



Newsletter

May 2014

Mount Dora, Florida, Commemorates Founding of Lawn Bowling Club



Kelda Senior, the City of Mount Dora, Fla., public communications officer, arranged for a media event of Mount Dora city officials, members of the city's Historic Preservation Board and Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club members to gather on March 26, 2014 to dedicate a historic marker.

Encouraged last fall by then Mayor Bob Thielhelm, Marylou Preston of the Historic Preservation Board and club members Beth Forbes and Jim Laux, club historian, worked together with their respective boards, and city planning officials to erect a city plaque to acknowledge the club's historical significance.

Organized on April 7, 1928, the club distinguishes the city from nearby communities and is another unique feature of Mount Dora. "The club is part of Mount Dora's fabric," said member Beth Forbes.

Kelda Senior said, "The Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club is a valuable historic asset which brings national and international bowlers to the city."



Attending the Plaque Commemoration, L-R:

Michael Quinn, city manager, Dennis Wood, city council, District 4, Michael Tedder, city council, at-large, Ed Rowell, city council, District 3, Marylou Preston, chair of City Historic Preservation Board, Kirk Vaught, City Historic Preservation Board, Nick Girone, city council, at-large, Beth Forbes, past president, Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club, Tracy Wulbrecht, immediate past president, MDLBC, Michael Moecker, City Historic Preservation Board, Don Cote, president, MDLBC, Gus Gianikas, city assistant planning & development director, Jim Laux, club historian, MDLBC, and Jenna Theierl, city administrative supervisor, planning and development.

Around the Country

Northeast



Duncan Ferrell

From the NE Division Website, printed with their permission.

Long-time member of the Northeast Division, Duncan Ferrell is well known for his fun and sayings on the green. We thought it would be fun to share a few of these from one of our most beloved characters. He is a Hall of Fame member as well as NED representative numerous occasions in the National Championships, US Open and represented the US as a member of the National team. Here are some of his "Dunky-isms."

Observation: "You could walk through this head with skis on and not touch a bowl."

Observation: "Everything in our favor is against us."

Observation: "This green is so fast the bowl runs three feet after it stops."

Comment when a bowl is rolled up short of the target:

"Having a nice time, wish you were here."

Comment: "You can't call that a drive when you take three feet of grass."

Comment: "The wind and the tide are against us today."

Comment: "You know the greens are heavy when you can only see half of the bowl."

Northeast, cont.

Comment: "These bowls are so short, when this end is over you will need a sheepdog to round them up."

And finally....

When his partner threw a wrong bias, Duncan calmly said, "You're just a bit tight."



Duncan Ferrell



Ron Akos is a cartoonist in Australia. These cartoons are reprinted with his permission.

Central



Washington Park Lawn Bowling Club, Denver, Colorado

Submitted by Wendy and Steve Lesko

Springtime in the Rockies is here and the Washington Park Lawn Bowling Club kicked off the season in April with the annual meeting. It was great to see everyone and lots of new ideas tossed around to improve the club and grow membership. The main order of business was the election of officers. Time for a change and several new members stepped up to the plate. The officers elected: President- Steve Talkington, Vice President - Ken Hopper, Secretary- Wendy Lesko, Treasurer- Geoff Loadman and Chairperson of the Greens - Dave Mosley. Susanne Dell will remain as the WPLBC Registered Agent.

A big thank you and a special note of appreciation are extended to Ron Eccles, past president. Ron has been instrumental in the development and success of the club for several years. Without Ron's tireless efforts to build the club, we would not be rolling.

The board is planning several tournaments throughout the summer, so stay tuned. If you are in the Denver area, stop by for a game. Tuesday's at 6:00 pm. Check out the website for additional times and schedules. <http://washingtonparklawnbowlingclub.com/>



Steve Talkington (L) receives a Special Recognition award for all his hard work with the club from Ron Eccles.

Central

Lakeview Lawn Bowling Club, Mitchel S.D.

Submitted by Rod Titze

The season has begun at Lakeview Lawn Bowling Club in Mitchell, South Dakota. Benches and trash receptacles have been ordered and should be installed in June. Expect a lawn bowler from California to stop by this weekend. The Lawn Bowling PE classes for Mitchell Christian School, grades 5, 6, 7 and 8, have been completed with 37 participants. The LifeQuest League will start on Mother's Day with league players and their families in attendance. We held an Iowa vs South Dakota Challenge over Easter weekend with 4 from Iowa. Our group of nearly 30 volunteer trainers are signing up to be on duty at the green every night into November. Our goal is to improve on last years' use count of 1,704.

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The One & Only Pot Licker Open Pairs

June 7-8, Milwaukee

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, especially in this first tournament of the year after a long and harsh winter. Participants enter their own teams. The entry fee goes towards cash prizes (pot) , and the winners’ names are engraved on a trophy kept in the clubhouse.



Leif Andresen, co-founder of the Pot Licker with Bob Schneider. This will be the 15th straight year of the Pot Licker tournament!

Date: Sat., June 7 & 8, 2014/Entry fee: \$6/team

Format: Open Pairs; 3x16 ends

Draw Time Sat: 7:30 am/ Start Time 8:00 am

Attire: Whites or matching team uniforms

Entry Deadline: June 1, 2014

POTLUCKER ENTRY FORM

Central cont.

Milwaukee Lake Park Bowling Club

Submitted by Glorianne Mather



Pat Mueller

Pat Mueller has been a member of the Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Club since 1976. Since then she has held almost every office in the club as well as in the Central Division, and has been a division councilor. She has been the Central Division secretary/treasurer for the past ten years, and has participated in the US Championships at Pinehurst, Sun City, Fla., and Sun City, Ariz. Pat is a charter member of the Golden Bias Club, and as the Hensilite sales representative, she keeps our club supplied with Grippo, measures, bags, score cards and any other supplies bowlers need for the game.

Whenever there is a question at our club that we cannot answer, the response is always "ask Pat."

Ask her about what it was like when we combined the men's and women's clubs into one or the number of Milwaukee bowlers who have represented the US nationally and internationally. Ask her about the "good old days" of the Otto Hess and Sydney Steller Tournaments, and how many Central Division bowlers are now in the Hall of Fame. Ask her about how she loves the game and how she has shared that love with her husband, George. She always has the answers to our questions with a smile. Every club should have a go-to person like Pat. We are grateful to have her.

When asked what would be on her wish list, Pat replied, "I want to see more young people take up the game. I also wish those of us who do play become more familiar with the rules of the game."

This wish list is one we can all share at the Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Club.

South Central

St. George Lawn Bowls Club St. George, Utah

Submitted by Dr. R. Wayne Pace, (ret)

The St. George Lawn Bowls Club is seeking assistance in raising funds to construct a two-green lawn bowls center in St. George, Utah. Our club currently has 25 members and we bowl three days a week indoors on the recreation center court by rolling out three rinks of green carpeting. The rinks are only 88 feet long and 12 feet wide, so they do not qualify as a regular sized green. The city of St. George has agreed to provide the land if we can raise the money to pay for the construction of the greens. St. George is an ideal location for lawn bowling, with weather that allows for year-round bowling. It is the center of "retirement" America and has a multitude of potential bowlers. If you have any sources of funding, we would appreciate your assistance.

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Northwest



Opening Day at King City features Brats-n-Bowls

The King City Lawn Bowling Club, King City, Ore., held its opening day on May 3, 2014 with a lively group consisting of 13 club members and 9 guests from a local Meet-up group. The club served up brats on the grill accompanied by a selection of delectable side dishes brought by those attending including cole slaw, fruit salad, potato salad, chips, cookies, apple crisp, cherry pie and more.



"Neither rain nor snow nor dark of night," can stop the intrepid lawn bowler. With full bellies from the BBQ and potluck, the newbie bowlers took to the green braving cool, wet and windy weather to try their hand at our favorite sport.

Pacific-Inter Mountain

Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club Hosts Senior Games

Submitted by Terry Hogan



Bob Schwartz (L) and Larry Collaço with their gold medals won in the 2014 Bay Area Senior Games held at the Palo Alto Lawn Bowls club the week of May 5-8. Lawn bowlers join 2,000 other senior (over 50) athletes in 20 sports who are striving to qualify for the 2015 National Games to be held in three Minnesota cities. Lawn bowling is a demonstration sport as there is no Minn., green large enough to host a large number of bowlers.

There will be 1,200 athletes gather in Minneapolis next year to compete in 20 sports including track and field, swimming, basketball, weight lifting, bike racing and many more.

PALBC has been involved with these games since 2009 when the National Games were held at Stanford University facilities. In addition to the Pairs event a triples will be held over the next two days, May 7-8. We have 12 teams entered in each contest with players from six different clubs.



Coming Events at PIMD

PALBC Western BBQ



Grab your ten-gallon hat and saddle-up for western BBQ on Saturday, May 10. The chuck wagon will be servin' up BBQ ribs, chicken and pulled pork along with baked beans, cole slaw and dessert. All for \$12.

Grab a cowboy cocktail from the barkeep and keep the party going!

So put on your western duds pardner and cowboy up for bowling at 3:30 and dinner about 5:30. YeeHa!



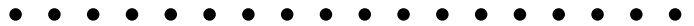
PIMD 2014 Memorial Pairs

Men & Women

Location: San Francisco LBC, Golden Gate Park

When: Saturday & Sunday, May 24 & 25

For complete details and registration information go here: <http://www.pimdlawnbowls.org/MemPairs2014.html>



Southeast

2014 Playdowns at Sun City, Florida

The 2014 Southeast Division playdowns for the Bowls USA National Championships were held at the Sun City Center Club on April 22-29 under the sponsorship of the Southeast Division of Bowls USA.

The 2014 Bowls USA National Championships will be held at Sun City Center Club on Nov. 4-8.



Pairs Champions:
Cassie Krowl (L)
and Chris Heller.

Southeast

2014 SED Playdowns Cont.



Pairs Champions:
Glen Baumann (L)
and Bob Ferguson.



Bud Ricucci
Singles Champion



Marita Nierth
Singles Champion

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Southwest

A Super "Super Shot" At Holmby Park



L-R Cecil Bator, Tom Series and Fred Fox

On April 15, at Holmby Park LBC, Los Angeles, Calif., the team of Fred Fox, Cecil Bator and Tom Series scored a rare "9" on one end. The super shot was special itself, but special in another respect; Fred Fox will be 100 years old in July!

Congratulations to Fred, Cecil & Tom on a Super, Super Shot!

Southwest

Santa Anita Wins the Triple Crown

In Lawn Bowling That Is.....

The "Havey Lieberg Tournament" is played every year between Santa Anita, Alhambra and Pasadena lawn bowling clubs. The tournament was started by Bill Lieberg in Pasadena in honor of his uncle, a long-time bowler and businessman in the area. The date on the trophy of the first tournament is 1970.

Alhambra LBC has retained the trophy for the bulk of the years, but after ten years, Santa Anita Bowling Green Club brought it back to Arcadia in the fall of 2013.

Santa Anita brought home another prize by winning both the Regional and Southwest Division Winter League Championships for 2014.

And to add one more trophy to complete the Triple Crown, Santa Anita won the Valley League Championship just last month.



Regional & SW Division Winter League Champions L-R:

Sean McMorris, Shuman Chan, Marinko Tudor, Steve Bauchiero.

Not shown: Liam Courtney and Margi Rambo



With the Lieberg Trophy L-R: Marinko Tudor, Gene Plunkett, Bob Hauerwaas, Steve Dowd, Dewey Tse, & Margi Rambo

Southwest

Women's US Pairs Playdowns, April 24- May 4, 2014
Newport LBC, Newport, California



"Stars" Pairs Champions: Eileen Lancendorfer (L) & Carol Poto



"Stripes" Pairs Champions: Kottia Spangler (L) & Anne Nunes

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Tiger Bowls Invitational & China Open

Submitted by Linda Roberts & Evelyn Lucero



L-R Linda Roberts, Phil Luth, Cheryl Barkovich, Aaron Zangle, Margi Rambo, Merton Isaacman, Candy DeFazio, Lenoard Wasserman.

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Tiger Bowls cont.

In March, 2014, two teams from the U.S. crossed the Pacific to compete in the Tiger Bowls Invitational (Hong Kong) and the China Open. Although the men have represented Team USA for quite a few years, this was the first year a women's team from the US participated.

The "Tiger Bowls" tournaments are the first major international tournament of the year "Tiger Bowls World Invitational" in Hong Kong (March 15-16) and the China Open in Zhengzhou, China (March 18-22) included participants from over 40 countries, and were endorsed by World Bowls Limited. They are held to promote the sport of bowls, increase the players skills through competition against world-class teams, and build friendships among associations across the globe.

Both the men and the women of the U.S. bowled well. The greens in Hong Kong were true and ran about 13-14 seconds. The Bowls USA women placed 5th, but missed the finals by just one skin!

The rules and scoring system were different in Hong Kong. No trial ends. No visits to the head. A burnt end equals 2 shots awarded to the opponent and the Vice is not allowed to be with the Skip. Eight ends are played and scored this way: 2 points if you win the first three ends, 2 points if you win the next three ends, 2 points if you win the last two ends and 2 points for the team with the most points at the end of the match for a total of 8 points.

The tournament was topped off with a spectacular awards dinner and show.

This year the China Open was held in Zhengzhou, China, in the region of Henan. The Janda artificial green factory hosted the games. The carpet ran very well.

At the China Open the matches were 12 ends long, regular scoring, no trial ends, no visits to the Head for Leads or Vice. Only the Skip can visit the Head after his first bowl. No Burnt ends and the jack is placed in the center line (2 meter mark).

The competition was fierce, but our sponsors made us feel most welcome and safe! We finished off with a heart-warming ceremony.

Evelyn Lucero said, "As we walked to the hotel we were treated like movie stars. Middle school age students bombarded us with camera phones for photos with us and autographs."

"The tournaments were very well organized and the accommodations, cuisine, and transportation coordination was terrific," Linda Roberts said. "Nearly everything was handled for us! Our competitors were as nice as anyone, and the laughter was continuous. It was one of the best trips we have been on in a long time."



2016 and 2017 US OPEN TOURNAMENTS

Sarasota Lawn Bowling club in Southeast Division of Bowls USA, applied to host the 2016 and 2017 US Open Tournaments.

The Council of Bowls USA approved their application and we look forward to bowling in Sarasota County.

Letters of support from House of Representatives member, Vern Buchanan, Florida Sports Foundation, Sarasota Board of Commissioners, the Mayor of Sarasota, the Sarasota County Sports Commission and the Tampa Bay Sports were included in their application.

Sarasota and area is renowned for its cultural and environmental amenities, beaches, resorts, connections to the Ringling family, and its 'school' of architecture. Sarasota will be considered the Host City with their 3 greens. The other venues to be used are Sun City, Sun and Fun and Maple Leaf.

Proposed Dates for 2016 US Open are:

November 12th – 19th 2016

Practice dates: November 7th – 11th 2016

**Opening Ceremonies/Welcome Party:
November 12th, 2016 (Saturday)**

**All Finals:
November 18th, 2016 (Saturday)**

**Look forward to seeing you all there.
Mark your calendars!**

THIS JUST IN FROM TEAM USA AT WORLD BOWLS DUTCH INTERNATIONAL OPEN!

Team USA #1—Kim Heiser (SW) and Janice Bell (NW)—takes 2nd Place (silver) in Women's Pairs and Team USA #2 take third place (bronze) in Mixed Rinks. The Dutch International Open held in Haarlem, Netherlands, May 4-19, 2014. This World Bowls event included teams from the Netherlands, Canada, Scotland, Ireland, Hong Kong, China, the Isle of Man and Spain as well as the United States.



Janice Bell (L), (NW) and Kim Heiser (SW) win Silver in Women's Pairs.



L-R : John Johnson (NW), Brenda Wright (SW), Phil Dunn (SW), and Anna Witt (CD) win Bronze in the Mixed Rinks.



The U.S. Open will be hosted
by Bowls USA's
Southwest Division
September 14-20
in Southern California

Registration is now open

[U.S. Open](http://www.usopenlawnbowls.com/)

<http://www.usopenlawnbowls.com/>



Bowls USA National Championships

November 5-9, 2014

Sun City Center, Florida

[National Championships](http://www.bowlsusa.us/nationals/2014/index.php)

<http://www.bowlsusa.us/nationals/2014/index.php>



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From the President

Thanks to Jim Semanek, Bowls USA webmaster, all the issues of Bowls USA magazines from 1962 through 2009 were diligently sorted and scanned. The magazines, in PDF format, are on [Bowls USA](http://www.bowlsusa.us) website for all to read. When reading through the magazines, it is interesting to note, that our current concerns and the issues pertinent to present day clubs, members, divisions and associations are the same as in prior years.

From April 1971 issue of Bowls Magazine:

"How many times have you heard this? 'I sure bowled badly today: oh well, it's only a game.'

Sure it's only a game, but is it? The sport of bowls is to be an aggressive opponent. Just for a moment let's consider bowling on the green as more than a game of fun. The reason for playing bowls are to relax, to enjoy good competition, to have a morning or afternoon of fresh air and sun and to get some exercise. In other words, something more than just a game.

While there are many reasons to play bowls, it's never to waste a few hours, or to have little bad game of bowls. Lawn bowls is a way of life!

Let me explain this. The game is a fine way for good friends to meet and to enjoy each other's company. The game is fast paced enough to interest a person for a long period of time. The game is a challenge to a man's or woman's skill. While now and then it's a game of frustration and mistakes, the game is never dull.

So lawn bowls isn't just a game at all. It's a hobby. For people it can become a way of life. Oh, and it's a heck of a lot of fun.

Take lawn bowls seriously. Learn the necessary skills and play the game well. Relax and enjoy this game!"

Richmond LBC, written by Dave Taylor

For your information, Bowls USA, a non-profit corporation, is the controlling body for the game of lawn bowls in the United States of America and consists of a council, officers and members. The business and affairs of Bowls USA are conducted by the President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Council, made up of one male and one female member from each of the seven Divisions. So, contact your Councilor - your voice in our organization. Keep informed.

The bowling season is now in full swing and here's hoping you all have great games and enjoy this sport that we all love.

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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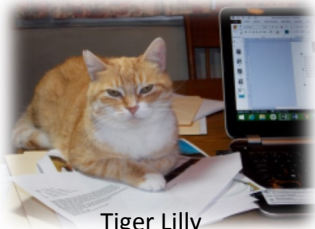
From the Editor:

A huge thank you to all Bowls USA members for all the submissions they sent to me for this month's issue! Not only am I getting interesting articles from websites and e-mails sent to me, but also instant results of tournaments and photos from all over the country and the world (see the Dutch Open) via Ipad and Iphone! How cool is that?

I hope you enjoy learning about the clubs and divisions across the country as much as I do. Stories feed upon themselves. One story leads to a follow-up and then to another, until we all feel connected.

Heather Stewart, Bowls USA president, and Pam Edwards, handling the thankless task of managing the database, help me a great deal with the newsletter, especially when I just need to complain to someone!

And lest you think I don't have help at home with the newsletter, here is my "editorial staff."



Tiger Lilly



Boots

Now I'm off to Disneyland with my kids and grandkids!

Happy bowling to you,

Cheri Cabot



4 Steps to Success in Lawn Bowls by Stephen Forrest

Where Do You Stand on the Mat?

Last month I highlighted “**Step On Mat**” in the Execution phase of your delivery method.

For the shot to be successful, you will have decided exactly what result you are trying to make – to the exactness of a 1/32 of an inch. Mental visualization of the shot you just decided on must include the exact position you choose to Stand on the Mat – so that the 1st Step is made exactly right. Your physical delivery routine then just is Letting it Go from the right place.

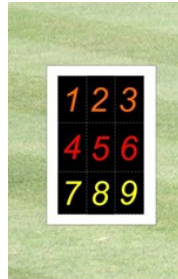
This Mat diagram is a guide to 9 basic positions on which you can place your back foot. This the right foot for right-handed players. All my training seminars and books use right-hand examples for simplicity only. Here are some guidelines on the use of the Mat.

1. Use Position 2 as the default position on the Mat for the Draw shot. Place your foot so that the big toe is directly in the centre of the Mat, 2 inches from the front edge. This position guarantees 2 things – that you cannot foot-fault during a draw delivery and that your step forward with your

front foot will place that foot completely on the green, ensuring a foundation for excellent balance.

2. The direction of the back foot on initial Step should be pointing directly down the Line of aim for the bowl being played. During your delivery, most Players will actually rotate their foot from that line but the initial direction of the back foot along the line means the step forward off the Mat will be more accurately guided along that same exact Line of Aim.

3, Use Position 7 as the default position on the Mat for the Drive shot. Place your foot so that the heel is 2 inches from the back edge. This position guarantees that you cannot foot-fault during a drive delivery. The amount of curve of your Drive



shots on both hands will be approximately the same as they arrive at the target in the Head.

You will gain experience in reading greens in competition and in practice to identify imperfections in the playing surface. Your ability to visualize shots will improve. You will then be able to choose better lines into your targets by moving your initial stance on the Mat. Rather than just struggling to gain experience, the aim here is, as in the 4 Steps To Success books, is

to accelerate your improvement , understanding and competitive success.

General principles for Mat use are that moving left to position 1 will create a narrower line into the Jack on the Forehand and wider on the Backhand. Moving right to Position 3 will allow a wider approach on the Forehand and narrower on the Backhand. Position 1 is the most extreme left position on the Mat, and Position 9 is the most extreme right position on the Mat.

The difference in the line of your bowls along the green to the same target at the Head between Mat Positions 3 and 9 (and 1 and 7 on the left) is approximately 2 inches, though it actually varies according to the speed of the Green – the faster the green, the wider the angle of the Line of Aim becomes and the greater the variance the Mat positions represent. These very small changes are important for Players in Championship competitions against highly skilled and experienced players. As you gain experience, you will learn how your bowls go down the green. You will be able to visualize the exact line required to make Draws past short bowls or Controlled Weight shots through gaps. These will require movement from your default position on the Mat.

The real benefit of using Mat Position 2 as that default then becomes clear. Position 2 allows you to move either left or right, according to the circumstance of the shot required. Of course, it is much better to have practiced all this movement during your Structured Practice sessions so that you have confidence that your visualization is based on sound facts. I recommend you stick to default positions in your practices until you reach a consistent level of scores (see the Step2 – Technical Skill book), moving left and right only when you need to avoid runs or imperfections in the Rink you are playing.

Enjoy your bowling , Stephen



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