



Monthly Newsletter

January, 2015

Bowls USA to Offer Certified Club Coaching Classes

One goal in Bowls USA's 5-Year Strategic Plan is to have well qualified coaches across the country to assist in raising the enjoyment and standard of our sport. To accomplish this goal, a coaching certification process has begun and is slowly taking form.

Bowls USA contracted with David Cameron, Australian Advanced Coach, from Australia, whom you might have met when he was here in September, 2014, and he is helping us get our new program underway!

David will return to the United States the end of March and stay through April, primarily to conduct additional Certified Club Coach classes, some of which are already scheduled in both PIMD and NWD. Then he will be at the men's selection and training camp. Additionally, during his stay here, David has offered to conduct coaching sessions for interested club bowlers.

The requirements by Bowls USA for Divisions, Clubs and Members to participate in a coaching class are as follows:

- Bowlers to be current dues paying Bowls USA member
- Bowlers to have 2 years minimum lawn bowling experience
- Club hosting the course to be 100% Bowls USA club
- Club to be affiliated with the Division

As with any program, there are multiple aspects that will need to be addressed, but steadily, our goal will be accomplished. Any suggestions or ideas are greatly appreciated.

Heather Stewart

President, Bowls USA



David Cameron, Bowls Australia Accredited Advance Coach.

David Cameron from Australia, and one of a very few accredited Advanced Coaches in Australia, will be coming to the United States in March and April, 2015 to conduct Certified Club Coaching classes as well as attend the men's selection and training camp.

David brings an impressive résumé with him.

Playing History: Commenced playing 1992, won numerous club pairs, triples and fours titles in Tasmania and New South Wales. Won District and State Pennant Flags in Tasmania, won 2 District Pennant Flags in New South Wales.

Represented Japan at Asia Pacific Games 2003, 2005, 2007, Asian games 2004 and 2006. Champion of Champions 2006 and World Cup 2007. Japan National Singles Champion 2005, Japan National Mixed Pairs, 2003, 2004, 2005. Played in Tiger Bowls and the China Open on a regular basis since my original invitation in 2004. Played in U.S. Open 2008, 2012, and 2014.

Bowls Coach: accredited Club Coach 2005, Advanced Coach 2014, Bowls Central Coast (Zone 15) Representative Coach 2012, Current Avoca Beach Bowling Club—Club Coach 2008 - current. I also coached representatives of Bowls Japan National team.

Coach Philosophy: *I want the players I coach to feel comfortable so that when they step onto the mat they have the skills to play every shot with confidence, the decision making skills to identify all shot options and the ability to determine the most appropriate one to play.*



Graduates of David Cameron's first Certified Club Coaching Class held last fall at Laguna Woods, CA.



Umpire's Corner

We are pleased to announce that E.B. Parkell, Head Umpire for Pacific Inter-Mountain Division will be a regular contributor regarding all aspects of umpiring, rules, regulations and etiquette of bowls.

In the Beginning....

By E.B Parkell

Let's talk about "trial ends." We're out on the green, chomping at the bit, bowls out of the bag, towel, chalk and measure handy, "Let's play!!!"

No, not yet. We're going to do trial ends. After it is decided who is going first, the mat is set, the jack rolled and centered.

Trial Ends are done so that you can get the feel of the green. Fast or slow. Wide or narrow. How much weight to use and how much green to take.

I received a phone call a few weeks ago asking about the number of bowls one can use in a trial end. The caller said his opponent not only used four bowls in the trial ends, but that two bowls were from one set and the other two from another.

I assured him that according to **Law 18.1.4** "Each player should not use more than the number of bowls being used during the game." Furthermore, **Law 18.1.5** states, "Each player can use any combination of bowls taken from different sets of bowls."

Law 18.1.8: "When each bowl comes to rest, any player or the marker can remove it and place it towards the front ditch." On a few occasions, I've seen bowls left where they stopped. This can hinder the opponent's next trial shot, if they have to play around the first bowl.

The skip, or the marker in a singles game, should give an indication of how short or long the trial bowl was. Unfortunately, I often see players step off the mat and not wait for that information.

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Umpire's Corner

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As long as your bowl is in its original course, you have the mat. It's good practice to stay on the mat until your bowl comes to a stop. During trial ends, you can get feedback about your bowl's distance from the jack. During the regular game, by staying on the mat you can see whether or not your bowl went where you were aiming.

Law 18.1.9 "If a bowl moves the jack, the jack should be put back to its former position." Since this is only a trial end and not the game itself, it's no big problem if the jack isn't EXACTLY where it was.

If a player at the head sees that a bowl is going to hit the jack, they should pick up the jack far enough to let the bowl pass, then replace the jack. This is a better practice than stopping a bowl that might hit and move the jack.

By having their bowl stopped, the player on the mat doesn't know how much farther his or her bowl would have gone. Therefore, the player doesn't know how much weight "to take off" their next shot.

In the rare event that a game cannot be finished on the day it started, the players are allowed to have Trial Ends once the game is continued.

.....and in the end, Trial Ends should help up to make better shots, "in the ends."

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Melanie Vizenor, from San Diego, Calif., and a member of Lake Hodges LBC, has accepted the position of Bowls USA National Umpire in Chief.

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Don't Forget

To Support Team USA 2015

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2015 bar will be provided.*

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You & Bowls USA

By Richard Broad

If you're bowling on a green in the United States and are a member of BOWLS USA, you are part of, and connected to a Global Community under the auspices of WORLD BOWLS. (WB). With over fifty member countries, WB carries on a tradition started almost 200 years ago when the modern era of the game we play today began.

The rules under which we play are provided by WB. Those rules have been constantly refined, added to, subtracted from, edited and revised in order that we bowlers may enjoy our game to its fullest while avoiding many lengthy disputes over a particular situation.

Every five years or so a new edition of THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF LAWN BOWLS is published. As a subscribing Member Nation of WB, Bowls USA uses part of the dues received from it members to pay our membership in this global community and for the rights that allow us to publish our own Rule Book. We are also able to incorporate our own Domestic Regulations, subject to WB approval.

Bowls USA is proud to be part of this international body and the fellowship of the individuals who do all the hard work preparing the rules we play by. During the period between publications YOU WHO ARE MEMBERS OF BOWLS USA can also play your part. Suggestions for changes to existing rules or the creation of new ones, can be submitted to the rules chairman of Bowls USA and from there onto WB. Careful and complete consideration is given to all ideas presented to WB and their findings openly published.

In the following months there will be more articles explaining the organization of Bowls USA and how it works for you. Striving all the time to keep the respect of those members who continue to support us and encourage new or past members to join or rejoin our ranks.

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Bowls USA's Newsletter will now be available to non-Bowls USA members by an "opt-in" subscription. The link is on the Bowls USA Website and you can find it here:

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If interested in participating, please contact Bowls USA for further information.

Around the Country

Northeast



Two days after Christmas and the warm weather brings out the Williamsburg bowlers. Submitted by Sven D. Berg



New York City Bowling Greens in winter.

Submitted by Mert Isaacman



Submitted by Pam Edwards

Dick Sayer in the Nov 21, 1991 sports section of the Daily News-Sun, Sun City AZ.

"It was my first U.S. Championships in AZ. I was 25ish. Got to the finals. Was leading 15-4 against Sacco-Degado & lost. Choke!!! Big lesson," Dick said.

Sayer was representing the Northeast Division.

Northeast

In Memorial....

By Dick Sayer

We lost another friend this week. Larry Messier of the Providence, Smithfield Ave. and Slater Park LBC's died Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at the age of 97.

Larry was somewhat famous for being on a team that lost its first three games and facing the only undefeated team in a tournament and beating them. He was an avid user of the famed Pawtucket Wick shot and he won many, many tournaments in New England and the Eastern Division.

He was really brought into tournament play by my grandfather, Ray Sayer, and they won many tournaments together. One year he and my grandfather won four trophies with two other guys and they had their picture taken. My grandfather carried that picture in his wallet probably until he died.

I had the pleasure of bowling many times with Larry and we always did well, often finishing with a winning record and several times we got a prize.

Larry was a very kind man and really loved the game of bowls. Rest in Peace my friend.



This photo shows Larry Messier in the back row, third from the left taken at Buck Hill Falls somewhere around 1986-87. Sadly, very few of the folks in this photo are still with us. All members of Slater Park LBC at the time.

From left: Fred Davies, Jack & Ellie Lynch, Larry Messier, Bonnie & Fred Howarth, Ray Sayer, George and Dick Sayer. The only two I know are still with us are George & Dick Sayer. Elle Lynch was in AZ the last I knew, but we lost contact years ago. I don't know about Bonnie Howarth. The rest I know have passed.

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Southeast Division Season Opener

Submitted by Trevor Colby



Above are the teams that finished in the top three positions in the SED Season Opener Tournament at Clearwater LBC in Clearwater, Florida, on November 29, 2014.

L - R: 2nd Place, Alex Graham (Lead) & Sheila Lumley (Skip)

1st Place, Burl Roller (Skip) & Barbara Roller (Lead)

3rd Place, June Paciga (Lead) & John Williams (Skip)

What is remarkable about this tournament is that both Burl and Barbara Roller used Bowling Arms (produced by Drakes Pride.)



Bowling in Florida in January

Submitted by Linda Hawken

Southeast

Holiday Bowl 2014

Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club Mixed Triples

Submitted by Beth Forbes

This annual tournament, the Southeast Division's jewel tournament, was held December 5 – 7. Twenty-eight (28) mixed triples teams competed for the prestigious Lakeside Inn trophy. Bowlers came from Clearwater, Essex (NJ), Lakeland, Maple Leaf, Pinehurst (NC), Sarasota, Sun City Center, Sun-N-Fun and On Top Of The World, and included seven (7) teams from the host club. The celebrated tournament was started in 1995.

After opening ceremonies, followed by a piper leading the bowlers to the rinks and a spider played, the first of five (5) games was played on Friday afternoon followed by a sumptuous cocktail reception in the beautifully decorated clubhouse. Bowlers then trekked into downtown Mount Dora to view numerous holiday lights as part of the city's Christmas Walk. The city was ablaze, entertainment venues were engaged and the stores were opened and offered refreshments.

Two (2) games were played on Saturday and Sunday with bowlers fed a hearty breakfast and resplendent lunch both days, all served and planned by many volunteers.

And the 2014 winners were: Rick Marinaccio, Denny Marinaccio and Tom Bussell from the host club. The Marinaccios and Tom are only the fourth team to win from Mount Dora. In 2000, Bill Bish, Leon Lambert, Lorraine Demman and Bonnie Bish (played a fours tournament that year) triumphed. Herb Wintsch, Bill Forbes and Beth Forbes claimed the victory in 2003. The 2007 conquest went to Bud Ricucci, Evelyn Sartain and Earl Shaner.

Other 2014 money winners:

2nd - Bruce Miller, Sheila Lumley, Alex Graham - Clearwater

3rd - Angela & Sy Carkhuff, Tom Eppich - Mount Dora

4th - Patrick Duffy, Barb & Burl Roller - Essex (NJ)

5th - Bud Ricucci, Jon Peele & Terrie Boyd - Mount Dora

6th - Christine & John Garbett, Ursula Cooney - Lakeland

7th - Hans Momkes, Tom Jagel & Tracy Wulbrecht - Mount Dora

8th - Ron Jones, Marj Kells, Jacqueline Bedard - Top-of-the World

9th - Rick Walker, Lee Kline & Ruth Howard - Mount Dora

10th - Trevor Colby, June Paciga, Ron Ridley, Clearwater
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Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to all the dynamic Mount Dora volunteers who make this tournament so popular.

Also, a big thank you to the sponsors: Lakeside Inn, McDonald's, Quality Design &Print, Publix Super Markets, Mount Dora Community Trust and the Lake County Office of Economic Development & Tourism.



1st Place Winners of the Mount Dora Holiday Bowl

L to R: Tom Bussell, Denny Marinaccio & Rick Marinaccio

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Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club

Submitted by Linda Hawken

Here on the west coast of Florida, our lawn bowling season is in full swing with intra-club and inter-club tournaments taking place almost weekly.

The West Coast League (formerly known as the Grass League) which now takes in teams from Lakeland, Sun City Center and Sarasota began its four-week run on January 7th at the Sarasota LBC. Each club enters four teams of ladies and four teams of men who then take turns playing each other, alternating between Sarasota and Sun City Center. Sixteen games are held on each day of play, one game before lunch and one game after, and at the end of four weeks the club that has won the most games overall is entitled to display the Grass League pennant until the following year when it all begins again.

At the time of this writing, only one match has taken

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place so watch this space for the final results in February! Sun City Center LBC won the pennant in January 2014 for the first time in many years and are hoping to do it again in 2015.

With two separate clubs within the SCCLBC - Suncoasters (ladies) and Pebble Beach (men) - January started off with a busy time. The Suncoasters held their Pairs tournament iin the same week as Pebble Beach held their Triples. Eight teams of ladies and nine teams of men took part and at the end of the week the teams of Barbara Mignogna and Cassie Krowl for the Suncoasters and Ron O'Sullivan, Larry Mabee and Bob Mandrela for Pebble Beach took the honors for 2015. (see photos below)

Later this month, the main club will be holding its Mixed Pairs tournament for which there are many teams already signed up.

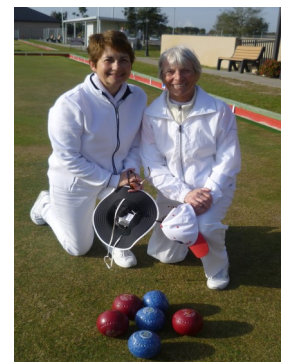
In addition there are invitational tournaments being held both at SCCLBC- the MacWilliams MP on the 10th - and at the Sarasota and Clearwater clubs.

All these events help promote our favorite sport and are played in true sportsmanship fashion with loads of competitiveness, fun, good food and camaraderie. And just because we're in Florida, don't assume that we're out there in our bikinis playing. We may not be up to our knees in the white stuff, but by Florida standards, January is becoming one of the coldest (relatively speaking) months of the winter. It's not unusual to see Eskimo-like figures, complete with scarves, ear muffs, hand warmers and gloves, covering the greens during one of these tournaments, with a very few stalwart individuals still in short sleeves and shorts - burr!

Happy New Year to everyone and thank you Cheri for the amazing job you do, producing this newsletter for our edification and information and for giving the clubs a place to 'strut their stuff' each month.



Ron, Larry, Bob



Barb and Cassie

Southeast

Delray Beach Lawn Bowling Club

Delray Beach, Florida

Submitted by Barry Brown

I won't say too much about the weather here especially after seeing some of the up-north Xmas season photos and then reading about the January temperatures throughout the North. But, it is gorgeous here and the Delray Beach Club is now in full swing. We are bowling Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Games start a 9:30 a.m. We also started an every Saturday league for ten weeks that runs through mid-March. We have a couple of mid-week tournaments scheduled in January and February, and will conduct a BBQ and pizza party in the next few weeks. All this capped off with our annual Club Dinner on February 23 with terrific food and music for dancing.

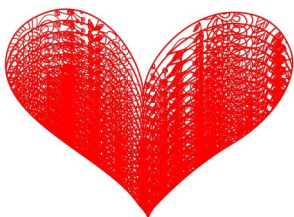
The point to all this is to let all of you know that this is a great place to visit in the winter and a great place to bowl. We get many guests from places as far away as the British Isles, Australia and South Africa but surprisingly, not that many from the U.S.

We are located midway between Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach and if you fancy a vacation here, you are welcome to join us on the rinks. We are a Har-Tru, Rubico surface so you need not bring your bowls unless you don't mind the scratches. Our club bowls are old but you can make do with them. If you make the trip, call me at 561.735.7191 to let me know or contact Veterans Park, where the rinks are, at 561.243.7340.

Good Bowling,

Barry Brown

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*Remember Your
Valentine on
February 14th*

Southeast

Southeast Division - 2015 Officers

Submitted by Beth Forbes

Officers elected at the November 30, 2014 Annual Meeting at the Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club (FL) were: Beth Forbes, President; Trevor Colby, Vice President Christine Garbett, Secretary; and Jan Kline, Treasurer. Their terms became effective January 1, 2015.

Beth Forbes, a member of the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club since 1989, has served on a myriad of committees and board positions (Director for Games, Secretary, Director for Membership, Vice President, President) with her favorite board position being the very first Director for Membership established in 2003. Division-wise, she was a Vice President and her club's delegate to the former Southeast AWLBA, co-authored the original Constitution & Bylaws for the merged Southeast Division, and later served as Secretary, a board member and Vice President. Beth also was the Southeast Division's staff correspondent to the *Bowls USA* magazine. She has played in over 200 games with the North Central Florida League (NCFL) and was a delegate followed by four years as President. The NCFL is the oldest continuously operating lawn bowling league in the United States. Beth's affiliations with USLBA/Bowls USA included being the Southeast Division representative to Frank Ransome's Membership & Instruction Committee and later was a member of Neil Furman's National Marketing Development group. Beth has been privileged to bowl at numerous clubs in Scotland (vacationed in Scotland 15 times for a month each summer) plus bowling in New Zealand and Canada and clubs throughout the USA. Bowling in two National Champions as the woman's single championship from the Southeast Division was a thrill and honor.

Trevor Colby started bowling at Westland, Michigan in 1995. Upon retiring in 2000, he moved to Sun City, Arizona and bowled on great fast greens. Finding the climate unbearable, Trevor moved to Sun City Center, FL the following year. Then in 2002, Trevor moved to Clearwater, FL because of its fast greens.

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Southeast Division - 2015 Officers cont.

From 2004 to 2006 he was President of the Clearwater Lawn Bowling Club and also was the Clearwater correspondent to *Bowls USA* magazine. Trevor joined the Southeast Division board as Vice President in 2007 and also became the Southeast Division staff correspondent to *Bowls USA* magazine replacing Beth. Then he accepted the position of editor of *Bowls USA* magazine from the summer of 2007 until the last edition produced in the autumn of 2009. In 2008, Trevor was diagnosed with cancer, which reduced greatly his bowling activities though he assisted with administrative duties. But by 2013 he served as Clearwater's secretary and took on the presidency in 2014 as well as the Southeast Division Men's Tournament Director. Trevor is also bowling again.

Having emigrated to the USA from Scotland in 1986, Christine Garbett has a rich history of bowling for thirty years with many achievements in Scotland where she was club President for her indoor and outdoor clubs, District Secretary with 32 clubs in her remit and was honored to become the President of the West of Scotland Women's Bowling Association (the second largest association for women in Scotland). She was a qualified coach in Scotland. Since arriving on the shores of the USA, Christine continues with great enthusiasm (became an American citizen in 2013) in many lawn bowling activities, including President of the Lakeland Lawn Bowling Club and Secretary of the Southeast Division (and continues in that capacity today) plus works on the committee for the Women's Southeast Division Open. Christine is the recipient of many Southeast Division awards as well as capturing a fair share of Lakeland titles. She played in two national championships representing the Southeast Division once as a competitor in the women's pairs and then in women's singles. Recently, Christine successfully started The Villages Lawn Bowls Club where she now lives. The Villages (FL) is the fastest growing community in the nation. Growth of the new club is anticipated and already there are members from The Villages who are participating in Southeast Division tournaments.

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Southeast Division - 2015 Officers cont.

Jan Kline, a ten-pin bowler for 50 years, is hooked on lawn bowling, which she finds addictive. She joined the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club in 2006 and has served on many committees including the management of club tournaments. Jan participates in Southeast Division tournaments. She has traveled to Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands on lawn bowling tours. Three years ago, Jan was asked to be the Treasurer of the Southeast Division and continues in that capacity quite proficiently. She loves meeting new bowlers.



Central



Milwaukee Lake Park LBC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Photo taken January 7, 2015 at 1 p.m. by Carl Landgren. "No one is available for the afternoon game."

Submitted by Glorianne Mather



Northwest

King City Lawn Bowling Club

King City, Oregon

Submitted by Candee Wilson

King City Lawn Bowls had its Annual General Meeting and election of officers in November, and after a very hearty luncheon, the votes were counted with the following results:

President: Loy Larsen

Vice President: David Mack

Secretary: Mary Clyburn

Treasurer: Steve Ailshie

Members-at-Large: Stan Halpin Ed Otte Steve

Shobe Tamera Berg

Past President: Candee Wilson

With club membership bouncing back up and some very fine leadership from President Candee Wilson, the 2014 summer season was indeed eventful and enjoyable. The green was at its best in several years with great work by the King City grounds crew and by Vice President Steve Shobe.

The long, warm summer began with a successful Northwest Short Jack tournament and was followed by some very pleasurable pot luck luncheons and a mixture of games of pairs and triples with some unusual and exciting finishes. To top this, the club also had visitations of players and observers from the Portland Lawn Bowling Club, the local and newly-formed Welches Lawn Bowls Club, and from clubs as far away as Long Beach, California, Florida and New Zealand. There are three club members spending their winters with the Paradise Club in Sun City, Arizona.

Here, in King City, there will be some resourceful attempts to use the better and dryer, if not colder, days of winter, ignoring the stiffnesses and arthritic feelings, to provide members with training and practice in the skills of the game.

In 2015 plans are being made to organize teams of players to visit other bowling communities in the regions of the northwest and to keep encouraging people and youngsters in the local neighborhoods to come by and try their hand at this marvelous game for all ages.

Northwest

King City Lawn Bowling Club

King City, Oregon



New Officers for King City LBC

Front: Loy Larsen, President

Back L-R: Mary Clyburn, Secretary

David Mack, Vice President



Portland Lawn Bowling Club

Portland, Oregon

Club Bowls Storage Ideas

Portland LBC is looking for ideas to store/hold club bowls other than bowl bags.

Whether purchased or DIY, we would love some suggestions. Please include a photo if possible and send to Pam at edwardsp@pacificu.edu.

(Here's a thought- we could share any ideas you have regarding bowls storage in the newsletter. I'm guessing other clubs have the same problem)



Southwest

Oxnard-Joslyn Lawn Bowling Club

Oxnard, California

Submitted by Sunny Glessner

On Monday, January 19, 2015, the Oxnard-Joslyn Lawn Bowls Club honored its oldest member, Edith Dowsing of Camarillo, CA. Edith celebrated her 99th birthday with fellow club members and her two daughters. Born in Stafford, England, she began bowling in Canada 66 years ago.



Her father-in-law was an avid bowler and she needed to entertain him while on a visit from England. She was invited to bowl as well which was a delightful surprise as ladies in England did not play. She and her husband had some really great games and his father even took a trophy back to England.

Edith and her husband moved to Torrance, CA, where they lived for many years but there was no lawn bowling club. In 1974 they moved to Leisure Village in Camarillo, CA. One day at lunch she learned that a bowling green was about to open in Oxnard but no one knew anything about the game of lawn bowling. Edith was thrilled. She attended the opening of the green and the rest is history. She recalls that the club started with no water or toilets but that did not stop wonderful new members from attending and later forming what is today's Oxnard-Joslyn Lawn Bowling Club.

Edith, you are an inspiration to all of us. Let's bowl.

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Friendly Valley

The aptly named Friendly Valley LBC in Newhall, California is pleased to be hosting a Mix/Match doubles tournament on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Flyer with more details will be forthcoming.

Submitted by Jack Quinn

PIMD

Palo Alto Lawn Bowling Club

Palo Alto, California

Submitted by David Hale



Club President, David Hale, was pleased to name Ginger Harris, on the left, and Bonny Turner as Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club "Good Guys."

Good Gals Honored with Good Guy Award

Every year at the Annual Meeting of the Palo Alto LBC, the President of the club has the opportunity to recognize an exceptional member who has made great contributions to our club and exhibits a genuine enjoyment of our sport and the members of our club. This honor is totally at the discretion of the President. This year, there were two honorees, Ginger Harris and Bonny Turner.

Ginger is tireless in her support of our club, our division, and our national organization, Bowls USA. She is an ambassador for the sport through her commitment to the game, and especially to women's participation in the game. Ginger organizes a monthly social game for all women, whether or not they are members of the club, and has the ability to encourage our women members to play in our club tournaments. Whether she's in a national tournament or a club draw game, Ginger supports good bowling from both competitors and teammates.

Bonny has provided strong leadership for the club both publicly, as President and as the Hospitality Chairwoman, and behind the scenes. As an organizer, her guidance has been a resource for me during my terms as both Vice President and President. She has provided support for other committee chairpersons and officers as well, and is key in recruiting Board members and incoming Officers. Bonny is also a great bowler and is a pleasure to bowl with or against.

Thank you, Ginger and Bonny, for all you do for our club.

—David Hale

From the President

As 2015 begins, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone many good wishes for a wonderful year, with many great games to be bowled, friendships to be renewed and made and to thoroughly enjoy this sport that we play.

Walt Disney once said “you can dream, create, design and build the most wonderful idea in the world, but it requires people to make the dream reality.” This could certainly apply to Bowls USA. The commitment and support of members across all our 7 divisions in multiple projects such as organizing, hosting and running tournaments, membership recruitment, coaching and team selection, could not or would not be accomplished without them. We appreciate these volunteers and the time they give to the clubs.

Bowls USA continues to work on our 5 year strategic plan. It is heartening to look at the priorities listed in the plan and know that we are slowly but steadily moving forward and accomplishing those goals.

Our most exciting news is that a standardized coaching program is being rolled out and will be promoted to all divisions. Well qualified coaches at a club assist in raising the enjoyment and standard of our sport. Keep an eye out for notices of upcoming classes.

Congratulations to Team USA bowlers selected to represent USA at the following 2015 international events: Tiger Bowls in Hong Kong China: - Aaron Zangl, Brian Stewart, George Ralston Jr, and Clay Nolde; Jan Hargraves, Linda Roberts, Candy De Fazio and Margi Rambo. World Junior Championships in Australia - Max Cavendar. World Indoor Singles in Australia – Alexis Vandenbos. We wish all these Team USA bowlers successful tournaments.

At the start of this year, I would be remiss not to recognize and thank Bowls USA Executive committee of Richard Broad, Dee McSparran, Janice Bell and Tony Greenberg, for their continued support and attention to this organization. And of course, thank you to the Executive committees and Councilors of each Division, and the Chairpersons of the many Bowls USA committees for their help and input during the past year.

Here's to great games, magic shots on the green and above all good friendship!

As always, I hope to hear from you and welcome your comments and feedback. Good bowling to all,

Heather Stewart President, Bowls USA

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Resources

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Have other resources bowlers need to know about?
Send them to editor@bowlusa.us

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You Might Be A Lawn Bowler If.....

Dick Sayer takes a riff from Jeff Foxworthy.

You might be a lawn bowler if one drawer in your dresser is dedicated to just white shorts.

You might be a lawn bowler if you know what a hog line is.

You might be a lawn bowler if you can get away with telling someone they're "a wee bit wide and a wee bit short."

You might be a lawn bowler if you're carrying a prescription bottle with chalk in it!

You might be a lawn bowler if you find yourself googling bowls stickers.

You might be a lawn bowler if you find yourself watching Tony Alcock talk about delivery styles on YouTube.

You might be a lawn bowler if you actually watch a match between Darren Burnett and Robert Weales you found on YouTube and you have no idea who they are.

I'm pretty sure some of you out there can think of other "You might be a lawn bowler if..." Join in the fun and send them over to editor@bowlsusa.us.

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And Finally...

I was perusing e-mails the other day and saw a subject line of "Winter Bowls of Warmth." Of course my first thought was of lawn bowling and then realized it was a recipe site. It was about warm bowls of soup. But, why not about warm bowls of soup to warm up bowlers on cold days? I'm guessing many of you have special dishes you make for your bowling gatherings, soup or otherwise. Dishes that your club "just has to have" at the potluck. So, send over those "winter bowls of warmth" recipes to editor@bowlsusa.us.

Best always,

Cheri Cabot, Editor