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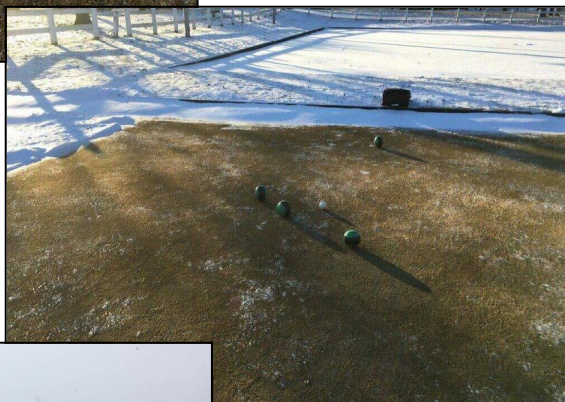
BABY, IT'S COLD (AND SNOWY) OUTSIDE

It may be just 4 degrees outside, but that didn't stop Bob Schneider, of the Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Club in Wisconsin, from getting out and rolling some bowls in January. Bob reported that the green was rolling at a cool 15 seconds.



Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Club

Meanwhile, in the first snow of the season at Skytop Lodge Lawn Bowling Club in the



Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, the question is, "Would anyone care for a roll up?"



Skytop Lodge Lawn Bowling Club

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Bowls USA is pleased to announce the men and women teams approved to represent Team USA in the 2018 Tiger Bowls – China Open in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, China (March 10-17).

FRICK PARK WARMS THINGS UP

It may be cold outside, but the Frick Park LBC in Pittsburgh, PA, recently obtained a short mat set to help members keep their bowling skills (and interest) warmed up during the cold winter months. The club is interested to see if this can become a recruiting tool in the winter months that brings more people out to their greens in the spring.



Pictures are from the first trial run.

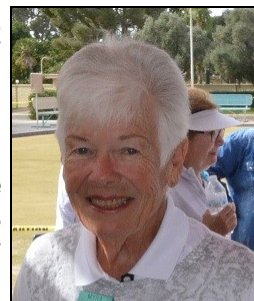


2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Myra Wood, South Central Division

With more than 80 people in attendance, Myra Wood was welcomed into the august group of bowlers who can boast of being in the BowlsUSA Hall of Fame. SCD President Ron Rollick presented Myra with the Hall of Fame certificate and pin and Jackie Tucker presented Myra with a bouquet on behalf of Team USA.

Myra has bowled for 31 years and has built an impressive resume. Since 2007, she and her perennial partner (Lorraine Hitchcock) have won the SCD ladies pairs playdowns seven times. In National Championships play they won 3 Gold and 3 Silver medals. In the US Open, Myra skippered her ladies fours team to Gold in 2006 and Bronze in 2015. On the International scene, Myra most recently skipped the women's fours team in the 2015 Asia Pacific games, taking Silver.



Magic Myra—as many people know her

Myra's accomplishments also include being the Tacoma Club President, Northwest Division President, AWLBA President (before BUSA), and a councilor for many years in both the Northwest and South Central Divisions. She has also worked "behind the scenes" for both the Golden Bias and Memorial Fund organizations and is very active in local Sun City clubs.

Colin Smith, Northeast Division



Colin Smith

According to Northeast Division Board Director, Dick Sayer, the NED still exists because of Colin Smith and his efforts over the years. Dick says, "While most tournament bowlers in the division sought to play for their own glory, Colin made sure there was a division to belong to and represent."

Colin has been President of the Essex Lawn Bowling Club for 22 years; served as the NED President for a total of four years; was President of the forerunners to BowlsUSA for four years; and has served as Division Councilor to BowlsUSA (and its forerunners) for more than 12 years total. In addition he has been the NED Tournament Director since 1997 and is NED Head Division Umpire.

Jim Olson, Southwest Lawn Bowling Association Division

SWLBA Hall of Fame inductee, Jim Olson, was presented with his certificate and pin at the Division AGM. Jim's bowling accomplishments include representing his Division in 6 National Championship tournaments, taking Gold in singles in 2003 and 2007. He has also represented the USA in the Champion of Champions tournaments in Warilla, Australia in 2004, and Aberdeen, Scotland in 2008; in the PBA pairs at Potters, UK in 2008; and was a Team USA member from 2004 through 2015. He has also won many Gold and Silver medals in Southwest, Southeast, South Central, and PIMD Open tournaments.

Jim served as President and as Treasurer of the San Diego LBC for 2 and 5 years respectively. For 7+ years starting in 2010, Jim was Southwest Division Tournament Committee Treasurer, and became the Southwest Tournament Committee Chair from 2013 through 2017. He has also served as an umpire in many tournaments.



Jim Olson



LAWN BOWLING - IT'S IN THE GENES

By Alex Last

(Editor-in-Chief's note: This is the second of the ongoing series of articles on multi-generational families in the BowlsUSA divisions. This issue continues the NED story.)

The mighty **Michele Arculli**, ten years in the spotlight on the U.S. Lawn Bowling circuit, began her life dwelling in the long shadow of her father's international lawn bowling fame. **Skippy Arculli** was a National Champion at age sixteen in Hong Kong. Once he moved to the U.S., he joined the Essex LBC, and was routinely a member of the many powerhouse teams that club fielded in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. Michele was more concerned with academics during her teens and twenties. She only took up bowls in the last ten years, when her father had largely retired from competitive lawn bowling. In recent years, the elder Arculli seems to have rediscovered his lust for fame and fortune, is recovering very well from a major health crisis, and plans to win his own tournament, the Arculli Pairs, held around Memorial Day at the Essex club, with Michele at his side.



Michele & Skippy Arculli

U.S. Champion **Patrick Duffy** had no warm and fuzzy feeling for the sport as a



Charley Duffy Jr and Sr & Patrick competing as a triples team in the early 2000s

kid. His dad, **Charley Duffy**, brought Patrick's sister to the Essex LBC as she was friends with Colin Smith's daughter. Patrick preferred to stay at home and shoot hoops in the driveway. Finally, he joined his father at Essex and took to the game rapidly. Patrick needed little encouragement to recall a few memorable stories.

He remembers a time in his teens when his father, anxious to get home to Brooklyn, mistook the pile of winter coats in the backseat of the car for his sleeping son. Halfway through the 45-minute drive home, dad asked Patrick if he was hungry for breakfast. No response. A quick jab in to the pile of coats, and Charley realized he had left Patrick behind at the Essex club, which, at that time, was not exactly in a gentrified neighborhood. Patrick remembers

returning from the candy store and realizing he had been abandoned. A little jittery, he ran a half mile to the nearest payphone and called home collect: "Mom, dad left me at the lawn bowling green!" Mom replied, not missing a beat, "It's your own fault! What did you do?" Apparently, Patrick was willful as a youngster.

He and his dad played together, and Patrick can still hear his dad barking at him, "Get your head in the game!" Eventually, Patrick became a Skip, and found the same growl, "get your head in the game," just as effective a tool for him as it was for his father. In the 1990s, Patrick played with the titans of the NED, Duncan Farrell, Jack Lucey, Colin Smith, and many others — the club had about 100 members then, and was a powerhouse.

Charley Duffy was about 50 when Patrick was born, so by the time Patrick was in his 20s, the elder Mr. Duffy was suffering from the general ailments of advancing age and was no longer in his prime. However, the family managed to bowl together often. Patrick still feels the presence of his father when he bowls and is not afraid to summon his spirit during a tight match when his advice and encouragement is sorely needed.

(Next month, the conclusion of the NED story.)



THE HISTORY OF TAYLOR BOWLS, Part 1

Courtesy of Grant Heron, Owner of Taylor Bowls

The history of the Company is very closely linked to the modern history of bowling.

The Company was founded in 1770 under the name of James Taylor. In 1866 the name was changed by the 3rd generation of the family to Thomas Taylor (Bowls) Ltd. It was initially a wood turning business that listed amongst its early products violin cases, artificial wooden limbs for the wounded of the Napoleonic wars, ivory billiard balls and musical instruments. Gradually the business of the Company turned more toward the manufacture of bowling green bowls.



In the nineteenth century all bowls were shaped by hand to a template so consequently no two bowls were alike. Thomas Taylor made and patented a machine for shaping bowls accurately. This was a steam driven lathe. To obtain absolute uniformity each set of bowls was made from the same log of lignum vitae wood and put through the shaping machine as a matched set of four. In the same year that the shaping machine was invented (1871) the Company constructed the world's first table for testing the bias of bowls. The table had a slate bed similar to that of a billiard table which was covered with felt and canvas and measured 15 feet by 8 feet. The test table used at Taylors today is the largest in the world, being 34 feet long by 12 feet wide and although the surface has been improved to prevent tracking the concept has changed little since the concept in 1871.

Whilst the game of bowls was growing in popularity and spreading through the British empire, a problem was arising, the wood, lignum vitae, which was an ideal material for bowls in cooler climates, was not suitable for conditions in hotter and drier climates. Also at this time the quality of lignum vitae was deteriorating and the supply of good heart wood was becoming scarce. A different material had to be found. After much research a phenol formaldehyde powder became the raw material for bowls. This composition moulded and then machined into a bowl proved to be the solution to both problems. The Company manufactures its own mouldings in house and machines them into bowls on site.

Editor-in-Chief note: The continued history of Taylor Bowls will appear in upcoming issues of the BowlsUSA Newsletter. Topics will include: how bowls are manufactured, the introduction of colored bowls, the bias explained, and the need for different bowl models.



My Lawn Bowling Story or How I found lawn bowling

By Charlyn Moltane

(Editor-in-Chief's note: In last month's issue, I challenged readers to share their lawn bowling story. This is a response generated by that challenge.)



Charlyn & Frank Moltane

Looking for something to do after retirement, my husband joined the Elks Club in Santa Ana. It was not really what he was looking for, but in the club's newsletter he found a short article about the nearby Santa Ana LBC, and decided to try it. After finding how friendly and helpful the members were, he had me join too. We are now "lifers", and have been members for 15 years.

Not only do I love playing the game, but I tell several strangers a month about lawn bowling. Also, in my car and purse I carry Open House fliers and some business cards which we made. When I see people at a store or eating at Costco, I ask if they've heard of lawn bowling, tell them my reasons for liking it, and give them a flier.

You, too, could spread the word about this enjoyable sport. If you belong to another group at church, work, etc., why not put a little article about lawn bowling along with your club's contact info into your organization's newsletter?

BEVERLY HILLS LBC ON TV

Beverly Hills LBC saw some excitement in mid-January when L.A.'s channel 7 visited as part of a special "life of Walt Disney" show on its "Eye On L.A." series. Series host, Tina Malave, brought a crew to the Beverly Hills green to videotape a feature on lawn bowling and what it meant to Mickey Mouse's and Disneyland's creator. Walt Disney was a regular and devoted member of the Beverly Hills club.

Past BHLBC president Joe Siegman provided a historical account of the Walt-BHLBC magic, and club president Bill Wolff gave the TV host a fast-track introduction to playing the game. The TV crew found the sport so intriguing that they returned several days later to photograph current club members enjoying their game on the greens. And, as an unexpected bonus, Ms. Malave included some new-member promotional dialogue for the Beverly Hills club in the on-air report.

The original Beverly Hills green was dedicated to Dr. Oscar Beasley, owner of the Beverly Hills Bank back in the 1920s. Dr. Beasley built a bowling green next to his bank during the City's formative years, then founded the first of an eventual additional three greens. The first green, at its current Roxbury Park site, is currently under consideration as a City historical landmark.



Past-president Joe Siegman with series host, Tina Malave.



CERTIFIED CLUB COACH COURSE

As part of Bowls USA nationwide *Coaching Program*, a **Certified Club Coach Course** will be presented in the **Northwest Division**.

It is the objective of **Bowls USA** to have well-qualified coaches across the country to assist in raising the enjoyment and standard of our sport and to provide the necessary assistance to players of all ages and skills levels.

Place: **King City LBC** (Tigard, Oregon)

Date: **April 7 & 8, 2018** (Saturday and Sunday)

Dress: **Casual** - bowls shoes advised

Cost: **\$125.00** (includes manual, Club Coach certificate upon successful completion of class, and Bowls USA Coach shirt)

Class size: Minimum 6 participants – maximum 14 participants.

Payment to: **Bowls USA** (by student or sponsoring club)

The Club Coach Course covers:

- Safety & Risk Management
- Goal Setting
- Incident Management
- Constants and Variables
- Fundamentals
- Planning Coaching Sessions
- Conducting Coaching
- Coaching Review

Qualifications to take class:

*A minimum of at least **two** years bowling*

*Be a member of **Bowls USA***

Written endorsement from participant's club required.

To register, contact

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Kottia Spangler: kspangler@rcoe.us

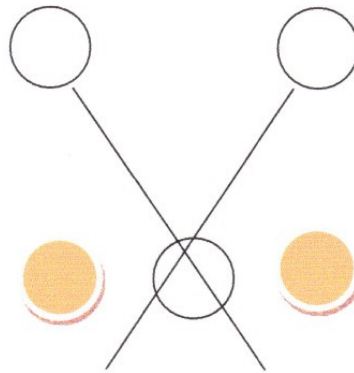
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DRILL TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILL

Starting with this issue of the Newsletter, we will include a different drill each time that you can use to improve your bowling skill. It's suggested that you make yourself a score card to track your progress.

CONVERSION SHOT



OBJECTIVE:

Play through target whilst controlling weight and remaining on the green.

EQUIPMENT:

2 BOWLS 1 JACK

PROCEDURE:

SET UP ON THE 2 METRE LINE. PLAY WITH ENOUGH WEIGHT (YARD ON) TO TAKE JACK THROUGH BUT DO NOT GO INTO DITCH.

VARY MAT LENGTHS

SCORE CARD:

2 POINTS IF YOU TAKE JACK THROUGH WITHOUT GOING ONTO THE DITCH AND YOUR BOWLS STAYS WITH JACK

1 POINT IF YOU TAKE THE JACK THROUGH BUT GO INTO THE DITCH WITH IT.



SWWD INSTALLS NEW 2018 OFFICERS

On January 20th, the new officers and BowlsUSA Councilor for the Southwest Women's Division were installed. Shirley Price, a past President of the SWWD, conducted the installation in her usual creative way, this time with the theme of "Recipe for a Successful Year".

"All of us have recipes. Some are family hand-me-downs, some are newer from magazines and some are even fat-free. Today, the officers of the Southwest Women's Division will be installed using a recipe theme. Consider these officers the "vital ingredients".

"The ingredients in our recipe are: 2 cups of enthusiasm...1 cup of support...1 cup of responsibility...2 Tablespoons of joy...and a pinch of flexibility. The directions are to mix these ingredients gently until Division goals are achieved and then add 1 pound of happiness. Stir and watch a successful Division year unfold!

Vital ingredient Margi Rambo (BowlsUSA Councilor) was given a copy of the recipe calling for her to "add a pinch of flexibility".

Vital ingredient Nancy Doss' (Treasurer) recipe contribution was "2 Tablespoons of dedication" which describes her willingness to serve as an officer of the Division.

Vital ingredient Verna Wallace (Secretary) has served in this position before so her recipe card called for "2 Tablespoons of joy" signifying that we are delighted to have her return.

Vital ingredient Linda Roberts (Vice President) is tasked with assisting the President wherever needed so her contribution to the recipe is "one cup of support".

Vital ingredient Kottia Spangler's (President) recipe card called for to add "one cup each of responsibility and leadership".



Nancy Doss, Kottia Spangler, Margi Rambo, Verna Wallace, & Linda Roberts, some still clutching their recipe cards.


With that, Shirley reminded all that Division members are the final ingredients and the recipe will only be successful if all of our clubs are encouraged to participate.

LAGUNA WOODS LBC GREEN REPLACEMENT



Many of you are aware that the greens at Laguna Beach LBC have been out of commission and were awaiting replacement by True Draw. The carpet replacement is underway. If you'd like to see some photos of the progress made thus far, click [here](#). The photos are updated regularly so be sure to check back to see how it's going. Should be in tip-top condition for the North American Challenge games in October!



**SOUTHWEST
DIVISION OPEN**
APRIL 21-26, 2018 ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA, USA



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Mark your calendar!

UPCOMING MAJOR TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULE

Watch this section in future issues for the latest updates on major tournaments. As available, we'll list the tournament dates, locations, entry deadlines, and a link/website where you can find more information.

South Central Division Open, 2/10 to 2/15/18. Sun City, AZ ([entry deadline 2/2/18](#)). More Info [here](#).

Arizona Senior Open Triples, 2/27 to 3/1/18. Sun City West, AZ ([entry deadline 2/22/18](#)). More info [here](#).

Arizona Senior Open Pairs, 3/6 to 3/8/18. Sun City West, AZ ([entry deadline 2/28/18](#)). More info [here](#).

Southeast Division Open, Women, 3/3 to 3/9/18 at Sun City Center, FL ([entry deadline 2/23/18](#)). Men, 3/10 to 3/16/18 at Sun City Center, FL ([entry deadline 3/2/18](#)). More info at <http://www.sedlawnbowls.org>.

Southwest Division Open, 4/21 to 4/26/18. Arcadia, CA. See the flyer on this page. Watch for more info [here](#).

Northeast Division Open, 8/18 to 8/23/18 at Skytop and Buck Hill Falls, PA. Watch for more info [here](#).

Northwest Open Team Tournament, 9/8 to 9/9/18 at Jefferson Park LBC, Seattle, WA. Watch for more info [here](#).

U. S. Open of Lawn Bowls, 11/2 to 11/10/18, hosted by South Central Division. Watch for more info [here](#).

U. S. National Championships, 11/24 to 11/30/18 hosted at Sun City Center, FL. This tournament requires competing in your Division's qualifying rounds.



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Georgie Deno

In the January *Newsletter* we reprinted an article from way back in 1998 which involved a PR idea from Ted Kahn. That article brought back memories to Shirley Price (Long Beach LBC) and prompted her to share an update on the ongoing legacy of Ted and his wife Gayle. Here is Shirley's note:

"How interesting to see your paragraph last month re Ted Kahn, a PR man who never missed an opportunity to promote lawn bowling! When I saw an announcement in the Long Beach newspaper about an Open House, I called Ted weeks later. He assigned Patsy and Jim Coates as my instructors and it was Patsy who introduced me to tournament bowling. As the saying goes, "the rest is history".

"Ted and Gayle joined Long Beach LBC in 1982. Shortly thereafter, they started a Christmas donation from the club members to Lydia House, a home for battered women and their children. Although Ted has been gone 14 years, Gayle has continued as a non-bowler member. This past December, \$1,300 was raised. Gayle is now married to Milton Merrill, and each year they take the money to buy cans of vegetables and fruits to place on the pantry shelves of Lydia House."

No doubt, there are many stories along these lines that highlight the good works that lawn bowlers do outside the lawn bowling arena. Can you add to the collection? If so, send along some info and we'll try to include them as space is available.

GOT AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

Send it in to your Division editor as listed below:

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While it's important to win, it's imperative to compete.

Dave Weinbaum



HOGLINE

EBLASTS, WERE YOU AWARE . . .

That BowlsUSA Executive Committee members aren't the only ones who can get the word out using eblasts? Division officers, club presidents, and tournament chairs can also use that avenue to publicize information and events to their bowlers.

Here's what you need to do.

1. Write up your message.
2. Determine what the distribution should be.

3. Send a request to:

- bowlsusanews@gmail.com, or
- contact your Division Councilor.

Simple, right?



Umpires Corner

By Melanie Vizenor

BowlsUSA National Umpire-in- Chief

February is the shortest month of the year -- keeping with the spirit of the month, so too will be this month's article.

FEBRUARY 2018 UMP STUMPER

You're the umpire. What would you do?

Skip A is the last to play in the end and has one bowl left. Skip A tells the opposing skip to go ahead and measure the head, electing not to play the last bowl. Vice A jumps up and down and says Team A may be down one in the head, not up one, and to play the last bowl. Skip A rescinds the election not to play the last bowl and begins to deliver Team A's last bowl. Skip B calls for an umpire. Do you allow Team A's last bowl to be delivered?

Next month's Umpire's Corner will answer the above question, but if you just can't wait to find out if your ruling is correct, go ahead and contact me: mavizenor@gmail.com.

JANUARY 2018 UMP STUMPER ANSWER

As for January's Ump Stumper -- did you read the question carefully? Are you sure? Front ditch and rear ditch are defined terms in the LSBs, lumped together under "End ditches" on page 7, Definitions. You might want to take a look at B.2, page 67.

For your convenience, here's the question again:

Before a tournament, chalk lines were placed on the center line between the front ditch and the hogline and between the rear ditch and the hogline on each rink of play. Is this allowed?

So the answer is ... wait for it ... No! It's not okay! Chalk lines down the center line may only be placed between the 2-meter marks and the hoglines. That's it. And no chalk lines may be placed on the center line between the hoglines. See B.2, Marks on the surface of the rink.

Hugs and kisses -- hey, it's February. What better month to share a little love?