



## Newsletter

June, 2014

### Lake Hodges Bowls Club Gets Help From Eagle Scout Project



L-R Sharon Tooley, LHBC member who arranged the project, Georgie Deno, member, and Boy Scout, Brian Babbe.

### Lake Hodges Bowls Club, San Diego, CA, Southwest Division

*Contributed by Georgie Deno*

The boxes used to carry our club bowls to the greens were unwieldy and falling apart. We never knew when the handles might give out or the boxes would split, sending bowls rolling everywhere. We had no skilled woodworkers among our members. Enter the Boy Scout in need of a project to apply for his Eagle Scout ranking.

Brian Babbe, Troop 295 of San Diego, Cali., took on the project of making new boxes for us. In order for his project to meet Scout requirements, Brian had to meet with us to learn our requirements; design the boxes, earn money to pay for the materials, put together and supervise a team of workers to build the boxes and put on all the finishing touches. The result was 23, brand-new stackable boxes which made better use of our bowls and space.

Wondering why 23 boxes instead of 24? "Well," Brian explained, "one went by the wayside when I used my dad's tape to measure out the pieces and discovered the tape was 1/8" off."

Another Scout in the troop, Josh Hicok, is in the process of making new scoreboards for us.

# Around the Country

## Northeast



Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club, Williamsburg, Virginia

*Submitted by William Bryant*

The green for the Williamsburg Inn Bowling Club opened on April 1, 2014. After a long dreary winter, club members were eager to get back onto the green. Prior to the first club tournament on April 12, there was an unveiling of a new greens' sign installed by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The English game of bowls has a long association with Virginia and Williamsburg. There was bowling by Jamestown settlers as early as 1619. After the capital was moved to Williamsburg a public bowling green was operating there by 1721.

Many of Virginia's elite bowled on the Williamsburg green including George Washington and William Byrd II. Bowling fell out of favor in America following the Revolutionary War until reintroduced around the turn of the twentieth century. Bowling was resumed by Colonial Williamsburg in the 1960s and WILBC members continue the tradition today.

Bowlers visiting Colonial Williamsburg are invited to come to the green behind the Williamsburg Inn between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily. A club member will be at the green, April 1 to October 31, to assist you. Both novices and experienced bowlers are welcome to try bowling on the Colonial Williamsburg green.

**Location:** The green is located behind the Williamsburg Inn at 136 East Francis Street, Williamsburg, VA. Parking is available in the tennis court lot (turn on Bucktrout Lane) or in the far eastern part of the lot in front of the Williamsburg Inn.

## Northeast



Fernleigh Lawn Bowling Club, West Hartford, Connecticut

*Submitted by Jeanette Stolzenberg*

Fernleigh Lawn Bowling Club in West Hartford, CT, has been around since 1923. We've had our ups and downs in membership over the years, as have many clubs. Our website is flbc.info and we are also on Facebook.



We had our Opening Ceremony Day this year on Sunday, May 18, 2014. Our honored guest for the day Kevin Sullivan, CT Commissioner of the Dept. of Revenue Services, rolled out the first bowl. It was a nice start to the 2014 season.

On Friday, June 6, we had a Bowling & Pizza Night to welcome our 14 new members. (Yes, 14!) Long-time members could not remember the last time the club needed all eight rinks, with members waiting on the porch to jump into a game. We shared rink time so everyone could bowl a bit before the main event of pizza, chatting and sipping. Really a fun night, and we plan to do more as the season progresses. We are now up to 57 members!

# Southeast

Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club, Florida

Home of 2014 Bowls USA National Championships!

November 4-8, 2014



Submitted by Linda Hawken

The Playdowns to determine participants in the Bowls USA National Championships during the first week of November, are continuing across the country. Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club is progressing with preparations for this prestigious event. Check out the website dedicated to the [2014 US Nationals](#).

It is still a work in progress. In particular, the merchandise page has not yet been developed, but watch for it. There will be a chance to purchase shirts, pins, lunch bags and towels, all proudly displaying the 2014 logo. Items will be available directly from the club.

Many thanks to Jim Semanek for his work on, and help, with the website.

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New Club in Southeast Division!

Submitted by Christine Garbett

On Wednesday, May 28th, 2014, we were very happy to start the first day of the new "Villages Lawn Bowls Club." The Villages is Florida's premier adult retirement community, with at least 100,000 people living here in its location in Central Florida.

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# Southeast

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For some dedicated bowlers, a proper club has been allotted the time slot of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. We fully intend to make the most of the time given to us, with morning bowling, coaching sessions and evening bowling, with a twilight league eventually.

Another group bowling on Tuesday and Thursday, invited us to join them, but we declined. They appear to be bowling under English Federation Bowls rules, only bowling with two bowls. Some were astounded to see us bowl with four bowls, in pairs, and that women were skips!

Our new club will of course bowl under World Bowls/ Bowls USA laws and we hope at some future point to have some of the other bowlers come and join us.

We have asked the Recreation Dept. to obtain some equipment for us, such as rakes, measuring sticks, more jacks, etc., as the equipment at present consists of six jacks and twelve mats. There are also some assorted bowls, but for the most part all of us have our own bowls.

We are in the process of obtaining shirts with a logo so that we can publicize the new club. We hope to get bowls back into the Senior Games held here and once the "snowbirds" come back we should attract American, Canadian and British bowlers once again, when they discover there is now a proper club up and running.

[www.thevillages.com](http://www.thevillages.com)

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Dying Wish



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# Central

Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Association

*From the MLPLBA website*

## Butler Blind Pairs Kicks off 2014 Season

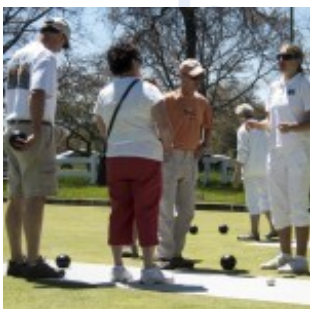


Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Association hosted the Butler Blind Pairs tournament on May 24, 2014, to kick off the 2014 season. Twenty bowlers participated on this beautiful Saturday in Lake Park. The championship game came down to the top-ranked skip and lead John Kirkwood and Dave Olsen, vs. the second-ranked skip and lead, Rob Behncke and Allice Sedgewick. The team of Kirkwood/Olsen won. This is Kirkwood's second consecutive Blind Pairs win.

Scott Wisniewski (skip) and Jack Britton (lead) secured third place and accompanying prize money.

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**Fantastic!**



Ten MLPLBA members introduced 40 guests to the sport of Bowls at the Open House on Sunday, May 25, 2014. This was the largest guest turnout in recent years. Our next Open House is scheduled for Friday, June 20, 2014 from 5-9 p.m.

# Central

Collaborations that Work!

*Submitted by Glorianne Mather*



Milwaukee Recreation Lawn Bowling Club

When you think of our Milwaukee Lawn Bowling Club, you think of all the collaborations we are involved in to help make our club what it is today. We are in a Milwaukee County Park and share the parking lot with a par three golf course as well as a 5-star restaurant, Lake Park Bistro.

We have taught a class for the Milwaukee Recreation Dept. for the past five years. Glorianne Mather is the instructor and volunteers her time. Each year the class is full and the students enjoy the activities that are offered in the class.

Milwaukee County lets us use some of the their heavy equipment that they use for their golf course for the upkeep of our greens. They deliver the equipment to us and they come and pick it up. Their experts are also available for questions about the grass. They also helped with the repair of our fence around the greens.

The Lake Park Bistro has refurbished the meeting room downstairs from the restaurant that is used by the Lake Park Friends, as well as the bowling club for meetings and small gatherings. The Bistro provides refreshments (for a fee). They have also installed cameras in the parking lot making it safer access to the greens.

Collaboration has been key for the success of our club and we could not ask for better partners!

# Central

## Pot Licker Open Pairs Results

*Submitted by Glorianne Mater*

The 15th Pot Licker Open Pairs tournament was held at the Milwaukee Lake Park LBA on June 7 & 8, 2014.

With eight teams competing, Bob Schneider and Rob Behncke were the winners with Steve Nelson & Carl Langren coming in second and the team of Max Cavender and John Kirkwood finishing third.

A "Pot Licker" is literally one who licks the bottom of the pot for leftovers to avoid starvation or poverty. In Milwaukee, a pot licker is a bowler hungry for a win.



The Pot Licker Trophy with co-founder Leif Andresen. The winners names are engraved on the trophy kept in the clubhouse.

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# South Central

## Huntsman World Series Games

Bowl in the Middle of Nowhere but the Center of Everywhere

*Submitted by Greg Fyvie*

Now in the 28th year, the Huntsman World Senior Games are going strong for seniors 50 years of age and older, in the town of St George, Utah.

With over 10,000 entrants from 20 Nations these games are larger than the Winter and Summer Olympic games combined. Along with an Olympic style opening ceremony there are 28 sports offered, including bowls. Singles, pairs and triples are played, with singles having a men's and women's divisions, and pairs and triples are mixed or matched.

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# South Central

## Senior Games continued.

This year's Bowling is scheduled from October 5-11, 2014.

For detailed information go to [Senior Games](#).

Only 90 minutes from Las Vegas, access is easy wherever you live in the U.S. Surrounded by National Parks, [St. George](#) is truly in the center of everywhere.

"My belief," said Greg Fyvie, "when invited my first year to umpire years ago, is that I would be pulling into Podunk Town and be bored stiff in hours. Far from it!

"I'm always amazed at how the banks are lined with countless onlookers every day," Fyvie continued.

In 1965 the town and Washington County had a population of 10,000. Since then it has grown 15-fold, making it the second fastest growing city in the U.S. for the last decade.

The bowling venue is hosted by Sun River with an invitation to the Opening Ceremony, potluck dinner provided by the folks of Sun River, with an Awards Banquet at the conclusion.

Huntsman offers free tours for non-bowling spouses along with other activities. Be sure to check out other interesting sightseeing adventures such as musical plays at [Tuachan](#) amphitheater where you should "expect the unforgettable."





# South Central

## Senior Games Cont.



# Northwest

## Friday Night



Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club, Seattle, WA

*From JPLBC website*

How's this for a perfect summer Friday night: you and your family and friends + sunshine + incredible views of the city, mountains and sunset + a fun new sport?

Welcome to Friday Night BBQ and Bowls at Jefferson Park Club!

While most events, leagues and tournaments are members only, Friday Night BBQ and Bowls is open to the

# Northwest

## Friday Night Bowls & BBQ cont.

public every Friday night from June 20 –August 29.

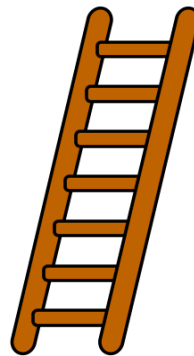
Members are on hand to teach you the game, the barbeque is hot (bring your own grillables!) and you can enjoy a Friday night in one of the most beautiful parks in the city while learning how to lawn bowl with your family and friends.

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# Pacific Inter Mountain

Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club, Berkeley, CA

*From the Berkeley website*



## Spring 2014 Ladder Matches

Casual bowling has been enlivened this spring by a ladder match organized by Jim Corr. Players can challenge those holding the three places above them on the ladder – great fun.

Jim Corr has done a marvelous job organizing the Ladder Matches with timely communication, clear instructions, and the occasional pedagogical riff. His guidance included the following:

Prompt email notification of when a challenge has been issued is essential. You need only email the coordinator and the other player (not the whole group)

Scoring the handicaps: You should start out as if the handicaps represented the first end. So, if a “5” player is against a “3” player, the first line on the scorecard should be marked 5 on the side of the “5” player (and 3 if you are the “3” player). Two “5” players would start out with 5-5, two “0” players with 0-0, and so on. You might want to put an asterisk or maybe an “H” for handicap beside that first “end” so that it’s clear that it represents the handicap and not a played end.

# Southwest

## 2014 Spring League is Here!

Newport Harbor LBC, Corona Del Mar, California

*Submitted by Ray Norris*

Newport Harbor's 2014 Spring League (formally Guest League) has returned for the third season. Once again, we have six teams competing in the Tuesday evening League dedicated to attracting working age folks to our sport. Teams usually consist of 8-10 registered members. Substitutes are commonly needed during the two months of League play. Teams pay an entry fee of \$300 to participate in the League.

Each Tuesday evening through the months of May and June, using the Coast League format, League teams divide up and play as two 3-person sub teams. Sub-teams play two short six-end triples' games in a round-robin, seven week schedule against competitor sub-teams. The winner of each six-end game earns two points for their home team score. In the event the six ends are tied, one point is awarded to each home team.

Team total points after the competition of the 7th week round-robin schedule determines the team seeding for the final evening of "BCS" (Bowl Champion Series) final four, single game elimination playdowns and the "NIT" (Not Invited There) consolation game for the 5th and 6th seeds. Winner of the BCS is the League Champion. They receive a wooden Sailboat Plaque, custom made by Jerry Grady.



Rolling Stones Team  
Pre-game warmups



Cheap Seat Rollers'  
Kim Sperr

# Southwest

## 44th Disney Tournament

Beverly Hills LBC, Beverly Hills, California

*Submitted by Bill Wolff & Victor Green*



Victor Green (L) and Harry Dickenson with the Disney Tournament Trophy.

Over the Memorial weekend the 3-day Disney tournament was held at Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club, in Beverly Hills, CA. It is an open tournament and attracted 48 bowlers from throughout the Southwest Division this year.

This year's winners were from BHLBC, Victor Green and Harry Dickenson. Victor still holds novice status.

The trophy incorporates the original lawn bowls used by Walt Disney, who was a member of BHLBC. The tournament started in 1970.

According to BHLBC president, Bill Wolff, "We achieved our goal of getting the green in great condition for the Disney Tournament. It played over 16 seconds making it the fastest grass green in the division. But even better," Wolff continued, "it played reasonably true."

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## Georgie Deno of Lake Hodges LBC on ESPN Radio!

Georgie Deno, president of Lake Hodges LBC in San Diego, CA, was a guest of the "Mr. Credit" radio program on 1799 AM ESPN radio recently! Here is the Utube link to Georgie's interview & video:

[Georgie Deno on ESPN Radio](#)



## Greens Care

*Submitted by Amador Martinez,  
Oxnard, CA, LBC, Greens Keeper*

### Aeration

Lawn bowling clubs I have visited recently have questions regarding aeration. Greens keepers want to know: when, cause, why and how to aerate.

**When:** The most obvious time to start an aeration routine is of course when localized dry patches (LDP) are first noticed. Patches of grass turning brown, water remaining on the surface and moss build-up.

**Cause:** In most cases the cause of LDP is thatch, compaction, excess irrigation and over use of sand.

**Why:** Excessive thatch and repeated use of sand over the years contribute markedly to LDP.

**How:** The most effective means to control LDP is to control thatch, compaction and proper management of irrigation.

At the Oxnard LBC I aerate as often as once a week even during dormant season and definitely at the first signs of LDP. I use 4-inch solid tines. I haven't top-dressed with sand for more than seven years. I manage deep irrigation to once a week.

Some clubs have the necessity to use hollow tines to remove clay soil from underneath shallow layers of root system and back fill with washed sand. In this situation, back filling with sand is recommended.

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The US Open will be hosted by Bowls USA's Southwest Division September 14-20, 2014 in Southern California. Registration is now open. Visit the [U.S. Open](#) for complete information.

## Golden Bias Club

### Support for Team USA

*Submitted by Dee McSparran & Kottia Spangler*

Golden Bias Club (GBC) was initiated by the Council at the 2002 Annual General Meeting as a segment extracted from a larger proposal called 'tiered membership'. GBC activity commenced in 2003 and was chaired by Doug MacArthur of South Central Division until 2005 AGM. Annette Schans of South Central Division served as Chairperson from 2005 through 2011. Under her direction a record-high membership of 136 was achieved in 2008.

The purpose of GBC is to provide financial support to players who are selected to Team USA for international events. The responsibilities and duties are covered in the Bowls USA Policy & Procedures Manual. The initial objective was to present 50% of GBC member contributions to Team USA players and to use 50% to build a GBC fund and cover minimal expenses. The Golden Bias Club Board later petitioned Council and received approval to provide up to 75% of annual receipts to Team USA players. GBC financial support became more important than ever when USLBA stopped providing subsidy to Team USA members in 2006/2007.



The Board of Trustees (Committee) is currently made up of Co-Chairs Dee McSparran (SWD) and Kottia Spangler (SWD), Heather Stewart (SWD), Bobbi Elwell (SED), Crandall Hays (CD) and Jon Yee (PIMD). Quarterly Financial Reports are submitted to Bowls USA Treasurer and an Annual Report is given to the Council at the national AGM. All financial reports are shared with GBC members at year-end renewal recruiting efforts for the following year.

Recognition of a member's contribution is initially recognized with a Golden Bias Club logo pin and a year bar which attaches to the pin. For each additional year of membership, a color-coordinated year bar is provided. GBC hosts a modest members-only social event during the National Championships and US Open events to provide members and Team USA players the opportunity to meet one another.

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# Golden Bias Club

This year, GBC hopes to provide meaningful support funds to 20 Team USA players as well as their coaches and managers for the North American Challenge (NAC) which will be held in Sun City, Arizona, in October. GBC funds will also be provided for the two US Singles Champions competing in World Bowls Champion of Champions Singles in New Zealand in November.

Membership was originally set and continues to be \$50 per year. Send checks to Dee McSparran, 27398 Embassy St, Sun City, CA 92586, or contribute via PayPal link published on the [Bowls USA website](#).



Good bowling to you all,

*Cheri Cabot*

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From the President...

Congratulations to our Team USA bowlers selected to represent the U.S. at the upcoming North American Challenge, a bi-annual tournament competing against Team Canada. The event will be held in Sun City, AZ, October 16-18, 2014.

## Folkins Team

**Michelle Arculli (NED)** - Singles & Lead in Triples

**Kim Heiser (SWD)** - Vice in 4's & Skip in Pairs

**Lorraine Hichcock (SCD)** - playing 4s & Triples

**Eva Lee (SWD)** - Skip in 4's and Triples

**Bill Brault (SWD)** - Singles & Lead in Pairs

**Richard Broad (NWD)** - Skip in Triples & 4's

**Jeff Covell (NWD)** - Vice in Triples , 3rd in 4's

**Ian Ho (SWD)**—Skip in Pairs & 2nd in 4's

**Scott Roberts (SWD)** - Lead in Triples & Pairs

## Jarvis Team

**Janice Bell (NW)** - Skip in Triples, Vice in 4's

**Candy DeFazio (SWD)** - 1st in 4's, Vice in Triples

**Dee McSparran (SWD)** - Singles & 1st in Triples

**Anne Nunnes (SWD)** - 2nd in 4's & Lead in Pairs

**Kottia Spangler (SWD)** - Skip in 4's & Pairs

**Phil Dunn (SWD)**- Skip in Triples & 3rd in 4's

**Neil Furman (SWD)** - Singles & Skip in Pairs

**John Johnson (NWD)** - Lead in Triples, 2nd in 4's

**Jim Olson (SWD)** - Lead in Pairs & 4's

**Bob Schneider ( C )** - vice in Triples , Skip in 4's

Alternates: Eileen Lancendorfer, Carol Poto, Debbie Tupper, & Anna Witt. Jan Hargraves is Manager of the Women's Team & Phil Dunn is Manager of the Men's Team.

As always, I hope to hear from you & welcome your comments & feedback.

Good bowling to you all,

Heather Stewart, President, Bowls USA

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From the Editor...

As most bowlers know, Walt Disney was an avid lawn bowler. This is evidenced by the Disney Tournament held every year at Beverly Hills LBC, Beverly Hills, Calif. (see page 7). It is also evidenced by the fact that a lawn bowling tournament is much the same as visiting Disneyland with 3 little girls.

## ***Note the similarities:***

Wear a hat

Slather on sun screen

Stand in the hot sun for long hours

Drink lots of water

Take a bathroom break

Listen to complaining and occasional bursts of excitement

Drink more water

Slather on more sun screen

Stand in the hot sun

Drink more water

Break for lunch

## **Repeat all of the above**

Did Walt Disney think about standing in long lines for a ride when he was standing in the hot sun lawn bowling? Perhaps he envisioned it.

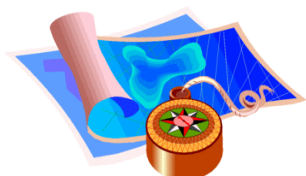
Trust me when I say, lawn bowling is easier.

# 2014 National Championships Players

The Competition Includes 16 Singles Players and 32 Pairs Players

Winners will be listed as their Division Play-Downs Conclude

| DIVISION                 | WOMEN'S SINGLES                           | WOMEN'S PAIRS  | MEN'S SINGLES                         | MENS' PAIRS  |
|--------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Central</b>           | (August 18)                               | (August 11)  | (August 18)                           | (August 11)  |
| <b>Northeast</b>         | (August 4)                                | (June 23)  | (August 4)                            | (June 23)  |
| <b>Northwest</b>         | (August 27)                               | (July 30)  | (August 27)                           | ( July30)  |
| <b>PIMD</b>              | ( July 20)                                | ( June 29)   | (July 20)                             | (June 29)  |
| <b>South Central</b>     | <b>Lorraine Hitchcock</b><br>Sun City, AZ | <b>Reggie Banares— Skip</b><br>Lakeview, AZ<br><b>Jackie Tucker—Lead</b><br>Sun City, AZ               | <b>Len Hitchcock</b><br>Sun City, AZ  | <b>Darrell Jones-Skip</b><br>Sun City, AX<br><b>Frank Souza— Lead</b><br>Sun City, AZ                |
| <b>Southeast</b>         | <b>Marita Nierth</b><br>Mount Dora, FL    | <b>Chris Heller - Skip</b><br>Sun City Center, FL<br><b>Cassie Krowl - Lead</b><br>Sun City Center, FL | <b>Bud Ricucci</b><br>Mount Dora, FL. | <b>Glen Baumann— Skip</b><br>Sun City Center, FL<br><b>Bob Ferguson— Lead</b><br>Sun City Center, FL |
| <b>Southwest Stars</b>   | (June 22)                                 | <b>Eileen Lancendorfer—Skip</b><br>Long Beach, CA<br><b>Carol Poto - Lead</b><br>Long Beach, CA        | (June 22)                             | (July 20 )   |
| <b>Southwest Stripes</b> | (June 22)                                 | <b>Kottia Spangler - Skip</b><br>Riverside, CA<br><b>Anne Nunnes - Lead</b><br>Newport Harbor, CA      | (June 22)                             | (July 20 )   |



## Bowling Trip to Lord Howe Island & Norfolk Island

Kevin Williams is an Australian living in the Phoenix area and semi-retired. For almost 30 years he lived in Norfolk Island in the South Pacific. He was three times president of the Norfolk Island Bowling Club and represented the island at lawn bowls on an international level. Both islands have competitive tournaments that attract bowlers from Australia and New Zealand.

"I would like to explore the possibility of seeing whether any USA bowlers would like to be part of a group led by me," Williams said, "to participate in Norfolk Island Bounty Bowls Tournament in May 2015, and the Lord Howe Island Open Pairs in late February - early March, also in 2015."

These are his proposed trips: The first trip would be in early March, 2015. Destination, Lord Howe Island situated 600 miles east of Sydney, Australia. The Ocean View tournament is open to men's and women's teams. Prize money is around \$9,000 aust. It would include two open days in Sydney on the trip down, eight days on Lord Howe Island for the bowls tournament and four open days in Sydney on the return trip.

The second trip is to Norfolk Island, located 1,000 miles east of Sydney, Australia and 600 miles north of Auckland, New Zealand. The tournament is called the Bounty Bowls Tournament. It is four events open to both men's and women's teams. The tournament runs for a week and is followed by a Mixed Fours event which also runs for a week. Prize money for the "Bounty" exceeds \$9,000 aust. The trip would include two open days in Auckland, New Zealand on the trip down, 14 days on Norfolk Island and three open days in Auckland, New Zealand on the return trip.

"Lord Howe Island is a magnificent island and is registered on the World Heritage List," Williams said. "Norfolk Island is the home of the descendants of the Bounty Mutineers. It has a fascinating collection of colonial buildings first built by convicts from the Penal Settlement back in the early 1800's."

Currently in discussion with a travel agent in Phoenix who will assist with all the travel arrangements, Williams promises "a personal touch" on both trips. You can contact Kevin at [rowdy1946@gmail.com](mailto:rowdy1946@gmail.com) if you are interested in either or both of these trips.



Norfolk Island



Lord Howe Island



Bowling Club at Lord Howe Island