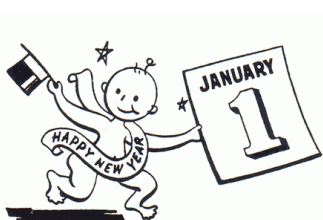




Monthly Newsletter

December, 2014



Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

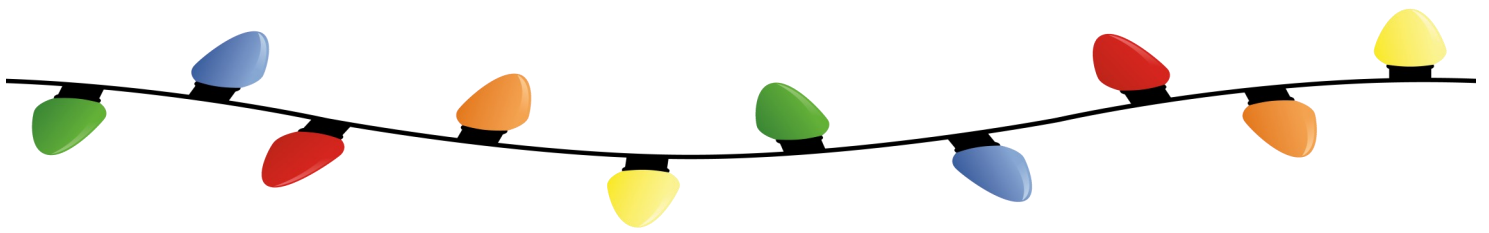
Happy New Year



Champion of Champions

2013 US Singles Champs Bill Brault and Kim Heiser enjoyed their kiwi experience at Fendalton LBC in Christchurch, New Zealand, where they participated in the World Bowls Champion of Champions competition November 23 -30. Accompanied by coach Anne Nunes they braved a variety of physical challenges: 17 second greens; 25mph winds; rain and hail and bright sun all in one day, as well as formidable opponents from around the world. Scotland captured both the men's and women's championships.





Around the Country

Southeast

By Christine Garbett

TRI CITY INVITATIONAL LAWN BOWLS EVENT

The inaugural Tri City Invitational Lawn Bowls Event took place on Wednesday 17th December at Rio Grande in The Villages. The Villages Lawn Bowls Club hosted the event and it was a huge success. Lawn Bowlers from the Villages were joined by bowlers from the Lakeland and Mount Dora clubs and it gave the new and newest Villages bowlers an opportunity to bowl in teams together with members of the other clubs. The format in the morning was fours/rinks and the green was filled with 48 bowlers. Much laughter and camaraderie was heard and seen and the newer bowlers were ably assisted by the more experienced. After a break for lunch, a spider was played, each bowler spread around the green, with one bowl, the jack centered in the middle of the green and on the count of three, the bowls set off to the jack, the nearest one got a token prize. The second game saw 40 bowlers, in fours and triples. Prizes were awarded to the top two winning teams in the morning and again in the afternoon. Many onlookers sat and watched the games and indicated interest in learning to bowl.



Merry Christmas

Central

Baby it's Cold Outside!



"A little colder would be better," said Bob Schneider, indicating a harder surface helps his lawn bowling. He was practicing at Lake Park . (Milwaukee Lake Park LBA , Milwaukee, Wisconsin)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 12/23/14

Submitted by Carl Landgren

Naughty or Nice

Northwest



South Central

King City Lawn Bowling Club, King City, Oregon

Submitted by Candee Wilson

Bah, Humbug!! No Christmas cheer, no holiday happenings. What gives?

With so much to do in the month of December, and with many members out of town or gone for the season December is the time for transition for the King City Lawn Bowling Club.

November brought the election of new officers: President/Treasurer- Loy Larson; Vice President- David Mack, Secretary- Mary Clyburn. Now is the time to transfer the work load to these people and bring them up-to-date on their new duties and procedures so that they can be ready to get the new year off to a good start.

We want to take this opportunity to wish all you bowlers out there a very Happy Holiday Season and to thank Bowls USA and NW Division for all their help and support during the past year.



Dee McSparran & Regina Banares

Regina Banares & Dee McSparran won the Cy Stephan Women's pairs held at Oakmont & Sun City Grand.



Charlie Herbert & Brian Stewart

Charlie Herbert and Brian Stewart were victorious in the Bill Weaver Men's Pairs held at Bell & Lakeview.

PIMD



2014 San Francisco Lawn Bowlers of the Year

Oscar Collaco and Rita Arriaga

The awards are given based on the placement in SFLBC and Handicap tournaments in Singles , Pairs & Triples.



HAVE A COOL YULE

Southwest



Southwest

Southwest Women's Christmas Lunch

Submitted by Micky Alexander

Wow! What a great day we had at Laguna Woods! We deviate from our traditional white clothing to Holiday Casual on this occasion which adds to the festivities. There was quite a group of us - 107 ladies in attendance, some for lunch only and some for bowling also.

There were delicious goodies laid out for us and the greens were all set up. With that many people we used almost the whole of both greens. Some ladies had never bowled on this type of surface before, so it was a learning experience for them.

We had two definite winners and they were announced at the luncheon and presented with their prize dollars! I have attached their pictures. **First Place:** Jan Hargraves, Jeannie LeRoy and Eula Casselman. **Second Place:** Olga McCord, Oi Ling Kwan and Freddie Hinson. Freddie is 91 years old and can still hold her own in this game - way to go Freddie!!

We all brought wrapped gifts that we donated to be raffled off, which benefits the SWWD Division. Several ladies took on the task of selling tickets and Cheri Cabot announced the winners. If you had a winning ticket you could go up to the gift table and select anyone of them that appealed to you.

All this took place while we helped ourselves to the wonderful buffet that was set up for us. Ellie Orewyler, again took on the task of getting all the tables set up, complete with a Poinsettia on each, which someone at each table won and was able to take home. She was also responsible for setting up the morning refreshments and letting those that set up the greens for us, know what we needed. Thank you so much from all of us! That's it for this year. Next year's schedule starts again in March at Santa Anita. I will have the complete schedule available at the AGM for the Delegates to post at their clubs. It's been a great year for me. I have met so many great gals and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year. Thank you so much for your help and your patience as I learned the ins & outs of organizing Ladies Days. I had so much fun, I'm doing it again for 2015!

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

Micky Alexander
Ladies Day Coordinator

Southwest Women's Christmas Lunch



Freddie Hinson



First Place Winners: (L-R) Jan Hargraves, Jeannie LeRoy & Eula Casselman.



Second Place Winners: (L-R) Olga McCord, Freddie Hinson, & Oi Ling Kwan



Southwest



Southwest

Laguna Beach LBC Novice Tournament

Submitted by Heather Stewart

Thanks to all who joined in to play in our 2014 LBLBC Novice Tournament. We had 24 entries, and it was a great introduction for many to tournament bowling.

Thanks to Fred Robles and all of our volunteer markers who helped with the games.

Christian de Taillac placed first, along with Mike Ruggles in second place, followed by Ed Chatlin in third place.

Congratulations to all of them!



Winners L-R: Ed Chatlin, Christian de Taillac, Mike Ruggles.



Submitted by Sean McMorris

The Alhambra Lawn Bowling Club is comparatively small for southern California and holds relatively few functions throughout the year. But boy, do they know how to throw a Christmas party! Each year the club rents a private room at a fancy buffet where club members sing, dance, play games, win gifts, and fill themselves with a cornucopia of delicacies.

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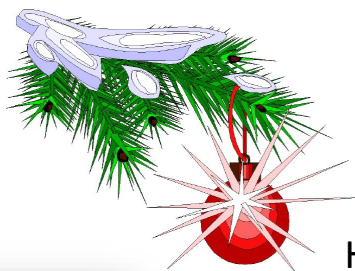
Alhambra Christmas Party cont.

The party kicked off with the announcement that the club's longtime benefactor, Mrs. Jong, would be donating an additional \$2,000 to help cover club expenses and improvements for 2015. Christmas carols were then distributed and members sang for a good 15 minutes, including a particularly competitive and raucous version of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. By then our appetites had peaked and guests wasted no time in heading for the various buffet lines. The only problems were in deciding where to go first and in maintaining enough discipline to pace oneself in order to try all the good stuff. There was a buffet just for sushi and California rolls; one for salad, one for seafood (crab legs, snails, oysters, various shrimp dishes, fried and grilled fish, clams, etc); one for prime rib, chicken, and potato dishes; one for soups; one desserts—and to top it all off—a chef to cook raw meats and vegetables for you Benihana style. Yes, it was a fine setting indeed!

Once the club had stuffed itself, it was time to play games! Each table designated a representative to compete for them in trivia on a dance floor-sized game board. The winner got first dibs at the gift table, while the losers received a designation prize to take back to their tables. When the game was over it was time for the gift drawing in which lawn bowling bags, jackets, shirts, tape measures, and other lawn bowling paraphernalia and goodies were given away. Not everyone won a prize, but in the end, everyone went home a winner as vintage club patches and pins were handed out to everyone. I already can't wait until next year's party. Come one, come all—Alhambra welcomes you!



Southwest



Southwest

Alhambra Christmas Party Cont.



Raymond & Brenda Yeung with Mrs. Jong



Sing Along



Trivial Pursuit



Hooray for Winter League!

Submitted by Sean McMorris

Tournament season is over for the year, and what a year it was! The U.S. had a strong showing at the U.S. Open, the Nationals crowned new champions in Florida, and Divisions witnessed the emergence of some great new talent. But sadly, many of us are now begrudgingly left to count down the days until the first tournaments in February and March. However, for competitive bowlers in the Southwest Division, Winter League is in full swing; allowing diehards a venue to assuage their addiction to the game and competition while granting others the opportunity to further develop their skills for the upcoming tournament season.

In brief, Winter League is a two-month period of competitive inter-club lawn bowling. All clubs in the Southwest Division are encouraged to create one or more four-person teams to compete against other clubs across the division. The division is then divided into two regions of play; North (clubs north of Orange County) and South (clubs south of L.A. County). In addition, Winter League is divided into two tiers of competition : Gold (experienced tournament bowlers) and Silver (new or developing bowlers).

Beginning in December, club teams commence competition with other teams within their region and tier, playing nearly every Saturday for about six weeks. Each match consists of two pairs' games in the morning and a singles and triples game in the afternoon. Each match is worth a total of 40 points consisting of four 15-end games worth 10 points apiece; 2 points each for the winner of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd set of five ends in a game, and an additional 4 points to the team with the most plus points (not including set points).

At the end of six weeks, the top four teams with the most points in each region enter into a two-week single elimination playoff. The winners of each region then play one final match against each other to determine the Winter League Champion. The winning club has its name engraved on a trophy and retains the prize at its clubhouse until a new champion is crowned. It is all great fun, and it infuses friendly club rivalry while keeping things lively during the off-season winter months. To read more about Winter League, stay abreast of weekly results and see past winners, visit [Winter League](#).





Misc.



Tiger Bowls - 2015

*Submitted by Mert Isaacman
Chairman, Bowls USA Selection*

It is with pleasure that I inform you that at a meeting of US Bowls Assoc. selectors, the following four players were selected to represent the USA at the 2015 Tiger Bowls.

The players have all confirmed their acceptance and participation in the tournament .

The team will be skipped by Aaron Zangle, Third Brian Stewart, Second George Ralston and Lead Clay Nolde.



Coming in January!

E.B. Parkell has been an umpire for the last 10 years and is currently Head Umpire for her Division, PIMD.

Bowls USA and members are extremely fortunate that she has agreed to contribute a column for our newsletter on all things related to the rules and etiquette of the sport of bowls! Welcome, E.B.!



Websites You Should Know

[World Bowls](#) - Official site of World Bowls

[Inside Bowls](#) - The official world magazine

[Bowls USA](#) - Official site of Bowls USA



*A big thank you to Rob Pawlak
for designing our new masthead!*



Dear Friends

*Whether you light candles on a
menorah or put lights on a tree,
let the spirit of the season warm
your heart.*

*Wishing you joy for the holiday
and peace in the New Year,*

*Cheri Cabot
Editor*