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When Lawn Bowling & Football Mix

By Adriana Sandoval

Who would have ever thought that lawn bowling and football could come together?

Well, welcome to the second annual Rose Bowl, or shall we say Rose "Lawn" Bowl, the brainchild of Lee Patrick Sullivan of the Pasadena Lawn Bowling Club. As most people know Pasadena is home to the famous Rose Parade and the coveted Rose Bowl football showdown between the Big Ten and Pac-12 conference champions. This year's showdown pitted the University of Washington Huskies against the Ohio State Buckeyes.



The Pasadena club is within walking distance of the parade route and the staging area for the famous parade floats. As football fans begin to infiltrate the City of Pasadena, Lee seeks out alumni, students, and diehard fans willing to compete in a lawn bowling match for the honor of their alma mater and perhaps tilt the odds in their favor for the next day's big bowl game.

Three triples games of 10 ends are played to determine the winner. The team that wins 2 or more of the match-ups is declared the winner. This year the UW Huskies won all 3 games.

You may want to make this one of your annual traditions . . . the atmosphere is exciting and entertaining because these football fans bring with them the passion and competitive spirit that makes them diehard fans in the first place.



The Huskies celebrate the Rose Lawn Bowl win!



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BOWLS USA VOLUNTEERS — THE GOOD NEWS & THE BAD NEWS

The Good News - New Webmaster for BowlsUSA!

By Veronica Sum

BowlsUSA is pleased to announce that as of February 1st, Garry Higgins from the Southeast Division will be our Bowls USA Webmaster. Garry is currently Vice President of the Southeast Division (SED) and is also webmaster for various websites belonging to the SE Division and clubs. We are very grateful that Garry has taken on the position and would like to ask everyone to give him a warm welcome and support him in his new role.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Semanek from the Southwest Division, who has been our interim Webmaster for Bowls USA since the end of last year and was previously our Bowls USA webmaster. We wish him all the best in bowling and we know he will continue to be a great support to his own division.

In the meantime, if you have any requests or updates for the website, please email the Webmaster at bowlsusawebsite@gmail.com.

The Bad News - A replacement is needed to serve as Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.

Last Monday, I regretfully tendered my resignation as BowlsUSA Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.

I have enjoyed my stint as the Editor-in-Chief, but life has taken me in a different direction which impacts on the amount of time and attention that is needed to create an acceptable (to me) product. I take a lot of pride and pleasure in knowing that I had a part in making the Newsletter a positive representation of what's been happening in bowls in the U.S. over the past 14 months. And I will miss the interaction that I've had with fellow bowlers all across the country.

Rest assured that I did not make this decision hastily and I truly do regret that I have had to do it. As I told President Scott Roberts, I must divest myself of some of my commitments that have kept me from having time to bowl. Since last October, I have been able to find time to bowl a sum total of six times! All of my "bowls time" has been taken up with administrative activities. Unacceptable!

I will certainly be happy to "orient" a new editor and share ideas, pending articles/features, and sources.

So that leaves us with the need to find a new Editor-in-Chief. Could that be you? Please let Wayne Baines know. You can reach him at wbaines@hotmail.com.

Good bowls everyone — I'll see you at the greens!

Georgie Deno



2019 BOWLS USA GRANT PROGRAM

BowlsUSA is once again offering its popular grant program for 100% BowlsUSA clubs. The grants enable clubs to promote our sport to new members and to sustain current programs for members to participate in enjoyable, healthy activities.

Ask yourselves what your club can apply for that will have the most impact for your members, programs, and promotion of our sport.

The 2019 Grant Committee (Rick Fitzgerald, Southeast Division; Ginger Harris, PIMD; Glorianne Mather, Central Division) looks forward to reading all your wonderful ideas.

The **Goal** of the program is to allocate funds equally across divisions, if possible. The total amount of grant funds available for 2019 is \$10,000.

Guidelines:

All 100% clubs within a division are eligible for grants. The grant application deadline is June 30, 2019.

The three-member Grant Committee shall review all grant applications for merit.

Grants may be fully or partially funded based on a review of the proposed project costs and the number of grant requests.

Grants may be used for projects that are intended to attract new members (e.g., advertising, signage, Open Houses, youth programs, pamphlets and flyers, etc.).

Grants may be used for projects to improve the playing experience of the club such as greens improvements, equipment repairs, club house repairs, or rink equipment such as mats, bowls gatherers, score frames, etc.

Grant money will not be provided for food or refreshments.

Grant recipients must submit a follow-up report on the success of the project to the Grant Committee by December 15th, 2019 and to the Bowls USA newsletter. Non- receipt of a follow-up report may put the club in jeopardy of receiving further grants.

To get a copy of the grant application [click here](#).

Questions?

Send an email to peacecorps.ginger@gmail.com with your questions about this program and the application process. Include a telephone number and times to call if you would prefer a phone call.





PIMD OPEN TOURNAMENTS

All PIMD-sponsored tournaments are open to out-of-division BowlsUSA bowlers.

Coming up on March 16 is the President's Opening Day Tournament at San Francisco LBC.

For more information contact Tournament Director Bud Birkenseer at budbirk@gmail.com. When the entry form is available you will find it at the [PIMD website](#).



2019 National Championships

Hosted By
San Francisco Lawn Bowling Club
Golden Gate Park, CA
September 21 - 27



SCOTT ROBERTS NAMED AS REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAS

Many people know that BowlsUSA is a member of World Bowls. What they don't know is that our representation is via a designated Director. The big news is that there is now a position which never existed before and that an American has that role is notable.

In 2018, World Bowls created a new position of Regional Director of the Americas, who would report to the Director of the Americas and Africa. And in July 2018, World Bowls elected our own BowlsUSA President Scott Roberts to a two-year term as Regional Director of the Americas. There is discussion of this position becoming a full Director in 2020.

John McArdle, a South African, had been the Director of the Americas and Africa. He was responsible for all of the African nations as well as North and South America. Geographically and time zone-wise he was set up to support the Africas, but less so the Americas. There is a similar situation with the Asia and Oceania, where the director is Australian but has little travel to Asia.

The countries that Scott represents are Canada, Brazil, Argentina and the U.S. He also represents the development nations of Jamaica and the Falkland Islands.



Scott Roberts



TOM SERES RECEIVES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Submitted by Phil Dunn

The Southwest Lawn Bowls Association recently presented the first-ever Award of Excellence to Tom Seres, President of the Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club, Los Angeles. Tom has been President of the club for 15 years and has been a HPLBC member since 1994. During that time, he has garnered support from the Los Angeles City Council and has drawn numerous students, faculty, and alumni from UCLA to the green to enjoy a game of bowls.

Since 2008, Tom has organized, promoted, and run annual Joslyn Mixed Triples tournaments at Holmby. More than 1,000 top bowlers from the Southwest have bowled in that tournament and \$28,000 in cash awards has gone to the winners. Tom has also become “famous” for putting together bus trips for club members to visit other clubs dispersed throughout the Southwest Division.

Because of Tom’s efforts and liaison with the local City Councilman, over the past two years the Holmby club was successful in obtaining funds and professional help for such improvements as installation of protective fencing and flood lights for twilight bowling sessions. Last October, Tom also organized the 2nd Annual Lawn Bowling event between the LA Parks Department employees and the Councilman’s Office.

In addition, Tom established mutually beneficial relationships with Life Long Learning Institutes at UCLA/ Osher and Emeritus College. This resulted in training many new bowlers who later progressed into tournament bowling. As a tremendous proponent and marketer of bowls, it’s no wonder that he is the first recipient of the Division’s Award of Excellence.



SWLBA President Phil Dunn (left) presents the Award of Excellence to Tom Seres



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Whether you hope to be competing or you just want to watch, make your plans now to attend the National Championships in September 2019. San Francisco, top level bowling, and a closing banquet at the Conservatory of Flowers — sounds like a great time! Meanwhile, the San Francisco LBC wants to create a timeline exhibit wall focused on club history to include noteworthy U.S. and international bowls milestones. If you know of events, resources, documents, photos, graphics, interesting/fun historical nuggets, or experts the club might find helpful, please email club president John Grimes at john@grimescartoons.com.





CERTIFIED CLUB COACH COURSE

As part of Bowls USA nationwide *Coaching Program*, a **Certified Club Coach Course** will be presented in the **South-Central Division in 2019**

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: **Sun City West LBC**
- Date: **March 9th and 10th** (Saturday and Sunday)
- Dress: **Casual** - bowls shoes advised
- Cost: **\$125.00** (includes manual, Club Coach certificate awarded 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
Constants and Variables
Fundamentals
Conducting Coaching

Incident Management
Goal Setting
Planning Coaching Sessions
Coaching Review

Qualifications to take class:

- A minimum of at least **two** years bowling
- Be a **Bowls USA** member
- **Written endorsement from participant's club required.**
- **Preferably be a Bowls USA umpire** (desirable but not mandatory, at this time)

To register, contact

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Southeast Division Open

March 2-8, 2019

Schedule of Events

March 2-3 Sat/Sun - Fours
March 4-5 Mon/Tues - Pairs
March 6-7 Wed/Thurs - Singles



Women's Events

Clearwater Lawn
Bowls Club

[Click here for more details
and entry forms](#)

Men's Events

Sun City Center Lawn
Bowling Club

[Click here for more details
and entry form](#)

Entry deadline Friday, February 22nd



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, 2/9 to 2/14/19. Sun City & Sun City West, AZ (entry deadline 2/1/19). More info [here](#).

Southeast Division Open, 3/2 to 3/8/19. Men at Sun City Center; Women at Clearwater LBC.

Southwest Division Open, 4/6 to 4/11/19. Santa Anita, CA.

Northeast Division Open, 8/17 to 8/22/19. Buckhill Falls, PA.

U. S. National Championships, 9/23 to 9/28/19 hosted by PIMD, San Francisco, CA.

U. S. Open of Lawn Bowls, 11/1 to 11/9/19 hosted by South Central Division, Phoenix, AZ area.

PIMD, All PIMD-sponsored tournaments are open to out-of-division BowlsUSA members. Check their webpage [here](#) for the calendar of Division-sponsored tournaments indicated by the orange background.





A NOVICE GUIDE TO THE (LAWN BOWLING) GALAXY

By Alan Burkholder

[Editor's note: Alan Burkholder is a novice bowler at the Laguna Beach, CA, Lawn Bowling Club. His "Novice Guide" is a witty rendition of his observations and experiences as a new lawn bowler. This is the seventh installment of the "Guide"; we'll share additional Burkholder observations in future Newsletter issues.]

The Equipment:

Bowls Markings

Chartreuse with fuchsia speckles and aquamarine icons. Great color choice. But beyond the bowl aesthetics there are other markings that help you find the jack. You may notice that some bowls have painted grips. These rings give visual feedback on any bowl wobble (you don't want bowl wobble). The sooner the bowl is rotating smoothly, the better and more reliably it performs. Sometimes the paint on the grips are just dots or dashes. This is not a mistake. It lets you see wobble and also see how fast the bowl is rotating.

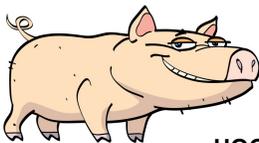
A lawn bowl travels between 15 and 16 inches on each rotation. Every rotation counts as the bowl slows down approaching the jack. If you are 2½ feet short you needed two more rotations. You might not see why this matters but your brain does.

Of course, if you can't see dots on the bowl it does not matter. So if you are visually challenged you may need a bi- or tri-colored bowl. These are relatively new to the market. They cost more and look cool, but more importantly, as they rotate they give clear feedback that can be seen from the mat. Mine can be tracked from low earth orbit. I am told they might induce seizures if you watch too closely. If you are staying with your favorite old school black beauties you can add a few dabs of white paint in the grips. I have used Testers model paint, but I bet nail polish would work too.

Next issue: Bowls Bag

A clever person solves a problem.
A wise person avoids it.

- Albert Einstein



HOGLINE

GOT AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

Send it to your Division editor as listed below:

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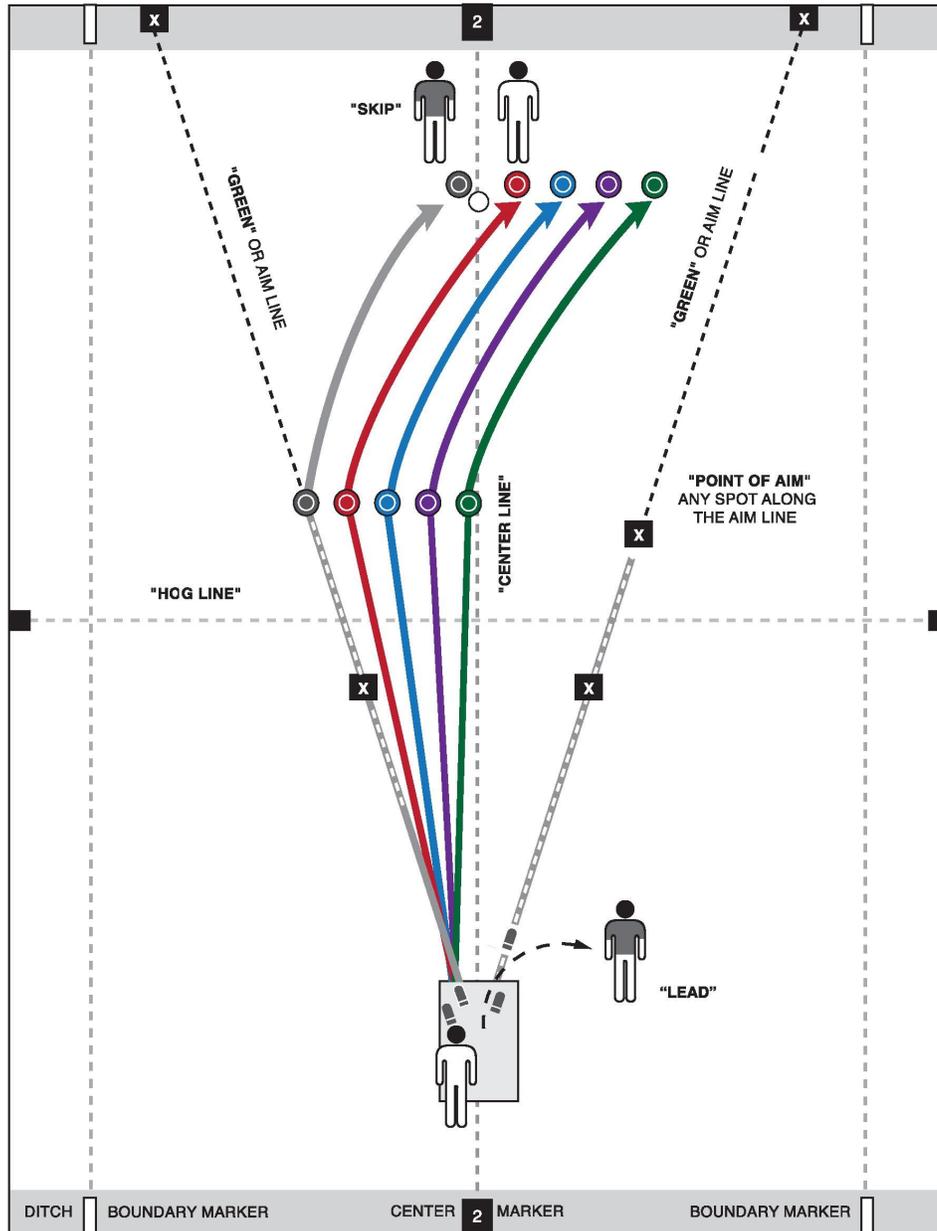


DRILL TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILL



“USING FIFTHS” DRILL

REDUCE POA (Point Of Aim) BY A FIFTH



OBJECTIVE : AIM CONTROL

TAKE SEVERAL BOWLS AND GRADUALLY REDUCE THE **POA** BY A “FIFTH.”

To learn line adjustments to “place” a bowl where a Skip might direct one to be.



Umpires Corner

By Melanie Vizenor

BowlsUSA National Umpire-in-Chief

Last month's UmpStumper was:

Okay. The end has been played. Time for the vices to measure. However, one of the skips on the rink (who is also an umpire) has come down to supervise. When challenged by a vice, he stated, "I am the skip, I can be here, and I'm taking over". Hmmmm..... What now? It was an inter-club tournament with no assigned umpires.

Law 22.6 states: "The skips or the marker where appropriate **must** be told (or have signalled to them) the number of shots scored in each end." [Emphasis added]

I'm looking real hard at what the law says and I just don't see where it says that the skip can come down and take over the duty of measuring. Of course, if the skips are asked to come to the head to assist with the measuring, that's one thing. But to just barge in and announce that they, the skip, is taking over -- nay, nay.

Here's **this month's UmpStumper** -- well, it's really more like homework.

Read Law 40 in its entirety. Does that law give the skip the right to come to the head and take over? Or I guess the question might be: Why does Law 22.6 apply to the situation as presented in January's UmpStumper and not Law 40?

Next month -- the dreaded Displacement Charts in Appendix C. Oh, no! Say it isn't so! Run for the hills! Those things make my head spin!

I would like to finish this month's article by thanking Georgie Deno for her devotion as Editor-in-Chief of the Bowls USA newsletter. During her time, we could count on the newsletter arriving on the first day of every month, filled with articles related to the world of bowls, with standard features such as this article, with information about upcoming events, with pithy comments by Hogline (I just love Hogline), and many other interesting tidbits.

Thank you, Georgie. You're the best.

As always, it's your feedback and questions that drive the topics covered by the Umpires Corner/UmpStumper. Contact me at mavizenor@gmail.com.