



## Monthly Newsletter

May, 2015

# Bowls USA Expands Coaching Program

*By Heather Stewart, Bowls USA President*

Bowls USA, as stated in our Strategic Plan, envisions standardized coaching across all seven divisions, and to offer to all Bowls USA members an opportunity to increase their knowledge of this wonderful game.

To achieve this goal, Bowls USA contracted with David Cameron, an advanced coach from Australia who spent April in the USA and visited clubs in PIMD (Pacific Inter-Mountain Division) NW (Northwest Division) and SWD (Southwest Division). Bowls USA is proud to announce that following this visit, we now have 62 certified club coaches. Additional clinics will be offered to bowlers in the NE (Northeast Division), SCD (South Central Division) Central Division and SED (Southeast Division). Keep an eye on your calendars!

Every coaching clinic or session started with a brief talk about “4 Safety Issues” all players should be aware of:

Step sideways on and off the green – less chance of soft tissue damage to knees and ankles

Don't stop a bowl with your hand or foot

Don't step backwards – it can be said “we never take a backwards step in bowls”

Use Sunscreen, wear a hat/cap, and where possible wear sunglasses and lastly make sure that you remain hydrated... unfortunately alcohol does not hydrate.

During David's stay, the inaugural camp conducted by Bowls USA for the Men's Team USA, was held up at Laguna Woods LBC. Drills to determine current skill levels, followed by small games to ensure drill knowledge was incorporated into game sense; six-end games to establish player's comprehension of head building and communication skills were arranged.

Bowls USA is compiling our own Coaching Manual, including drills, and plans to send monthly updates to all the coaches. This is an exciting time for us all. Thank you to David Cameron for his help and guidance as we move towards our goal.

***David Cameron leading a coaching class at Jefferson Park LBC in Seattle, Washington.***



# Open House

## *Mount Dora LBC Open House*

*Mount Dora, Florida*



The Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club hosted a two-day Open House on May 2 & 3, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days. This was our first try to expand to a two day event to include Sunday to attract the Farmer's Market crowd down the street from us.

The Open House was promoted extensively via a large 30' x 42" street banner sign (see picture), event notices in 14 media outlets, web sites and e-mail blasts (all but two were free), Facebook postings, flyers posted around town and current members asking friends and neighbors.

We had 86 visitors to our Open House – 43 on each day. Each visitor was assigned a member tour guide who was responsible for giving them a tour of our facilities, explaining the club and giving them a chance to try bowling. We also had a hot dog lunch served on Saturday and sloppy joes on Sunday. Each visitor was provided with a flyer that explains the game and a "Frequently Asked Questions" document with answers to most typically asked questions.

Approximately half of the visitors expressed interest in the club. We held training sessions the two weeks after the Open House and obtained 12 new member active bowlers and 4 associate members.

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We also have a backlog of over 40 potential members who were unable to attend the recent training sessions, but want to do so during our next scheduled training sessions in early October or possibly even earlier – which we are considering.

We view this as a tremendous success and attribute it to not only the extensive promotion of it, but also to 45 members who volunteered their time in a variety of ways - it was a great team effort!

Tom Eppich

Chairperson, Publicity & Marketing Committee



Open House at Mont Dora LBC



Open House at Mont Dora LBC



# Open House

## *Newport Harbor LBC Open House* *Newport Beach, California*

Submitted by Paula Bogenrief

The Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club, Southwest Division, hosted another very successful Open House on May 9, 2015. As in the past, this Open House was co-sponsored by the City of Newport Beach and Morgan Stanley Securities.



We did a fair amount of advertising this year by placing quarter page ads in our local newspaper, distributing flyers and displaying dozens of banners and flags around the club a few weeks prior to the big event. During the open house we served free pizzas and beverages, showed our guests a 5 minute video on lawn bowling and gave everyone who attended, "mini" lawn bowling lessons on the greens with instructors. All of this seemed to be well received by our many guests.

We had about 100 people attend this year, 26 of whom joined our club either on that day or shortly thereafter. We are now in the process of integrating our new members into our club's activities by providing free bowling lessons as well as lectures on the "Rules of Bowls". All in all, we are off to a good start for another great year of Bowls in Newport Beach, California. We are excited about the potential we see in our Class of 2015.

## *Newport Harbor LBC Open House*



# Open House

## *MacKenzie Park LBC Open House*

*Santa Barbara, California*

Submitted by Gary Crispin

The MacKenzie Park Lawn Bowling Club held their annual Open House on Saturday, May 9. The club advertised using a local weekly paper, and neighborhood message boards. Members also passed out flyers and invited friends as the club instituted a "Invite a Friend" membership, incentive drive.

Signs announcing the event to the neighborhood were placed a week before May 9 and helium balloons were added to the signs and the club's fencing on Saturday. Free pizza and refreshments were offered to those attending.

Of the seventy people who came to the Open House, twenty-seven joined as provisional members. The club president, Arnon Blau, was very happy with the results. Mr. Blau commented, "The membership worked together and presented a wonderful program for visitors. It was a task well done."



Open House at MacKenzie Park, LBC

**SPRING**  
*Is in the air*

# Open House

## *Cincinnati LBC Open House*

*Cincinnati, Ohio*

Submitted by Marty White

May 2, we opened our bowling season with an Open House hosting 30-plus people. Since then, we've bowled six times and hosted an afternoon class for "adults over 50" through the University of Cincinnati. We're off to a great start with 162 bowlers so far...and no rain days. We apologize to Mme. Killdeer who laid her eggs two feet from the edge of the green. No matter how far away we stayed she loudly chided us and gave us "the look".



Open House at Cincinnati LBC, May 2, 2015

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## 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





2015

- April 11-16 Southwest Division Open, Santa Anita LBC, CA
- July 11-12 Central Division Open Pairs, Milwaukee LBC, WI
- July 25-30 Pacific Inter-Mountain Division Open, Rossmoor LBC, CA
- August 8-9 Central Division Open Singles, Milwaukee, LBC, WI
- August 22-27 Northeast Division Open, Williamsburg LBC, VA
- Sept. 26– Oct. 3 US Open, Orange County & Long Beach CA
- October 5-10 Huntsman Senior Games, St. George, UT
- October 20-25 National Championships, Long Beach, CA

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## Umpire's Corner

By E.B. Parkell

### HEY, I DON'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP...

A few years ago at a pairs game in San Francisco, Lead A called her Skip up to take a look at the head. Both Skips went to the head and Skip B started talking to his lead and to his opponents. Skip B was fairly new to the game and I realized that he didn't know that he shouldn't be in the head when the others were conferring. I called Skip B and Lead B to the side and told them that when the players who had the mat were at the head, they should stand back and let them discuss their situation.

Lead B told me that he didn't think I was correct. A few days later, he called me aside and told me that he had contacted then-National Umpire in Chief, Conrad Melton who had confirmed that I was correct.

I asked him why he felt it necessary to bother Mr. Melton, when it is clear in the Laws of The Sport of Bowls that the head belongs to the team who has the mat.

His answer: "I thought you made that up."

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One day I was the Vice in a triples game. My Lead, who was used to playing Vice was behind me at the head. When our Skip asked "up or down", we both signaled that we were holding two points. I told her that it's the Vices job to signal and that since I had the better view of the head, I would do it. The opposing Vice turned to her and said, "You didn't do anything wrong. It's okay to signal."

I didn't make up that rule either.

Recently at a Singles tournament in San Francisco, Player A rolled the jack, which stopped just past the hog line. The Marker asked the player how far up the mat was, as it looked as if the jack was too short. The player responded with, "It's okay". The marker again asked about the position of the mat and again was rebuffed by the player. I was near the rink and noticed that the mat was at least 9 feet from the ditch and responded that I would get the long tape. Player A then yelled that he didn't want it measured. He said that since he didn't ask for a measure, that it should not be measured. I responded that whether he requested a measure or not, the jack still has to be at least 21 meters (68 feet 10 ¾ inches) from the mat (Player A) didn't know the cardinal rule about the length of the jack

When I approached the mat, he threw his towel and stormed off the rink. His opponent was a novice who had just gotten a lesson on how to throw a hissy fit because he (Player A) didn't know the cardinal rule about the length of the jack.

I didn't make up that rule either.

If I were to give you a list of my all time favorite books, I'd start off with James Michener's "The Source", John Irving's "The Cider House Rules" and Mordecai Richler's "Barney's Version". Nowhere in the top 5, or actually top 25, would you find "The Laws of the Sport of Bowls." But it's still a good, or at least interesting, read.

Once it has been read, you will understand what I mean when I say, "Hey, I don't make this stuff up." With 78 pages of laws, who needs to do that?

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# Around the Country

## Central

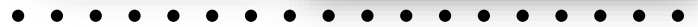
### Southwest Open Pairs Winners!



(L-R) Max Cavender (Central) & Lyall Adams (Canada) won First Place in the Championship Flight of the Men's Pairs at the 2015 Southwest Open. Mert Isaacman and Charlie Herbert were runners-up.

## Northwest

### Opening Day at Jefferson Park LBC



## Pacific Inner-Mountain

### Oakland LBC Hosts Men's Singles Championships

Submitted by Sarka Popovic

Under cool grey skies, 14 men played over two days at the Oakland LBC for the title of Men's Singles Champion in the PIMD. It looked promising for several players at the end of the first day, but fates change quickly on day two and by the end of the tournament the steady hand of Nick Christensen, who hadn't bowled in six months, prevailed.

Nick was in his "old stomping ground" in Oakland and was delighted to visit the city landmark clubhouse again.

In second place was Bud Birkenseer, who was performing double-duty as both tournament director and competitor. In third place was Cris Benton, the reigning PIMD Novice Champion.

Congratulations to all three!



## Northwest

### Opening Day at Jefferson Park LBC

Seattle, Washington

Submitted by Jenny Mears

We had a fantastic opening day of lawn bowls on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>! The theme was Spring Soiree and the clear, fine weather didn't disappoint!

The day started with a bowl to the pineapple, in which club members formed a circle on the green and bowled simultaneously to see who got closest to the pineapple in the middle. Richard Broad got closest and won the pineapple!

Next, members lined up at one end to bowl to the ditch one at a time. This time, Brian Nichols was closest! Members then celebrated the opening of the season with fried chicken, spring rolls, Bloody Mary's and mimosas, and draw games that lasted until late in the afternoon.

A lovely day was had by all! Thanks to everyone who helped make this event possible, especially our social chair Terri Turner and Chris Davis, who emceed the games.



# Pacific Inner-Mountain

## Students Learn to Bowl

Submitted by Sarka Popovic



The Oakland Lawn Bowling Club (OLBC) has had three classes come out and learn to bowl over the course of the last month. Middle-school students from St. Paul's Episcopal School in Oakland were taught, along with their athletic director, the basics of bowls. The following week their athletic director brought another class for a lesson. The lessons were made more successful with borrowed bowls from the Leisure Town LBC and the Palo Alto LBC who lent both 00 and 0 bowls.

Two weeks later a teacher from Alvarado Elementary School, in San Francisco, brought over his fifth graders who were chaperoned by several parents to learn to bowl. They came on public transit and ate their bag lunches on-site making a day of it. The students and parents were delighted with the excursion and the teacher, an Oakland resident, is planning to introduce his girlfriend to the sport.

OLBC is committed to exposing youngsters to bowl in hopes that they will bring their family and friends to the club and catch the bowling bug. Partnering with public and private schools is one avenue to introducing kids to the great sport of bowls. The OLBC is in discussion with one school to formalize a year-around training program as a pilot project. Keep your eyes out for young bowlers on the greens.

# Pacific Inner-Mountain

## San Francisco LBC Hosts Bill Ryan/Pig & Whistle Mixed -Draw Fives Tournament

Submitted by Ginger Harris

Rain? Bowling tournament? Rain? Bowling tournament? It was a dilemma all week, and we all know how much we need rain in the Bay Area. Which one should we hope for?

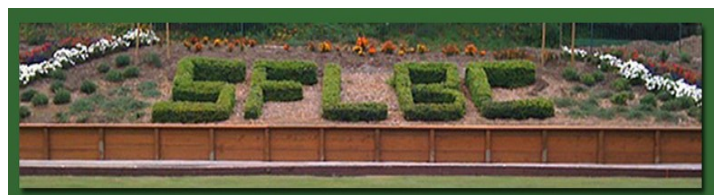
Mother Nature had her way, as always, and under intermittently cloudy and clear skies, in relatively mild weather, while other parts of the Bay Area were experiencing rain and even hail, we played this year's edition of the annual social bash known as the Bill Ryan/Pig&Whistle Mixed - Draw Fives.

This is the second year that Steve Anderson, proprietor of the popular British style pub on Geary Street in San Francisco, has sponsored this club event that really provides an opportunity for veterans, novices, frequent bowlers, sometimes bowlers, everyone, to enjoy a day out together on the greens in beautiful Golden Gate Park.

A co-sponsor of the event, club member Bill Ryan (along with his wife Wilma) met Steve several years ago at the pub, and Bill, kicking into his usual lawn bowling recruiter mode, convinced a group of the cricket-talking, dart-playing Pig & Whistle regulars to give our more genteel sport a try. Steve and the Whistlers are regular bowlers now, and are always good for a fun roll-up. Steve and the Ryans "really enjoy sponsoring this event" and are already looking forward to next year's tournament.

Finishing in first place this year was the team of Norm Tiernan, Angie Peet, Mike Lias, Nora Gallagher and Ginger Harris. Second place went to Bud Birkenseer, Don Croft, Marcus Zeino, Christine Raher and Kirk Harper. Third place finishers were Larry Collaco, Rita Arriaga, Bob Schwartz, Bill Campbell and Sandeep Aji.

All 50+ bowlers involved seemed to have a thoroughly good time, consistent with this event's tradition. Many thanks to the Ryans and to Steve Anderson (Mr. P&W) for their generous sponsorship and for the bountiful spread that greeted us at the end of play.



# Schedule of Events for the 2015 PIMD Open at Rossmoor LBC 3400

Lower Golden Rain Road, Walnut Creek CA 94595 ---- Clubhouse 925-937-1765

The tournament dates run the week of July 25th through July 31st. Men's & Women's Singles, Pairs, and Triples will each be two day events, with a one day "Mixed" Pairs event at the end of the week to unwind after six days of competition. All events are at the Rossmoor LBC except the "Mixed Pairs" on Friday, July 31st, which will be at the Oakland LBC at their Lake Merritt venue.

## Schedule for the week:

Saturday & Sunday (July 25th & 26th) Men's Singles and the Women's Triples

Monday & Tuesday (July 27th & 28th) Men's Triples and the Women's Singles

Wednesday & Thursday (July 29 & 30) Men's Pairs and Women's Pairs

Friday (July 31st) One Day Only Mixed Pairs at Oakland LBC 3 games, blind draw 660 Bellevue Ave., Oakland CA

**Entry deadline for all events: July 18, 2015 Entry Fee is \$15 per player per event Mixed Pairs is only \$10 per player**

Entry forms: are available on the PIMD web-site: [PIMDLawnBowls.org/files/PIMD-entry-form.pdf](http://PIMDLawnBowls.org/files/PIMD-entry-form.pdf)

(Please include separate entry form for each event) or contact Bud Birkenseer at [BudBirk@gmail.com](mailto:BudBirk@gmail.com)

**Tournament Formats:** Blind Draw for Day 1 Rink assignments. Pairs and Triples games are 14 Ends, Singles are to 18 Points.

Day 2 play will be Flighted from Day 1 standings. Minimal eliminations, almost all players will return for Day 2.

Day 2 will be flighted in units of 4. So if there are 22 teams in the field day 1, on day 2 just 20 teams will return.

Top 8 teams from day one's play will be in the Championship Flight on day 2. C, D, E, flights will be round robin.

**Tournament Guidelines:** No Smoking, No Cell phone use on the Green(s). Please go light on Cologne (Some players have allergic reactions.) Dress codes: White/Cream or matching team colored shirts with collars and sleeves. White/Cream slacks, shorts or culottes, and it goes without saying, flat soled heel-less shoes. No beverages on the Green(s) playing surface.

**Food & Refreshments:** Morning coffee/sweets & light lunch of salad/chips/fruit/drinks provided. Beverages for purchase.

Walnut Creek Accommodations: (Make your own reservations by phone or online.)

- The Marriot 2355 N. Main St. (925)934-2000 \$179
- Embassy Suites 1345 Treat Blvd. (925)934-2500 \$152
- Holiday Inn Express 2730 N. Main St. (925)932-3332 \$144
- Lafayette Park 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd (925)283-3700 \$189
- Diablo Mt. Inn 2079 Mt. Diablo Blvd (925)937-5050 \$103
- Motel 6 2389 N. Main St. (925)935-4010 \$87

Questions & Answers: Contact Bud Birkenseer by E-Mail at: [BudBirk@Gmail.co](mailto:BudBirk@Gmail.co)





## Southwest

### Katy Stone Singles

Sunday, May 17 at Long Beach LBC



Winners of the Katy Stone Singles (L-R) Kim Heiser, 4th Place, Anne Nunes, 3rd Place, Cecile Langevin, 1st Place, and Stephanie Johnson, 2nd Place

## Southwest

### Men's Novice Singles

Sunday, May 17 at Laguna Woods LBC



Robert Busciglio, Long Beach LBC, 1st Place in the Men's Novice Singles.

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## Disney Tournament

Memorial Weekend, Beverly Hills LBC



Phil Dunn (L) and Jim Flowers were 1st Place winners at the Disney Tournament.

## Stirrat Mixed Triples

Saturday, May 16, Santa Ana LBC



Long Beach Team of (L-R) Candy DeFazio, Scott Boyd and Heidi Fernandes won 1st Place at the Stirrat Mixed Triples

# Southwest

## Ladies Day At Long Beach LBC

Submitted by Micky Alexander



What a super day we had at Long Beach today. We had the largest turnout since I have been coordinating the event, with the exception of the Christmas luncheon. Ten clubs were represented, with a total of 48 bowlers and I believe there were four first time attendees.

The entire green was set up by two of the ladies from Long Beach and a wonderful selection of breakfast items were available for us. I also had help at the check-in desk which allowed me to be able to take the time to set up for the blind draw.

I made my opening comments, the new ladies introduced themselves, we had a couple of announcements and after the draw our picture was taken - we all look pretty good! No trial bowls today, we just went for it and it appeared everyone was having a great time.

Since we had 8 triples this AM it was easy to figure the prize money and because there were that many bowlers, we could give out up to 4th place and here they are:

1st place - Helen Mathewson, Linda Bator, Joan Morris  
2nd place - Cecile Langevin, Gloria Montez, Kay Hudnall  
3rd place - Carol Poto, Norma Goodhart, Valerie Seres  
4th place - Mary Thompson, Charlyne Moltane, Beanie Ovens

After many delicious choices to accompany the lunches we all brought, the second draw for the afternoon game took place. A few ladies couldn't stay for the second game so we had 6 triples & 1 double. And the winners were:

1st place - Carol Poto, Cathy MacDonald, Mary Gaiz  
2nd place - Sheila Conti, Norma Goodhart, Gail Aden  
3rd place - Mary Thompson, Amy Chan, Sandra Schlosser  
4th place - Helen Mathewson, Linda Burton, Mary Porter

# Southwest



## *Spotlight On Scott Roberts*

Submitted by Shirley Price & Gary Barnes

Scott Roberts, a member of Laguna Beach LBC, is an accomplished bowler as well as very active in the club and division level.

Scott, along with his wife Linda, an accomplished bowler as well, were introduced to lawn bowling in 2009 while on vacation at Smoke Tree Ranch in Palm Springs, CA. Since then he practiced regularly and the practice paid off. In 2010 he placed second in the U.S. Open Singles, was on the 2011 Silver Medal Tiger Bowls Team, and named to Team USA for the NAC in 2010 and 2014. He has recently been named to the Team USA participating in the Asia-Pacific Championships in New Zealand in November, 2015.

Scott served as club secretary for Laguna Beach LBC 2010 to 2011, and SWLBA Division secretary 2013-2014. In January he was installed as President of SWLBA.



Scott Roberts, Laguna Beach LBC, SWLBA President, and accomplished bowler, gives instruction to a family attending the Laguna Beach LBC Open House.



# 2015 National Championships Players

The Competition Includes 16 Single 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	MEN'S PAIRS
Central	August 15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	July 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	August 15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	July 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>
Northeast	August 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	June 27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	August 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	June 27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>
Northwest	August 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	July 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	August 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	July 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>
PIMD	July 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	July 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>
South Central	Regina Banares Sun City, AZ	Myra Wood – Skip Sun City, AZ Lorraine Hitchcock – Lead Sun City, AZ	Ron Rollick Sun City Grand, AZ	Rodger Green – Skip Sun City, AZ Grant Summers – Lead Sun City, AZ
Southeast	April 20 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	April 20 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	April 20 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	April 20 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>
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**Bowls USA National Championships**

**Will be held in Long Beach, CA**

**October 20-25, 2015**