



Monthly Newsletter

March, 2015

USA Women Bring Home the Gold!



The U.S.A Women's team of (l-r) Candy DeFazio (SW), Linda Pretzel –Roberts (SW), Margi Rambo (SW) and Regina Banares (SC) won the championship at the Tiger Bowls World Invitational in Shenzhen, China .





2015

- April 11-16 Southwest Division Open, Santa Anita LBC, CA
- July 11 Central Division Open Pairs, Milwaukee LBC, WI
- July 25-30 Pacific Inter-Mountain Division Open, Rossmore LBC, CA
- August 8 Central Division Open Singles, Milwaukee, LBC, WI
- August 22-27 Northeast Division Open, Williamsburg LBC, VA
- Sept. 26– Oct. 2 US Open, Orange County & Long Beach CA
- October 5-10 Huntsman Senior Games, St. George, UT
- October 15-20 National Championships, Long Beach, CA

2016

- Nov. 12-19 US Open, Sarasota LBC & Local Clubs

2015 Sonoma Wine Country Senior Games to Offer Lawn Bowling- June 12 &13!



Oakmont Lawn Bowling Club in Santa Rosa, Calif. will be the host of the lawn bowling competition for athletes 50+ for the Sonoma Wine Country Games on June 12-13, 2015.

Format will be two games per team with 14 ends on 6/12/15. The top eight teams will be determined by their number of wins and then the total points scored in their two games and the top eight teams will move on to the playoffs of 6/13/15. Complete rules can be found here: WineCountryLawnBowling.com.

Online registration opens March 1, 2015

www.WineCountryGames.com



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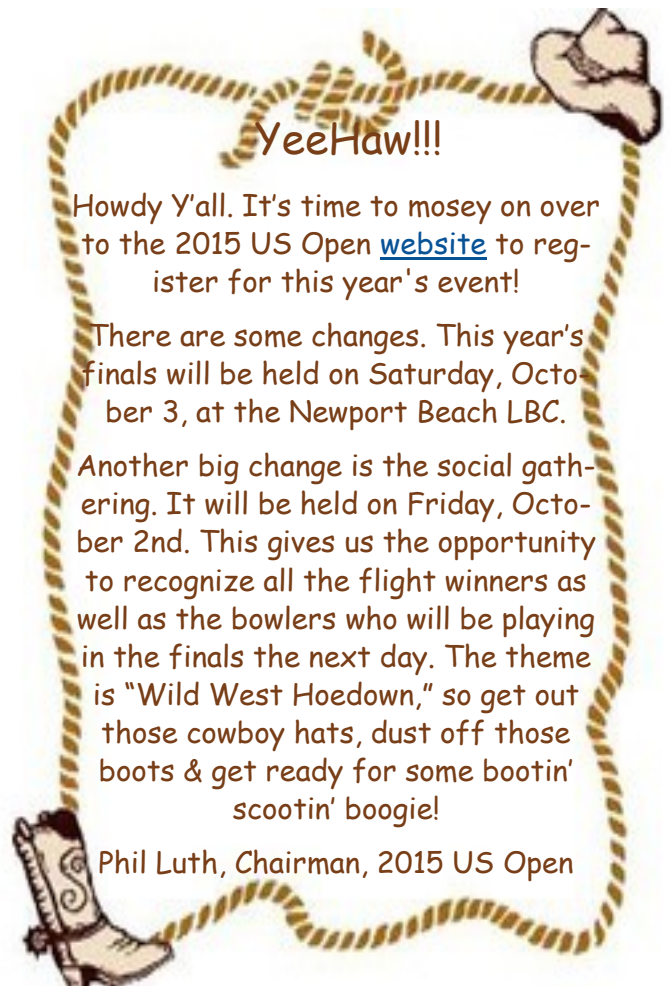
GOT QUESTIONS.....

ABOUT BOWLS USA?

Do you have questions to address to Bowls USA?

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

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



YeeHaw!!!

Howdy Y'all. It's time to mosey on over to the 2015 US Open [website](http://website.com) to register for this year's event!

There are some changes. This year's finals will be held on Saturday, October 3, at the Newport Beach LBC.

Another big change is the social gathering. It will be held on Friday, October 2nd. This gives us the opportunity to recognize all the flight winners as well as the bowlers who will be playing in the finals the next day. The theme is "Wild West Hoedown," so get out those cowboy hats, dust off those boots & get ready for some bootin' scootin' boogie!

Phil Luth, Chairman, 2015 US Open

2016 and Beyond!

We need a site for the 2016 & 2017 Bowls USA National Championships. You can make money for your club! Think your club is too small? Consider joining forces with 1 or 2 other nearby clubs. Share the work load and share the profits. We'll guide you every step of the way!

Cheri Cabot, Chairman, Bowls USA National Championships editor@bowlsusa.us

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[Bowls USA Newsletter](#)

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*This is the 1st Anniversary of the
Bowls USA Newsletter!*

Umpire's Corner

By E.B. Parkell

SPECTATORS and SHAKESPEARE

In Henry VI, Act IV, Scene II, William Shakespeare wrote: "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." That seems a bit harsh to me. Some of my best friends are lawyers.

After watching and/or playing in some tournaments recently, I think the phrase should be changed to: "The first thing we do, let's kill all the spectators."

Don't call the police. I'm not really advocating violence. Spectators are an integral part of any tournament.

Actually, I am very pro-spectator. They show an interest in the sport by coming out to cheer the players on. Imagine a sporting event without spectators in the stands. Spectators applaud good shots as if they were the "winning touchdown". And moan at a poorly executed shot that could have given the bowler the point needed for a win.

The first tournament I was ever in was back in 2002. The husband of my pairs partner came up and asked me what the score was. He was just curious to see how we were doing. My opponent turned to him and snapped, "You can't talk to her now. We are in a tournament." He turned and walked away without another word.

Besides being rather brusque with him, she was also right. Not only should no one talk to the players, the spectators should also not be near the players and making comments.

In recent months, I've heard spectators, at tournaments, talking loudly **right behind the players** about:

The stance of a player on the mat

Which hand the player should be using

What is going to happen to the head when the bowl comes in (or doesn't)

How much green they should be taking

What a player's partner is doing right (or wrong)

I've also heard spectators suggest that a team roll longer jacks since the opponent prefers shorter ones.

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Umpire's Corner

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RULE 58 Spectators

- 1. Spectators and anyone else not directly taking part in the game should stay outside the boundaries of the green and clear of the players.**
- 2. If part of the green is being used for spectators, they should stay outside the boundaries of the rinks of play and clear of the players.**
- 3. They should not disturb or advise the players in any way.**

To keep from having spectators too near the players, it would make sense that when a tournament is being played in a northerly direction, to have the spectators on the eastern and western sides of the green. When playing from west to east, the spectators should be on the northern or southern side of the green.

I love having spectators at lawn bowling tournaments. I certainly don't want to discourage people from coming out to watch and cheer on the players. But it's only fair to keep from making comments to the players, or engaging them in any way, when they are trying to concentrate on their game at hand.

To paraphrase the Bard: "To be or not to be" a spectator? Oh, definitely, do be.

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Once Upon a Time.....

Contributed by Eric Balliner, Oak Bay LBC, Victoria, B.C.

During a game of pairs a husband, Donny, and his wife, Brook, played opposite each other as leads. It came to pass that Donny, being a scallywag, decided to place the mat right up at the hog line. He was more daring than skillful, however, and promptly delivered the jack into the ditch. Brook immediately moved the mat back to a point two meters from the rear ditch and was directed by her skip to deliver a long jack. Knowing that if she delivered the jack into the ditch it would automatically be set at the two meter mark, she confidently drove it down the rink into the ditch. Surely her skip would be pleased? Wrong! Brook then watched in horror as Donny, having regained the mat, simply marched it back to the hog line. The end was thus played with the shortest possible jack, and the look on Donny's face was that of the cat who just ate the canary.

Bowls Canada Boulingrin Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 2nd Edition, 2011, Law 23.3



Greens Care

By Amador Martinez

Rolling Green Myth

Myth: rolling the bowling green will eliminate undulations and bumps, and it will improve the speed of delivered bowls. Its possible to achieve some benefit from rolling the green such as bowl speed, but this is a short- lived product that will last for just a few ends, if that long.

Let's examine the causes of a bowling green becoming unpredictable, bumpy and slow.

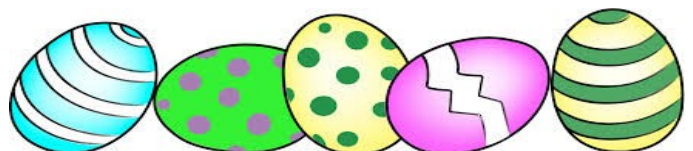
1. THATCH, 2. LOCALIZED DRY PATCHES(LDP), 3. WEEDS, 4. COMPACTION, 5. SAND, 6. IRRIGATION, 7. MOWING. 8. UNDULATIONS.

A green suffering from any one of these ailments will not improve simply by rolling it. Aggressively controlling thatch, eliminating LDP, controlling weeds and proper use of irrigation management will relieve some if not all of these ailments.

Weeds can be controlled by using the proper herbicides. Most weeds are of the wide band variety type while grasses are mostly narrow band. Strictly managing irrigation is very important in the development of a healthy root system. Shallow root systems make for an unacceptable playing surface. Unhealthy grass is susceptible to all sorts of diseases to include moss, fungi and boring insect infestations.

Properly mowing the grass with a sharp cutting blade is of the utmost importance in maintaining a healthy turf. Grass cut with a dull cutting blade will be more susceptible to injury and disease. However, recovery from injury is quicker when grass is cut using a sharp cutting blade and properly calibrated mower.

The cause of Undulations (hills and valleys), typically a year round problem, are many, such as: foot traffic, maintenance machinery, environment, irrigation techniques, and green maintenance techniques to name a few. Rolling the green is not going to solve these issues. To effectively control hills, cut them down to the level of the valleys by cutting the tops of the hills and pushing the soil into valleys. This can be accomplished with the Planer verticutter machine.



Lucky Wicks Program



Laurent Despins

The winner of the this quarter's Lucky Wick's drawing is Laurent Despin, a member of the Long Beach LBC.



Laurent is originally from Alberta, Canada and hitchhiked to Los Angeles at the age of 19. He began working at Sky Chefs, a caterer of American Airlines, and during his 38 years there he has traveled all over.

In 2000 he retired and bought a townhouse in Paramount, Calif. On a trip to New Zealand, Despin and his partner, Bryan, were introduced to lawn bowling. When they returned to L.A. they discovered that Long Beach LBC was their closest club.

"Jim and Pat Coates welcomed us into the club and that was the beginning of my lawn bowling adventure," Despins said. "Pat Gonzales was a major supporter of this adventure. At 72, who knows how many more years of bowling I have? Let's have fun!"

Congratulations to Laurent for winning a can of spray toucher, a Starbucks gift card and a tube of Grippo!

Want to get in on the fun? If you are a Bowls USA member, your name is automatically put in the drawing. The drawings are held quarterly with the winner of the final



To:

Carol Poto for winning the Professional Bowlers Association Scottish Singles on March 28, 2015!



And To:

The South Central Division Playdowns.

Women's Singles: Regina Banares, Sun City, AZ

Men's Singles: Ron Rollick, Sun City Grand, AZ

Women's Pairs: Myrna Wood, Skip, Sun City, AZ & Lorraine Hitchcock, Lead, Sun City, AZ

Men's Pairs: Rodger Green, Skip, Sun City, AZ & Grant Summers, Lead, Sun City, AZ

They will be competing in the Bowls USA National Championships in Long Beach, CA, October 15-20.



Resources

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

[Inside Bowls](#) The official world magazine

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

[US Open](#) Official site of U.S. Open of Lawn Bowls

[Golden Bias](#) Official site of the Golden Bias Club

[PBA](#) Official site of Professional Bowlers Association

Around the Country

Northeast

Submitted by Tom Lawlor



The DuPont Lawn Bowls Club of Wilmington, Delaware, recently held their annual dinner. Present at the dinner were Tee Adams, Zenas Garnder, Dave & Connie Henke, Tom & Barbara Lawlor, Bill Jewell & friend, Barry & Stella Gibson, Nigel Ellis and Arlene Tynan.



Attendees at the DuPont LBC Annual Dinner

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Spotlight on...



Diane Yee, New York LBC, New York City NY

I joined the New York Lawn Bowling Club in June, 2014 based on a Living Social Deal that I happened upon in my overflowing junk e-mail inbox. Thank goodness I did, because I've met a great group of people who were eager to teach me their craft.

As a college Athletics and Recreation Director, I'm always up for learning different sports. And boy was I good. A natural, I had no idea that after three short months I would be competing in the New Members Singles Tournament against 11 other, more experienced players than myself. Being the newest member I was certainly the underdog. After winning three straight games I had to face the only other undefeated bowler. It was a close game that came down to the final end, and I won! Now I can't wait for this winter to thaw so I can get back on the Central Park greens!

Southeast

Getting Ready for 2016 & 2017

Sarasota LBC, Sarasota, Florida is already preparing to host the 2016 and 2017 Bowls USA Opens. According to Sarasota LBC president, Daniel Jittu, "the club is undergoing important maintenance and renovations to ensure that the greens will be ready."

One obvious improvement is the newly painted clubhouse.



Jittu was recently interviewed for an extensive article about lawn bowling for SRQ Daily e-newspaper. You can read it here: [SRQ Daily](http://SRQDaily.com)

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Polk County Senior Games

Submitted by Christine Garbett

Polk County Senior Games were held at Lakeland LBC, in Lakeland, Florida on March 5th, 2015.



And the winners are..

(Left to Right)

Maureen & Mike Hart,
Silver.

Christine Garbett and
Ursula Cooney, **Gold**

Kathy and Norm
Robertson, **Bronze**

Southeast



Southeast

The Villages (Florida) - Outdoor Sports Expo

Submitted by Beth Forbes

The Villages Lawn Bowls Club, the most recent club formed in Florida, participated in an outdoor sports expo at La Hacienda Recreation Center on Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 1. This was the first time that a lawn bowls booth was set up along with over 50 other exhibitors. Hundreds of local residents visited the booth manned by Mike Green, Christine and John Garbett of the local club plus Beth Forbes from the Mount Dora LBC.

Retirees are swelling The Villages, a haven located in Central Florida and encompassing three counties as they continue at an unprecedented fast growth rate. By 2016, it is predicted the population could grow to over 110,000 residents.

So the introduction to lawn bowls seemed a good fit for this very active retirement community. Christine and John jumped at the opportunity to set up a free exhibit promoting our ancient sport.



John Garbett, on the left, with prospective bowlers.
Below, the booth at the Outdoor Sports Expo.



Bowls England— Florida Tour, 2015

Submitted by Beth Forbes

Marcia Dunstone, President of Bowls England, selected Florida for an overseas tour, which included mostly retired people from all parts of England who were keen to bowl in the sunshine state.

The Bowls England President Tour was put together by Graham Starkey, a familiar face having brought other bowling enthusiasts to our side of The Pond.

The tour included matches as follows:

Saturday, March 14 - Mount Dora

Wednesday, March 18 - Clearwater

Friday, March 20 - Sun City Center

Sunday, March 22 - Sun-N-Fun

Tuesday, March 24 - Maple Leaf

Wednesday, March 25 - Kings Point

Thursday, March 26 - Sarasota

A field of 80 bowlers played two games which included officers from our Southeast Division (Beth Forbes, Christine Garbett and Jan Kline and the Mount Dora; Organizers: Terrie Boyd, John Burke and Bob and Tracy Wulbrecht; plus many workers in our kitchen who provided everyone with a lovely lunch). Also spotted bowling with us was Glorianne Mather from the Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Association.

The weather was a typical Florida sunny day with the camaraderie being the high point of this fun day.



Marcia Dunstan, Tracy Wulbrecht (Mount Dora) Wayne Manley



Southeast



Central

Season finale for the North Central Florida League

Submitted by Beth Forbes

The North Central Florida League ended in late February with the multi-talented team of Tom Ep-pich, Angela and Sy Carkhuff (see picture below) capturing first place in the Championship Flight. Throughout the season, this team often switched positions, but the ultimate win was accomplished by Angela skipping. Runners-up were Peter and Donna Bauman from the Lakeland LBC and Beth Forbes of the Mount Dora club who joined the team later replacing the ailing Vaughn Zelinsky.

Bud Ricucci picked up the win in the "A" flight with teammate Ron Macey and Don Ross and Earl Shaner subbing for Jackie Williamson. The team of Marita Nierth, Judy Bublitz and Kathy Macpherson took second place. All players are from the Mount Dora LBC.

The "B" flights winners were Mount Dora players Rick and Denny Marinaccio and Tom Bussell. The team of Christine and John Garbett and Ursula Cooney from the Lakeland LBC garnered the 2nd place win.

Bob and Tracy Wulbrecht along with John Burke, from the Mount Dora club finished first in "C" Flight. The runner-up spot went to the Mount Dora team of Gary Williamson, Rick Walker and Tom Heneghan.

The North Central Florida League was officially organized on January 2, 1934 and was originally made up of male players from Daytona Beach, DeLand, Mount Dora and Orlando. A club in Smyrna Beach joined in 1937. A Winter Park club later participated, though details are sketchy as to when they joined the NCFL and for how long. The writer recalls seeing signs to their rinks as late as the 1990s.

Rinks or fours were originally played. In 1956, triples play was adopted and continues today.

The first woman to play in the NCFL on a regular basis was Ellen Hosack (then Ellen Bridge) from the Daytona Beach LBC on February 6, 1951.

In the past decade or two, the Orlando, Daytona Beach and DeLand clubs have ceased to exist. Members from the Lakeland club joined the NCFL in 2009. We anticipate teams from The Villages joining us next year.

The writer would like to indicate that this history was made possible by reviewing the exceptionally excellent NCFL files maintained by Harold Esch

Lakeside Lawn Bowling Club, Chicago, Illinois

Awakening from our long hibernation, plans are afoot for the new season. Our spring meeting is in late April and Opening Day is May 17th. Sometimes we could actually bowl before that assigned day, if the weather and the grass cooperated. The Park District began seeding the west green at the end of last season. At the first meeting with Park District Officials, it was decided that the children from the local field house would come to learn the game earlier in the day at 11 A.M. rather than 1 P.M. It helps to beat the heat later in the season, and for those of us who travel twenty miles or more we can avoid traffic. The children are delightful and their coach liked the sport.

People began contacting our website in February asking for our location. We even have had calls at home asking how late we are open at night for bowling. Somehow we are confused with ten pin bowling; somebody left out the word "lawn." Central Division wakes up sooner than us and they have their schedules in order already and published. Cincinnati is awake, also. Can't wait for the start now!



Lakeside Lawn Bowling Club

In line with British traditions, play stops at 3:00PM for afternoon tea. For more information about Lakeside LBC, check out their website at www.lakesidelawnbowling.com

Central



Max Cavender finishes T-5th In World Junior Championships



Maxwell Cavender achieved a tie for 5th place at the 2015 World Junior Championships in Australia. Finishing round robin sectional play at 4-3, Cavender qualified for the quarter-finals before bowing to Japan's Kenta Hasebe. On the way to the quarter-finals Cavender defeated defending champion Dylan Fisher of Australia and bowlers from New Zealand, Hong Kong and Cook Islands. Cavender lost to undefeated Kevin Anderson of Scotland by a close score of 17-21.

Maxwell has risen through the ranks of U.S. bowls, getting his start as a 12-year old on the greens in Milwaukee WI, before advancing to U.S. Championships in recent years, and then on to international stage against the world's best. Well done, Maxwell. You have made us all proud!



Pushing aside the snow to bowl in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"I'll need your resignation letter, winter."

By Scottage Cheese for "Six Words" a project of Smith

South Central

Sun City Grand LBC, Holds "Lemon" Fun Day

Submitted by Bob Perry



The Sun City Grand Lawn Bowling Club recently held a "Lemon" themed Friday Fun Day! put together by members Liz and John Murphy and Bruce and Linda Smith. After the 'spider' in which the winner received a \$1 cash plus a bag of lemon drops. After we held the draw for Lead, Vice-Skips and Skips we had one 12 end game divided into 4 three end games within the 12 ends. The ends were divided as follows:

Game 1, Ends 1,2 and 3, were called "If Life Gives You Lemons, Go Lawn Bowling!" We played a regular game for 3 ends with one exception...we used a "Lemon" as a jack!

Game 2, Ends 4, 5 and 6, were called "What's The Point?" Again, the game was played as normal except for scoring: we REMOVED the 3 closest shot bowls and the 4th closest shot bowl was worth 3 points, the 5th closest bowl was worth 2 points and the 6th closest bowl was worth 1 point!

Game 3, Ends 7,8 and 9, were called "Where's the Jack?" In this game we removed the jack from play. As usual the Lead placed the mat. The Skip placed the mat at the other end of the rink lined up with perpendicular lane rink number 7 (ends 7 & 9) or number 2 (end 8). Using regular hand signals, the lead guided the Skip to center this mat on the rink. At the end of play all bowls on the mat were counters (that is, a bowl was counted as a point if any part of it was resting on the mat). And, yes, it was possible for points to be acquired by both teams during each of the ends.

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South Central



South Central

Sun City Grand, Cont.

Game 4, Ends 10, 11 and 12, were called "Whose bowls are these anyway?" In this, the final 3 ends, the bowlers played their positions as normal, EXCEPT that bowlers on each team had to bowl (not with his/her own bowls) but RATHER WITH ANOTHER TEAMMATE'S BOWLS!. So, the Lead had to choose to bowl with the Vice-Skip's bowls or the Skip's bowls, the Vice-Skip had to bowl with either the Lead's or Skip's bowls and, of course, the Skip had to choose the set of bowls that were left!

After play we enjoyed "Lemon" refreshments in our Member Room in which we had Lemon bars, Lemon cake, Lemon muffins and, of course, Lemonade! A Fun Day indeed!

South Central Division Senior Triples

Submitted by Ron Rollick

This tournament requires that the combined ages of all three team members be at least 205, and the skip of each team must be at least 70 years young! The pairs event requires that each participant must have been born in 1950 or earlier.

The Seniors Triples Tournament was held on March 3rd, 4th and 5th with 24 teams playing two 14 end games each day. The competition was fierce and many great shots were witnessed by all. The Champion Triples Team was skipped by Marlene Cleutinx, Mike Wagner played vice, and Laurie Moritz played lead. (see attached - I to r = Mike Wagner, Marlene Cleutinx, Laurie Moritz) The runner up team which lost by 2 points was skipped by Bill Desbrisay, Ron Rollick played vice, and Bob Perry played lead. (I to r = Ron Rollick, Bill DesBrisay, Bob Perry) 3rd place in the Championship flight was Jim Muir, Mary Wright and Anne VanBastaliere; 4th place was won by Frank Souza, Steve Bezanson, and Lyall Adams.

Second flight winners were: Pete Davies, Mike Ayling, Glenn Weber. The runners up were: John Scutt, Bill Lang, Jennie Scutt. Third flight winners were: Rich Enockson, Grant Summers, Scott Peterson. Runners up were: Wray Roth, Tom Roth, Jack Smith. Fourth flight winners were: Reggie Banares, Andre' Banares, Francis Chen. Runners up were: David Gardner, Jeff Machan, Jim Foley. Fifth flight winners were: John Little, Dan Lewis, Maryann Little. Runners up were: Arleen McGinn, Gerry Roliz, Jean English. Sixth Flight winners were: Roy Cattermole, Ernie Alfoldi, Pat Cattermole. Runners up were: Henriette Ballinger, Eric Ballinger, Pat Purvis. Looking forward to next year for more combinations of 205 years of experience in lawn bowling.



L-R: David Gardner, Jeff Machan, Bob Perry, Bill DesBrisay

Today, at the conclusion of play, the duo from Sun City Grand, Bill DesBrisay & Bob Perry, defeated the Sun City team of David Gardner & Jeff Machan. It should be noted that the 3rd place team was from Sun City West and the 4th place team was from Paradise Park.

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Lakeview LBC, Sun City, AZ, Holds Send-Off Luncheon

Submitted by Ron Rollick

Yesterday an annual luncheon and party took place at the Lakeview Bowling Club in Sun City Arizona as part of Lakeview's "dollar day bowling." Every Monday, Lakeview opens its club to all bowlers from Sun City, Sun City West, and Sun City Grand for a great day of bowling followed by drinks, appetizers, etc.

The Send Off party always takes place about 2 - 3 weeks before the end of the major "snowbird" time in the Phoenix area. Every year there are a large number of US and Canadian citizens who come from their cold winter climates in Washington, Montana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and the various provinces of Canada to winter in the sun of Arizona. Most come in late October to November and return to their original homes in late March or early April.

Monday 3/23 was the "send off" of these snow-birds. There were approximately 125 bowlers, using both greens at Lakeview - all 16 rinks. There were 11 fours and 5 triples games before the luncheon. Lunch was a festive pulled pork, baked beans with ground beef, potato salad and cookies. Let's not forget the various libations that accompanied the lunch either!

Great bowling, great weather, good friends - wonderful time. For those of us who are year round residents, we'll miss you over the next few months but look forward to your return in the fall.

South Central

Team USA Women's Camp Held In Sun City, AZ

Submitted by Ron Rollick

On February 13th and 14th ladies from all over the United States attended a two day camp to both increase their knowledge of the sport of lawn bowling and to have the selectors observe their skills before selecting 5 women bowlers to compete in the Asia Pacific games in Christchurch, New Zealand in November 2015. Stephen Forrest from Canada came in to assist in preparing the women for international play. Skill drills and team play was the format for the two days. This camp is open to all ladies by application, and it follows the South Central Open each year. One of the objectives this year was to make your first two bowls within 2 feet of the jack regardless of its position and team play for each position on the team. Fun was had by all.

The coach for the USA Women's Team is Jackie Tucker.



Attendees at the Team USA Women's Camp.

Back row left to right: Brenda Head, Myra Wood, Kottia Spangler, Cheryl Barkovich, Eileen Lancendorfer, Candy DeFazio, Kim Heiser, Gabrielle Coleman, Michele Arculli, Heidi Fernandez, Kathy Macpherson, Nancy Santos, Debbie Tupper, Carol Poto, Eileen Morton (selector), Front row: Jackie Tucker (coach), Margi Rambo, Pam Edwards, Anne Nunes, Linda Roberts, Alice Birkinshaw, Alexis Vandenbos, Lorraine Hitchcock, Janice Bell, Marita Nierth, Eva Lee, Dee McSparren. Not pictured Linda McDougall, Izzie Forbes, Shirley Price, selectors for women's team.



Northwest

Jefferson Park LBC, Seattle, Washington

Submitted by Jenny Mears

Jefferson Park Greens Summit

For over 10 years, Willie Weir has served as Greens Chair for Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club. On May 1st, Willie is stepping down for a well-deserved break from greens care! In order to ensure that our greens stay in great shape, the club hosted a well-attended summit of members interested in helping out. In addition to Jeff Downey volunteering as our new Greens Chair, members reaffirmed their commitment to the Donut Crew, which maintains the greens and grounds throughout the fall, winter, and spring, as well as volunteering for Monday Night Maintenance in the summer evenings. Thank you, Willie, for your years of hard work and dedication!

Club Coach Course participation

On April 3rd and 4th, 12 club members will participate in the Club Coach Course as part of the Bowls USA coaching program. Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club and the Northwest Division will pay the fees for all participants in exchange for a commitment to share what is learned with other club members.

Spring Rolls is Rolling Along!

Club members are dusting off their bowls and coming out for Spring Rolls, our deliciously named spring league that runs in March and April! Twenty-five members came out on a beautiful spring day to participate in a little friendly competition and a lot of socializing.



Todd Wagner measures, while Andrew Schuennemann and Richard Krueger look on during a Spring Rolls league game.

Pacific Inter-Mountain

Annual Meat Axe Tournament Held

Submitted by James Corr

Aficionados of college football - especially any with connections to Northern California - will be aware of the "Big Game" between UC Berkeley (Cal) and Stanford, which is located 60 miles away in Palo Alto. Each year these long-time rivals meet, and after blocking, tackling, and generally laying into each other, the winning team gets to carry off "The Axe," an actual lumberman's wood chopper that once belonged to Stanford.

Less well-known, but played with as much intensity, albeit considerably more decorum, is the annual "Meat Axe" Tournament between **Berkeley LBC** and its neighbor to the south, **Palo Alto LBC**. Like the Big Game, the event alternates between the club's greens each year, with the 2015 event being held this past February at the Palo Alto Club. The format was five triples teams on each side, playing a morning and afternoon game of 14 ends.

Since Palo Alto had won the 2014 trophy, Berkeley was especially eager to exact revenge, and got off to a bright start, winning 4 of the morning games, most of them by pretty decent margins. Palo Alto responded with a stronger effort in the afternoon, which saw much closer matches, but Berkeley still managed to pull off another 3 wins, for a 7-3 overall score on the day. With much friendly banter, they triumphantly displayed the butcher's cleaver that is the Meat Axe, while Palo Alto vowed to "return the favor" next year.



Berkeley LBC President, Phil Grattan, holds the Meat Axe trophy, surrounded by his winning team mates.

Pacific Inter-Mountain

Corporate Volunteers for Spring Cleaning

Submitted by Zarka Popovic

If you are having issues with maintenance at your lawn bowling club and/or your club volunteers can't keep up with all of the greens maintenance required for your site, then you may want to turn to utilizing corporate volunteers in your region.

The **Oakland Lawn Bowling Club** has built a relationship with the regional power company, Pacific Gas & Electric, to come out quarterly and perform some manual labor. In early December they even decorated our clubhouse for our annual holiday party (utilizing our decorations). Last week 100-strong they weeded, sifted ditches, swept, removed graffiti, cleaned inside the clubhouse and out, cleaned and hung banners, and filled goose-pecked holes on the greens with sand. Previously we have had them paint some of the interior of our clubhouse and the exterior stairs. We have already put in a request for another cadre of workers for Earth Day.

In exchange for a morning of work where we provide Peet's coffee, snacks, fruit, juice and water we teach them to lawn bowl in the afternoon as a team-building event; they usually cater their own lunches. There is no charge for them to use our clubhouse or to learn to bowl and it builds goodwill all around. There is also coordination required for safety and liability waivers and tools and gloves that we do with our city but it is well worth the effort. Our club volunteers perform half-a-day's work by setting up snack tables and dispensing tools in the morning and collecting/returning tools and supplies in the afternoon along with sizing bowlers and providing the group lessons.

If you haven't reached out to some of your semi-governmental agencies (water and power companies and the like) why not give it a shot. It just may be the start of something beautiful.



Pacific Inter-Mountain

Palo Alto Spring Bowling Blast is Underway!

Submitted by Ginger Harris

Spring Blasters



(back) Robin, Rick, Micahel, MaryBeth

(front) Joy, Bonnie, Joan, Cathy, Joyee

Palo Alto Spring "Bowling Blast" is underway! The popular "Bowling Blast" has begun. Ten enthusiastic bowlers had an introductory lesson on the green, getting the basics of setting the mat, rolling the jack and delivering the bowl. They did well and were ready to play in short matches before the end of the first evening! The next four weeks will run as they have in the past -- a new player teamed with a club player or two in a game each week. Team points scored will be tallied, and a winner announced at the end of the Blast. Club members have been their usual welcoming selves, eager to partner up with our new "Blasters." This activity, now in its second year, has helped grow membership and encouraged new members to become involved not only in social and tournament games, but also as important contributors in other club activities.

Red Hot Chili

Submitted Ginger Harris

Do you know the SECOND most popular dish for celebrating St. Patrick's Day? Believe it -or not- it's CHILI! Leave it to the super sleuths on the Palo Alto social committee to dig up that wee bit of trivia and turn it into a one-of-a-kind celebration on March 15 to bring club members together as the 2015 bowling season gets underway. *Cont.*



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Red Hot Chili



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Cheryl Anderson and her crew organized several club chefs who whipped up their special varieties of tasty chili. From HOT to not - there was something for everyone along with all the trimmings and sides.

Before sitting down to enjoy dinner together, the green was full as seven rinks of bowlers took advantage of another beautiful Bay Area day to get their bowling arms loosened up and their game skills back on track. Good bowling this season, friends, and Happy April Fool's Day!

Meatless Chili Recipe

From Grace Griffiths



This is one of the recipes our club enjoyed at a recent **Chili Cook-Off** sponsored by the **Palo Alto Club of the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division**.

Meatless Chili

Ingredients :

3 cans (15 oz. each) black, cannellini and/or red kidney beans
1 package (1 lb.) frozen pepper stir-fry
1 env. (1.25 oz) chili seasoning mix
1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes
1/2 cup mild salsa

Instructions:

Rinse and drain beans; reserve. Coat medium pot with cooking spray; place over medium-high heat. Add pepper stir-fry; cook, stirring frequently, until tender and water has evaporated, 5 minutes. Stir in seasoning mix and reserved beans; cook until fragrant, 2 minutes. Add 2 cups water, tomatoes with their juice, salsa and 1/2 tsp. salt; bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook until thickened, 20 minutes. If desired garnish with sour cream and cilantro and serve with tortilla chips.

6 servings: Approximately 270 calories per bowl

Enjoy,
Grace Griffiths

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Cowboy Chili

Submitted by Cheryl Anderson



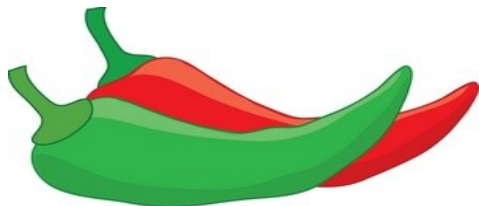
Ingredients:

- 1 - #10 can (large can 6lb. 12 oz)
- 2- 15 oz Ranch Pinto Beans with Jalapeno
- 1 lb. Jimmy Dean Sausage (hot)
- 1 lb. Pork Chorizo
- 1 -7oz. Can Fire Roasted Green Chilies
- 1- 7 oz. can Chipotle Peppers
- 12 Cloves Garlic - Diced
- 2 Medium Onions - Dices
- 2 Tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 teaspoon Liquid Smoke
- Salt & Pepper to taste

In a large stock pot over medium high heat, add olive oil, diced garlic and onions. Sweat until soft. Add Jimmy Dean hot sausage broken into small pieces. Add chorizo and continue to mix together while cooking. Add chipotle peppers and green fire roasted chilies. Salt and pepper to taste. Add 2 small cans of ranch pinto beans with jalapenos. Add liquid smoke and Worcestershire sauce. Add #10 can ranch style beans. Simmer for 1/2 hour. Let set overnight to marry flavors. Reheat when ready to serve.

Serves 20

Serve with red & green onions, cheese, sour cream bacon, jalapenos and any other toppings desired.



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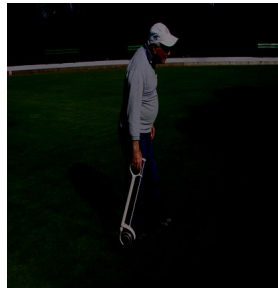
Bowling Arm

Submitted by Jan Leja

Prosthesis are everywhere, if it is not the knee, then it is the hip, and then the shoulder. It should be of no surprise that a new external attachment has surfaced, extending the winter of our years.

Spending thousands of dollars on a new rink in the heart of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, brought grass so delicate as to leave footprints, and a dropped, or lobbed 'wood' caused enough sucking air through clenched teeth to inflate the Hindenburg. Most grievously assaulted were the ancients, who by dint of arthritis, or plain wear, could no longer bend down low enough so as not to lob the bowl, thus leaving dings in the new grass.

Money cannot buy you love, but it can buy you an attachment, shown in the photograph, to allow one, with enough dexterity, to stoop without bending, and propel the bowl at grass level, with violence denied without such a device. Well, at least it should provide us youngsters with enough entertainment to last out the winter.



Arnie Barros, 93 years old, and a member of the San Francisco LBC, models the bowling arm.

Club Turn-Arounds

Past presidents Georgie Deno of the Lake Hodges Bowls Club and Ratka Mira Popovic of the Oakland Lawn Bowling Club had a chance to compare notes on their two-year efforts at reviving their respective clubs. Both had the support of their divisions and both confronted similar club cultures that needed updating.

A chance phone call and a funeral led to the two meeting in-person at the Lake Hodges Bowls Club and they marveled at how similar their turn-around efforts have been in spite of being miles apart and serving vastly different communities.

Both thought that removing photographs that showed leadership of a by-gone era, being more inclusive of social bowlers, and adding friendlier marketing efforts that included electronic news blasts were key to their success. Another key element was easier access, including keys in Oakland and new signage and unlocked gates in Lake Hodges. The last and best win was to get long-standing members re-engaged and committed to building the new vision of their clubs.

2015 Southwest Open,

Santa Anita Bowling Green Club, Arcadia, CA

April 11-16

Schedule

Saturday & Sunday, April 11 & 12:

Women's Pairs & Men's Fours

Monday & Tuesday April 13 & 14

Women's Fours & Men's Pairs

Wednesday & Thursday, April 15 & 16

Women's & Men's Singles

SEABISCUIT TOUR

Board the Seabiscuit Tram near Clockers' Corner and take a tour of The Great Race Place. The Seabiscuit tram will take you to the stable area, receiving barn, and the Paddock Gardens. Plus, see Seabiscuit's original stall and barn, areas used during the filming of the movie Seabiscuit, and meet the equine star of Seabiscuit, Fighting Furrari, who played the primary role in the film. Not only that, you will also visit the jockeys room, silks room, saddling paddock, the walking ring with its topiaries and statuary, and the carriage horses in their home under the Grandstand.

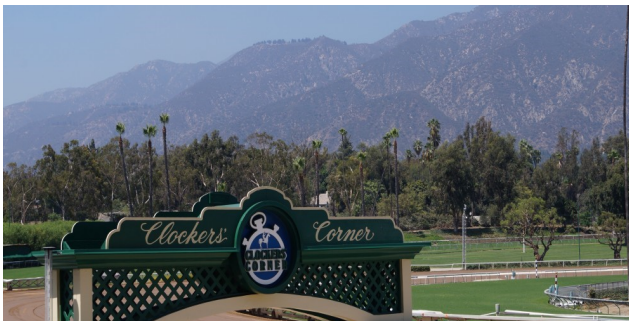
Enjoy breakfast at Clockers' Corner before or after this fun and FREE tram ride. This is truly a unique experience! Tours depart at 8:30 a.m. (there is a minimum of 10 people to do the early tour) and 9:45 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday during live Racing Seasons.

For more information call (626) 574-6677

Things to Do In Arcadia

(When You're Not Bowling)

Clockers Corner at Santa Anita Race Track



Clockers' Corner. Our special breakfast nook, open literally every day from 4:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. (even in the off-season) is worth the special trip to experience the horses' morning workouts or even as a prelude to your Santa Anita Park trip. Serving hot coffee and delectable hot breakfast dishes and frequented by Santa Anita's jockey colony, trainer stable and premier owners, Clockers' IS Santa Anita. Learn more about our Seabiscuit Tour [here](#).

 **The Arboretum** Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden



626.821.3222 • 301 North Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA

Adults: \$9.00

Seniors age 62 and older: \$6.00

Also close to the greens:

Matt Denny's Ale House Restaurant— 145 E. Huntington Dr.

Westfield Shopping - 400 S. Baldwin Ave.

Taza Coffee - 11 West Huntington Dr.

The Book Rack - 204 S. First Ave.

Get Out & Have Some Fun!

MATT DENNY'S

Ale House Restaurant



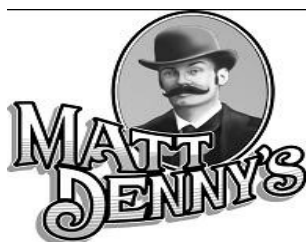
Looking for a place with good food, beer, wine and cocktails? Then look no further! Matt Denny's Ale House Restaurant in Arcadia is just waiting to serve you.

With an extensive menu to make your mouth water, they serve salads, sandwiches, burgers, smoked meats, chicken, ribs and steaks. They make their own dressings, sauces & seasoned BBQ rub.

Matt Denny's Ale House prides itself on their draft beer selection. They feature 28 beers on tap. With a great variety of pilsners, ales and stouts, there is something for everyone. They have rotating beer handles, so, every several days there is a new beer to wet your whistle. Their wine selection is made up of more than 25 quality California Whites and Reds at reasonable prices. "Our liquor cabinet is filled with 'most' anything you would want." The single malt scotch and tequila choices are staggering!

After a long day of bowling, move the party to Matt Denny's! The servings are generous and the friendly staff is always welcoming to bowlers. It's just minutes from the Santa Anita greens. Drive North on Santa Anita Ave., right on Huntington, left at First St., then right on Wheeler. Wheeler dead-ends, so take a right at the stop sign and you will be in the back parking lot. It's the big rust-colored building. Head in to Matt Denny's & order up a cold one!

See you on the Greens & then at Matt Denny's!



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Southwest

Alhambra LBC is now Alhambra Bowls Club!

Submitted by Sean McMorris

The Alhambra Lawn Bowling Club (ALBC) has formally changed its name to The Alhambra Bowls Club (ABC) in an effort to better promote bowls in our community and the U.S. as a legitimate sport for professionals and competitive minded athletes of all ages, not merely retirees, hobbyists, and good old English chaps, which, like it or not, is what "Lawn Bowling" is associated with in the U.S. In addition, many Americans equate "Lawn Bowling" with the recreational game of the same name in which mini bowling pins are grouped together on a lawn and bowled down with miniature bowling balls. These unhelpful connotations limit the sports appeal while diminishing the history, authenticity, difficulty, and strategic depth of bowls, which in turn has likely curbed membership and club diversity across the U.S. Bowls is a popular sport in many countries across the world, yet the U.S. remains in the minority in that it labels the sport "Lawn Bowling" rather than its true name, Bowls.

In an effort to renew interest in and improve the image of the sport of bowls, the ABC board unanimously voted to adopt the term "Bowls" in its club name. In accordance with the name change our Club President, Frank Duarte, has designed a new logo for our club which we are happy to present to you below.



Alhambra Bowls Club



Fred Fox of Holmby LBC bowling at Long Beach LBC during a visitation day. Fred will be 101 in July, 2015!

Southwest

Southwest Women's Ladies' Day at Santa Anita

Submitted by Micky Alexander



We got Ladies Day, 2015, off to a great start. Small turnout, but we all had a fun time. The green was set up for us upon arrival, breakfast goodies were there for us to enjoy and when I arrived, almost everybody had been checked in, thanks to the help of the hospitality ladies of Santa Anita.

For the morning game we had 5 doubles. Even though I had to move some people out of their normal position, they worked with it and got some good experience. That's why these Ladies' Days are so much fun - it's a relaxing day of games, we can try something new without it being stressful and there's a good chance of taking home some prize dollars!

The next SWWD Ladies' Day is Casta del Sol on April 22.

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Big Turnout for Holmby LBC visitation to Long Beach LBC!



Southwest

Friendly Valley LBC Working to Improve Greens

Submitted by Jack Quinn

Under the direction of our greens keeper, Skip Stanfield, Friendly Valley Lawn Bowls Club recently repeated the greens elevation measurements that had been made in January 2013. For the past few months, a planer acquired from Amador Martinez of Oxnard has been used to improve the degree of levelness. The new data is in the process of being analyzed, and compared to the previous (2013) data. A final report will be forthcoming.

Two photos accompany this text. One shows the surveyor, Jim Stanfield, in the process of taking an elevation measurement. The other photo shows Friendly Valley LBC member Gerry Staack recording data on a plot map. The small multi-colored map at his left shows the conditions that existed two years ago (blue being lower, and red being a higher elevation). The multi-color map was created manually by Gerry from data obtained by Microsoft Excel analysis by member Jack Quinn.



Southwest

SoCal Men's Triples in San Diego

The SW Men's Division held the So Cal Triples, two-day tournament, in San Diego on March 21 & 22. The Oaks North LBC team of Tod Friedman, Peter Ritchie and Phil Salt came in first place.



Oaks North LBC Championship team of (L-R) Tod Freidman, Peter Ritchie and Phil Salt.

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Don Goodrich Senior Triples Held in Sun City



First Place winners on the "A" green were (l-r) Christine Ludwig, Howard Harris and Brenda Wright.



First Place on the "B" green were (l-r) Bill Times, Terry Collins and Vern Konen, all from Oaks North LBC, as is Brenda Wright.

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New Rules

By Richard Broad, Rules Chairman

NEW RULES. This is the third and final review of the changes to our rules as published in the Crystal Mark Third Edition of **THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS**. The new edition can be viewed on the World Bowls website or google Laws Of The Sport of Bowls.

TOUCHERS: (very minor change) The previous wording was “no bowl will be a toucher...” Rule 24.3. Now reading “no bowl will become a toucher...”

New Rule 14.3 PLAYER WITH DISABILITIES: A player who has a physical disability will be allowed to kneel on the green to deliver the jack or their bowls. One or both knees must be positioned either in the front of the mat with all or part of at least one foot on the mat, or on the mat with all or part of at least one foot on the green behind the mat.

COACH/MANAGER: Either the coach of a player, team or side or, in their absence, the coach’s delegated deputy, can give advice to a player during the course of play as long as: (**New Rule 44.3**) the person giving the advice does so when their team or side is in possession of the rink; The manager may also give advice when a coach is not present or as the coach’s delegated deputy. (Basically any player or team can have a COACH, but their presence must be approved by the Tournament Director before the start of play)

Other minor changes not included here refer to the **DOMESTIC REGULATIONS**. Each Member Nation of World Bowls can apply their own regulations controlling play. The section covering these regulations is found in the 2011 edition of **THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS** and will be revised and updated for the 2015 publication coming soon to your clubs.

You & Bowls USA

By Richard Broad

I have mentioned your connection to the global community of lawn bowls and would like to honor the people who actually make that connection for you. It all starts at the club level and works its way up.

Clubs within clubs operating out of retirement communities, still manage to have members of Bowls USA who are represented at the Divisional level and subsequently at the National level.

There are still those Bowlers who are not aware of this representation or how it operates. There are seven Divisions throughout the United States, the Southeast, Northeast, Central, Northwest, PIMD, South Central and Southwest. Going on to the Bowls USA website and clicking on Divisions and Clubs, will show you the geographic area of each Division.

Each of these Divisions have selected two Councilors (one from each gender) who play a very major role in your connection to the National Council. This most important job grants each Division representatives regarding all decisions made at the National level. Upon instructions from you, your Clubs and Divisions, they meet to convey those directives to the Executive Board and thus the full Council of Bowls USA.

Meeting of the full National Council is held once a year, usually at the same venue where the US Open tournament is scheduled. Fortunately through the use of the internet and conference calls, the Council is now able to meet on a more regular basis and meetings are scheduled every six weeks or so throughout the year. The Executive Board strives to meet via the internet at least once a month.

These meetings and the decisions made are the work that needs to be done to ensure our sport and it’s future remains vibrant and successful for all of you who love our game. Know your Councilor and participate in the organization in any way you can to help us reach YOUR goals and make Bowls USA and Bowls a big part of your lives

(For a listing of all those who represent you, go to the website and click on About/Contact us)

A large number of people are involved in the running of our organization, counting all the parts of the whole from Club to Division, all the way to the top. You know who you are and on behalf of Bowls USA ,

THANK YOU

NOTE. While the Internet and Social Media have expanded our horizons and our capabilities for communication, we would welcome that sometimes the comments made upon it could be more supportive of our volunteers and the excellent job they are doing.

