned by the President and/or the National Council.

Recognizing outstanding service in supporting the sport of lawn bowls within the framework of Bowls USA.

2015 citations were awarded to:

E.B. Parkell for her contribution to Bowls USA newsletter

Robb Pawlak for his contributions to the promotion of lawn bowls and to

Gerry Smith for her contribution to her club, her division and to Bowls USA.

In grateful appreciation to these three individuals for giving both their time and their ongoing support of our sport.

Heather Stewart



From the Editor..

We have reached the end of another year, and we are heading into our third year of Bowls USA Newsletter! With that in mind, it's time to implement some changes, so we will go dark for January and February and be back at the end of March. It's a slower news time and it gives us a chance to get reorganized. So, don't send any stories or photos until further notice!

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*Wishing you a Christmas filled
with love, laughter and joy!*