

BowlsUSA

Newsletter

February/March, 2016

Bowls USA Teams Bring Home Gold and Bronze!



2016 Team USA Tiger Bowls Gold Winners



Scott Roberts Wins Bronze at the 2016 World Cup Indoor Singles

Team USA Competed In The Tiger Bowls & China Open, March 11-17 in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, China.

Rob Behncke, (Central) Matt Bauchiero (SW) Grant Shear (SW) (those two names are switched in the above photo) and Aaron Zangle (SW) represented Bowls USA in China recently at the Tiger Bowls in Hong Kong and the China Open at Shenzhen, China. Team USA won Gold in the Plate level of play.

You can read about them at Matt Bauchiero's blog at the Bowls USA website. www.bowlsusa.us

Alexis Vanden Bos and Scott Roberts Represent Bowls USA in the 2016 World Indoor Singles Championships in Warilla, NSW, Australia.

Scott Roberts (SW) won Bronze in the competition. You can read about Alex (NW) and Scott's tournaments at Scott's blog on the Bowls USA website. You can also watch Scott's interview here:

[Scott's Interview](#)

YOU & Bowls USA

By Heather Stewart, President, Bowls USA

What do We (Bowls USA) do for You (a Club member)?

As a member nation of World Bowls, the international organization governing our sport, we publish the Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls under their auspices.

We develop, revise and amend our own domestic regulations.

We pay for printing rulebooks and distribute them to every Bowls USA member.

We recruit and train Umpires so that clubs and divisions have an expert to help us all play the game according to those rules and guidelines.

We have a coaching program to certify Bowls USA Club coaches.

We provide coaching at the Club level to help improve your game.

We pay for printing a “Tactics and Techniques” handbook and distribute them to every Bowls USA member.

We sponsor camps so bowlers of all levels can develop their bowling skill with help from experts.

We select club players to represent the USA in international events.

We furnish uniforms to Team USA members.

We establish policies and procedures, including those guiding national tournaments and Team USA selection.

We initiated a grant program for clubs to promote club development and to assist recruiting and retaining members.

We offer advisory services for green installation and maintenance.

We sponsor the annual National Championships, a competition for qualifiers in each of our seven Divisions.

We sponsor the annual US Open, the largest tournament in the country open to all Bowls USA members and to members of World Bowls affiliates from around the world.

We publish an electronic newsletter to keep members informed of activities at the National level and within all Divisions.

We host and maintain a website to provide bowlers with current information about the sport, events and resources.

We keep and manage a database of every registered member of Bowls USA, as well as storing data of each Division's membership.

Bowls USA membership confers World Bowls membership and an entrée into any club, worldwide, through World Bowls affiliation.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Team USA members selected to attend the Dutch Open in Haarlem, Holland on May 8-14, 2016 are Peter Ritchie (SW), Ron Rollick (SC), Dee McSparran (SW) and Kottia Spangler (SW).

Umpires Corner

Umpires dedicate a lot of their personal time to learn the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (LSB). Their job is to know the rules and apply the rules when presented with issues during play. Unfortunately, umpires are called upon to address things that are not in the LSB. These are typically issues of etiquette.

There are 26 or more items in the Code of Bowling Etiquette (CBE), depending on which version you possess. If adhered to, do they equal good sportsmanship? Yes. Are they Laws? No. Some reiterate laws; i.e., “always make sure that complete access to the head is accorded to the team that has possession of the rink” or “stand behind the mat while your opponent is delivering a bowl” or “always inform your opponent if you wish to leave the green” – all of these are straight out of the LSB. There are some bowlers who think that picking up the mat for the bowler who delivers the last bowl in an end is required. It is not.

When I sent our proposed 2015 Domestic Regulations to World Bowls, I sent them as they appeared in the 2011 LSB (with our suggested changes and whatnot), and this included the very last page of the 2011 LSB which contained the CBE. Here is a direct quote from World Bowls regarding the inclusion of the CBE in our Domestic Regulations: “The Code of Bowling Etiquette section is not a domestic regulation. If it were, it would be incumbent on Controlling Bodies, umpires, etc., to enforce it – this would be totally impractical! Suggest that a more suitable home be found for it e.g. a coaching manual.” (The exclamation mark is theirs, not mine.)

So the next time your opponent acts like an idiot on the greens, shrug it off, keep your cool, and then win the game with your own good bowling and call it a day.

Melanie A Vizenor, NUIC

Breaking News

Grant Program

At the Bowls USA Annual General Meeting (AGM) held last September, one of the topics of discussion was “loyalty programs” and “incentives” for BUSA clubs. We decided that a Grant Program would be an appropriate way to “give back” to those clubs that support Bowls USA.

A committee, consisting of Councilors Ernie Carlson (NWD), Ginger Harris (PIMD), and Glorianne Mather (CED), was formed to develop and administer the program. We are pleased to announce that the Grant Program is now **Open for Business!**

The **Mission** of the Grant Program is to provide funds for 100% Bowls USA clubs to promote club development and to assist recruiting and retaining members. Grant funds may be used for projects that are intended to attract new members or to improve the playing experience of the club.

The **Goal** of the program is to allocate funds equally across divisions, if possible. The total amount of grant funds available for 2016 is \$7,500.

Guidelines:

All 100% clubs within a division are eligible for grants.

The grant application deadline is June 30, 2016.

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.

Grants may be fully or partially funded based on the total number of grant requests.

Grants may be used for projects that are intended to attract new members such as 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 recipients must submit a follow-up report on the success of the project to the Grant Committee and to the Bowls USA newsletter. Non-receipt of a follow-up report may put the club in jeopardy of receiving further grants.

Questions?

Send an email to grants@bowlsusa.us 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.



Memorial Fund

The USLBA Memorial Fund, Inc., is a tax exempt* organization to permit individuals or corporations to make tax deductible contributions to further the sport of lawn bowls in the USA. Your support via this fund helps to promote lawn bowls and keep alive a sport we all have come to love so much.

At the Bowls USA website www.bowlsusa.us you can find out the Memorial Fund by clicking on the menu on the left side of the Home Page.

There you can find out about the Fund Activities, How to Contribute and How Contributions Will Be Used.

If you have questions, you can contact the Memorial Fund Treasurer, Norma Goodhart at:

normagoodhart@verizon.net



Super Shots



Super Shot 2016 Winner Holmby Park LBC
Left, Cecil Bator, Linda Bator, Bill Palmer



Golden Bias Club

Unlike other sports and other athletes, our Team USA players who represent us on the world stage of lawn bowls don't get a pay check. They strive to be the best; they put in the extra hours for practice and take time off work to travel overseas, all for the love of our sport and our country. They represent the ideals of all that we love about the sport. If you talk to any of them, you will discover how proud they are of the privilege to represent the USA in the sport of Lawn Bowls.



Support TEAM USA

Golden Bias Club

Join Now

Make check payable to Golden Bias Club

*Mail to Dee McSparran
27398 Embassy St, Sun City, CA 92586*

Or, PayPal at www.bowlsusa.us

GBC provides monetary support to Team USA players to help with their travel expenses for international competitions and needs your help to give the most we can.

*Annual membership contributions are \$50.
New members receive a Golden Bias Club*

Thank You...

To Robb Pawlak

For all our new graphics



Women's Developmental Camp

Submitted by Jackie Tucker



Thirty six women participated in a Developmental Camp following the South Central Open in Sun City, AZ.

They had a fun-filled time sharing and learning new drills and reading the head strategy. Jean & Keith Roney, David Calam, Mary Ann Beath, Myra Wood, Jan Hargraves, Shirley Price, Pat Gonzales and Eileen Morton were the support team and added so much knowledge and skill experience to this camp. Melanie Viznor, head umpire added to their knowledge of the Rules of the Game.

Friday night we had a dinner together, sharing how we came to be lawn bowlers. The players played "Survivor" and the lone survivor was Marian Wallace from Paradise Lawn Bowls Club who had to play a one bowl playoff against Alice Birkenshaw, from Sun City, AZ. So ladies if you are interested in taking your skills to the next level next year watch for the notice on the Bowls USA website to come play and then participate in this fun weekend.



Daniel Jittu, Chairman US Open 2016

BOWLS USA - US OPEN TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER 12-19, 2016

PRE-TOURNAMENT EVENTS AND PRACTICE NOVEMBER 5-11, 2016

We have some exciting news to share with you. [The US Open will take place in the Southeast Division November 12-19th, 2016 with pre-tournament events and practice set for November 5-11, 2016.](#) We have already received interest from players from Canada, Scotland, Ireland, England, Spain, Netherlands, Israel, Australia, New Zealand and Argentina.

Discounted Hotel arrangements have been arranged through HBC Event Services with two hotels. As one of the largest bookers for conventions in the USA, HBC guarantees bowlers the best price available during tournament and pre-tournament stay and should accommodate various budgets and comfort levels.

We are happy to announce that Taylor Bowls is the official Bowls Manufacturer of the 2016 US Open. Taylor will be awarding a set of Bowls to all winners of the Men's Singles, Pairs and Fours and the Women's Singles, Pairs and Fours.

In honor of Taylor Bowls' sponsorship of the US Open, Bowlers can receive any set of Taylor Bowls complete with any color and bias shipped directly to them in the continental USA for \$389. This includes any one of the 3,500 Emblems/logos Taylor offers. Crescent grips and custom logos are slightly more. For more information, contact via email [**usataylorbowls@gmail.com**](mailto:usataylorbowls@gmail.com). **Offer good only for the month of April.**

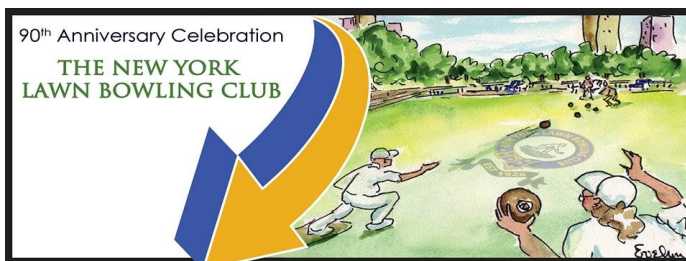
Taylor has also agreed to supply any **club who wants to build their Training bowls arsenal** with sets of bowls for the low price of £110 plus shipping and customs on all sizes of Lazer, Legacy and Lignoid bowls. At the current exchange rate, bowls will be approximately \$187.82 per set for orders of 10 or more. Single orders are \$213.99 shipped. Florida clubs must pay Florida Tax unless tax exempt.

These prices are only good for Bowls USA Member Clubs, not for individual Bowlers.

Pre-Tournament activities include Bowls USA 2-day Coach Training and Certification Course, Hosted Parties, Practice Time, Museum tours, Dinner Shows, Tours. Plan on bringing your entire family.

Sarasota is voted one of the best small cities in America with three of the top 10 beaches in the US. Click here to watch a brief video. ([Visit Sarasota](#))

Around the Country



Southeast Division Editors are:
Garry Higgins & Marge Lange

Sun City Center and Sarasota hosted a Club Coaches Program boasting 33 participants that can now be called Club Coaches.

This was a Southeast Division initiative that started in recognition that coaches can make a difference in club member's enjoyment of bowls. Eight different clubs in the Southeast Division had representation. Several will return to their alternate northern clubs for the summer so the knowledge, enthusiasm and networking will permeate into many clubs.

Indoors and in small groups, coaches planned outdoor activities based on a theme, safety, players needs and level of play. Outdoors the groups explained and demonstrated their activity, observed and provided positive feedback. Debriefs were done to determine the success of the activity and what could be changed to meet different participant needs and abilities. The ultimate goal was to create a practice based on a theme with a warm up activity, a main set of drills, and a modified fun game type activity to introduce competition.



The New York Lawn Bowling Club will be celebrating it's 90th Anniversary in Central Park this year with two events.

The first event will be dedicated to the club on opening day **Saturday May 7th starting at 12 pm.**

The second event will be an open to the public celebration, filled with fun activities on **Saturday June 11th from 2-5 pm.**

12pm - club game (abbreviated)
2-5pm - events for the public
live music
lessons by club champions/national champions
fun games for prizes

All the best!
Ruble Ryan Hastu-Kelly
Vice President / Coach
NED Board Member - 2013
New York Lawn-bowling Club
www.nybowls.com





Daniel Jittu Elected SED Vice President



It became official at the Southeast Division (SED) Annual Meeting on December 8, 2015 when Daniel Jittu was elected Vice President of the SED. Daniel, who also serves as President of the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club, had been pro tem Vice President since August 2015.



Sun City Center LBC - Hall of Fame



Honored this year for their exceptional contribution to Lawn Bowling are two members of the Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club, Suncoasters and Pebble Beach. Patti Grabowski and Jack Phillips were inducted into the Hall of Fame. In total, since 2002, the Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club has had five bowlers who have received that honor.

Patti wasn't able to bowl in competitions until 1977 because women were excluded from what was considered a gentlemen's sport. When she became eligible to play, she entered both national and international games. She participated seven times in the USA championship, winning once in women's pairs with Jo Gilbert and once in singles.

Jack has been bowling since 1982 in the Frick Park LBC and remains a member of that club today. Jack and his wife Bev were honored by that club with a green that was dedicated to them. The club has renamed it the Phillips Green.

When Jack became a snowbird he became very active in the Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club. He has held several offices throughout the division, including president of the SED. The picture shows Jack and Patti in Mount Dora along with Beth Forbes, the current president of the South East Division.

Both Patti Grabowski and Jack Phillips have retired from the sport of Lawn Bowling due to health issues, however their love of the game will live on in the many people they taught and encouraged to bowl.

President's Award



Gerry Smith, a long-time active member of the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club, was presented a framed President's Award at the Southeast Division (SED) December 8, 2015 Annual Meeting by SED President Beth Forbes.

Here is the official website of the 2016 Bowls USA Open to be held in Sarasota, Florida on November 12-19.

[2016 Bowls USA Open](http://www.bowlsusaopen.com)



Sun City Center Hosts Men's Southeast Division Lawn Bowling Tournament

For six full days in March, the Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club saw championship action from some of the best bowlers in North America. Besides representatives from the Bowls USA affiliated clubs in Florida, there were over fifty competitors from as far away as San Francisco and Canada.

The singles, pairs and triples formats each took two days to complete. The Sun City Center members "in the money", were Joe Mignogna and Bob Fladung in the singles tournament.

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Emphasis on Training

The Sun City Center club is putting an emphasis on training new bowlers. Bob Fladung is in charge of this very important part of the club. He has classes every month, October through March. In the last six classes he had a total of 44 students. He, together with his staff, have a special way of teaching and communicating the love of lawn bowling. Thus his rate for new students joining the club is high. And, they don't only join the club, they come out and join in morning bowls, they become very active members helping out in any way they can.

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Lakeland Lawn Bowling Club



Christine Garbett is our 2016 women's singles winner and Michael Hart, the men's singles winner. They played against each other for the title of Club Champion. Christine won and gets her name on the trophy.



Sun City Center Singles Champions



The Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club held their final match for the overall Club Singles Champion - 2016. The players, Cindy Higgins (2016 Ladies Champion) and Joe Mignogna (2016 Men's Champion) were closely matched and played a fantastic game giving the many spectators present a great match to watch. The game could have gone either way since both were up a point or two throughout the game. It went 27 ends and 2 1/2 hours later Joe Mignogna was declared the Club's Singles Champion.

In the 25th end Cindy Higgins put three points on the board and again in the 26th end, she added two points. At that time, the score was 20 for Cindy and 19 for Joe. The last end had people on the edge of their seats or standing up to watch the head carefully. Cindy is a great draw bowler, as is Joe. Cindy drew bowl after bowl to land next to the jack. Joe did the same and the last draw bowl he played gave him the game bringing him to the 21 points he needed to win.

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Villages Club Lawn Bowling Club



In the red shirt, Mike Green of the Villages won the singles competing against Gerry Simmons of the Villages. This was the inaugural singles competition for the new club, and was played in SETS format. We had 16 men and women competing against each other in the games.



Clearwater Lawn Bowling Club

The Clearwater LBC was recently host to the SED Ladies Division Championships. Local teams captured Gold in the Ladies Pairs and the Ladies Fours. A great time was had by all.

Clearwater LBC also hosted two other very successful tournaments, Crazy Hat Day and the St. Paddy's Day, with people from our club as well as On Top of the World. For these type of events, competitors from both clubs are mixed together in order to make it more fun, but competition is still fierce.

The Clearwater club is wrapping up a very successful and busy season with the William Kaestle Mixed/Women's Triples.

We would like to wish all snowbirds a safe journey home. We hope everyone has a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all back in Clearwater next fall.



The Villages Lawn Bowling Club



Bowlers from The Villages, Lakeland and Mount Dora took part in the second annual Tri-City event in December at The Villages, Florida. Teams were mixed together and this gave the newer bowlers in The Villages club an opportunity to compete and socialise with the more experienced bowlers from the other two clubs. Following two games of Fours, the company enjoyed a gathering at the home of two of the Villagers, Mary and Don Butchers.

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Asheville Lawn Bowling Club



Carol Morgan, the treasurer of the Asheville Lawn Bowling Club is standing on the south terrace of the Biltmore House. At one point, years ago, this was a lawn bowling green.



Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club

At the February 26 Annual Meeting, a standing-room only crowd elected Dave Sarych, Terrie Boyd, Robin Armitage, Beth Forbes, Tom Eppich, Judy Bublitz and Tricia Eustice to the 2016 - 2017 board. Directors Stuart Smith and John Reid have a second-year term to fulfill. Bonnie Bish, as the outgoing President, moves on to the Long Range Planning directorship.



Left to right: President: Dave Sarych, Secretary: Robin Armitage, Director for Membership: Tom Eppich, Treasurer: Beth Forbes, Vice President: Terrie Boyd, Director for House: Stuart Smith, Director for Games: Judy Bublitz, Director for Socials: Tricia Eustice, Director for Grounds: John Reid, Director for Long Range Planning: Bonnie Bish.

Mount Dora Diabetes Benefit Tournament

Sylvia Mackey and her committee of Tom Bussell, Bobbi Elwell, Jean Adams and John Burke did a wonderful job in conducting the fourth annual Diabetes Benefit Tournament held on Feb.25. Thanks also to Donna and Glenn Brown who performed blood sugar testing for volunteers between games.

Sylvia reports that \$1300 was raised for the American Diabetes Association. Sponsors included The Country Club of Mount Dora, Segway of Central Florida, The Magical Meat Market, The Hometown Market, several local physicians and Mount Dora club members too numerous to be included here. Many thanks to all who donated and participated in this worthwhile event.



Central Division Editor: Glorianne Mather

Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club

Spring arrived here in the Ohio Valley with a gorgeous but chilly day... not the predicted snow.

Our renovated, very green Green opens Saturday, May 7 with an Open House from 10am-1pm.

Regular bowling (always open for visitors) will be 7 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 am Saturdays and 3rd Sundays at 4pm. Several groups have been booked including a 2 night "How to Lawn Bowl" in liaison with a nearby Park System. 1st Saturday Members Tournaments begin in June. I'll have the website calendar updated this week.

Marty White



Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club

Now that the snow is off the ground for most of us, we are looking forward to sharing our Central Division news in the months to come. In the meantime we will enjoy reading about all the activities from the other divisions.

Think Spring,
Glorianne



South Central Division Editor:
Ron Rollick

While the Bowls USA newsletter has been getting renovated and updated, the South Central Division in Arizona has been in full swing. There is daily club bowling at most of the lawn centers in Sun City and Sun City West. Sun City Grand has club bowling on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays.

With the arrival of the final wave of snowbirds from the northern states and from the different provinces of Canada, the major South Central tournaments got started with the Arizona Mixed Rinks on January 9th – 11th. This event includes 2 men and 2 women and this year there were 24 teams entered. The first 2 days each team plays 3, 14 end games. On the final day, teams are put into flights and the final battles begin. 1st place comes with a guaranteed \$800 purse, which is sponsored by George & Jackie Tucker. This year's winning team was comprised of Reggie Banares, Frank Souza, Dee McSparran, and Rich Enockson. 2nd place was won by the team of Mike Wagner, Keith & Jean Roney, and Rosalee Parsons-Brown. 3rd place was won by the team of Lyall & Chris Adams, Claire Day, and Hugh Branston..

Immediately after the conclusion of the Rinks tournament, the Salisbury Singles event started on January 12th & 13th. Over the last couple years, there has been a steady increase in the number of entrants – this year reaching 52 men and women. In past years, this was a much greater attended tournament – usually with a maximum of 80 entrants. The Arizona tournament committee is certainly working towards re-building this event to its past glory. The first day qualifying is 5, 7 end games. The first person to win 7 ends is the winner. Points are not counted. Depending on the 2 competitors, each game could be as short as 7 ends or as long as 13. On the 2nd day, the top 48 contestants returned and were put into flights. On the 2nd day, each game is 8 ends long – again the game could be as short as 8 ends or as long as 15. Singles events are always a dual. In this event there are no restrictions on the number of burned ends, so while it only takes 8 ends to win, a game could go to some length of time and include several uncounted ends. As in past years, 1st place is a guaranteed \$1,000 – sponsored by Mrs. Peggy Salisbury in honor of her husband. This year's event was won by David Gardiner from Canada. 2nd place won by Jim Roth also of Canada and 3rd place by our own local from SC West – “sponge” Bob Perry.

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Continuing the week, the Thomson-Zivec pairs tournament started on January 14th – 16th. This event can be men, women, or mixed. This year, there were 48 team entries. 1st place comes with a \$700 guaranteed purse, again this is sponsored by Jackie and George Tucker. Jackie is very involved with local tournaments and continues to be a large contributor of time and effort with the women's USA team. The tournament starts with 2 days of qualifying – 3 games of 14 ends each day. On the 3rd day, teams are put into flights. This year's winners were Neil Douglas and Leo Dusablon. 2nd place went to David Anderson and Mark Sandford. 3rd place was won by Ernie Alfoldi and Laurie Moritz.



AZ Rinks 1st Place



AZ Rinks 2nd Place



Salisbury Singles 1st Place, David Gardiner



TZ 1st Place Neil Douglas & Leo Dusablon



TZ 2nd Place: D. Anderson & M. Sanderson

George Ralston Sr. Triples

This is a memorial tournament conducted at SC West, named for George Ralston Sr. Both George Jr. and his mother, Mrs. Ralston were on hand for much of the tournament play as well as presenting the different award checks at the completion of the 3rd day of play.

There were a total of 26 teams entered in this tournament. Play started on Jan 21st and finished Jan 23rd.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Champions – Regina Banares (s), Ron Roman, Constance Desjardins

Runners-up – Bob Birkinshaw (s), Frank Souza, Alice Birkinshaw

3rd Place – John Scutt (s), Bernard LaVallière, Jennie Scutt

4th Place – Jean Roney (s), Keith Roney, Larry McClellan



2nd FLIGHT

Winners – Grant Summers (s), Mary Wright, Scott Peterson

Runners-up – Leo Dusablon (s), Jim Muir, Lil Dusablon

3rd FLIGHT

Winners – Steve Bezanson (s), Ron Rollick, Lorraine Bezanson

Runners-up – Neil Douglas (s), Dianne Douglas, Ernest Kassian

4th FLIGHT

Winners – Jim Roth (s), Sue Roth, Joe Herber
Runners-up – Erle Wallace (s), Glenn Weber, Marian Wallace

5th FLIGHT

Winners – Hugh Branston (s), Ivo Van Bastelaere, Anne Van Bastelaere

Runners-up – Len Hitchcock (s), Larry Strueby, Sharon Mitchell

6th FLIGHT

Winners – Alan Brunskill (s), Geoff Holland, Anne Holland

Runners-up – John Little (s), Mary Ann Little, Norm Sanderson

7th FLIGHT

Winners – André Banares (s), Lyle Schuetzle, Frances Shen

Runners-up – Rodger Green (s), Laurie Moritz, Jean English

South Central Division Open

The following are the results of both the men's and women's events of the South Central Division Open tournament. Play for both genders began on Feb. 6 and continued until Feb 11.

The winners of the men's triples:

Charlie Herbert, Frank Souza & Darrell Jones.

2nd- Russ Leonard, Andy Klubberud & Andrew Schuenemann

3rd- Len Wasserman, Howard First & Tony Santos

4th- Lyall Adams, Pat Bird & Hugh Branston

2f-1 Steve Bezanson, Bruce Matheson & Bill Pearson

2f-2 George Ralston jr, Mike Wagner & Laurie Moritz

3f-1 Jim Olson, Phil Dunn & Ed Quo

3f-2 Max Cavender, Jim Cavender & Gord Fall

3f challenge- Keith Roney, Leo Dusablon & David Calam

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4f-1 Steve Nelson, Rob Behncke & Ian Ho
4f-2 Ivo Van Bastelaere, Bob Birkinshaw & Ron Rollick
4f challenge- David Gardner, Ron Roman & Jim Muir
5f-1 Rick Marinaccio, Bob Milson & Jim Ward
5f-2 George Tucker, Peter Mauro & David Smith

The men's pairs was won by David Gardner & Ron Roman besting Jim Olson & George Peyto in the final.

3rd- Jim Roth & Wayne Wright
4th- Rob Behncke & Steve Nelson
2f-1 Steve Bezanson & Leo Dusablon
2f-2 Hugh Branston & Pat Bird
3f-1 Len Hitchcock & Larry Strueby
3f-2 Larry McLellan & Mark Sandford
4f-1 Max Cavender & Gord Fall
4f-2 Rich Enockson & Scott Peterson
5f-1 Bob Birkinshaw & Peter Ritchie
5f-2 Len Wasserman & Howard First
6 f 1 Jurgen Fessler & Mike Wagner
7f-1 Roy Cattermole & John Little

In men's singles, Charlie Herbert beat Rob Behncke to win the event.

3rd- Leo Dusablon 4th -- Keith Roney
2f-1 Max Cavender 2f-2 Bob Birkinshaw
3f-1 Mike Wagner 3f-2 Mark Sandford
4f-1 David Gardner 4f-2 Richard Broad
5f-1 Pat Bird 5f-2 Jurgen Fessler
6f-1 Gord Fall 7f-1 Len Hitchcock

In the women's pairs Regina Banares & Dee McSparran defeated Jean Roney & Jan Bell.

**3rd- Michelle Whitehead & Laurie Roth
4th- MaryAnn Beath & Anne Van Bastelaere
2f-1 Eileen Lancendorfer & Candy De Fazio
2f-2 Melanie Visenor & Alice Birkinshaw
3f-1 Rosalie Parsons-Brown & Joanne Bugler
**3f-2 Frances Shen & Veronica Sum



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3f challenge- Cheryl Barkovitch & Betsey Lauryssen
4f-1 Margi Rambo & Eileen Morton
4f-2 Joanne Hedgespeth & Mary Thompson
4f challenge- Marlene Cleutinx & Jackie Tucker

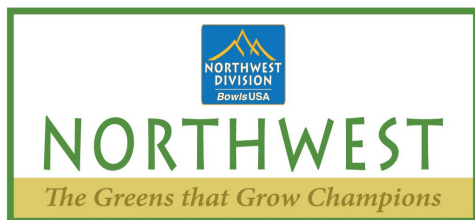
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3rd- Alice Birkinshaw
4th- Candy DeFazio
2f-1 Dee McSparran
2f-2 Eileen Lancendorfer
3f-1 MaryAnn Beath 3f-2 Janice Bell
3f Challenge- Anne Van Bastelaere
4f-1 Jean Roney 4f-2 Kim Heiser
4f Challenge- Carol Poto
5f-1 Betty Lauryssen 5f-2 Pat Cattermole
5f challenge- Melanie Visenor

The Women's fours had an 8 game draw. The top 7 teams were:

1st- MaryAnn Beath, Marlene Cleutinx, Jackie Tucker & Anne Van Bastelaere
2nd- Myra Wood, Lorraine Hitchcock, Sharon Mitchell & Denise Marinaccio
3rd- Claire Day, Janet Gardner, Chris Adams & Val Wilson
4th- Debbie Tupper, Joan Bugler, Rosalie Parsons-Brown & Pam Edwards
5th- Cheryl Barkovitch, Eileen Morton, Margi Rambo & Betsy Lauryssen
6th- Jean Roney, Kim Heiser, Janice Bell & Sue Roth
7th- Dora Stewart, Mary Wright, Pat Harrison & Constance Desjardins



Northwest Division Editor:
Candee Wilson

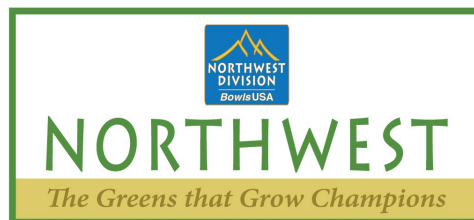
Indoor Lawn Bowling in Welches, OR



Although there is no official lawn bowling club, there are a group of resourceful bowlers at the Resort at the Mountain in Welches, Oregon (a resort community at the foot of Mt. Hood) led by King City Lawn Bowling Club's Treasurer, Ernie Carlson. They have fashioned indoor bowling to keep them entertained over the cold winter months. Bowling on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon in the Lolo Pass Room at the golf course, they create 2 rinks with masking tape each 65' long by 12' wide. The room isn't used much during the winter, so they are fairly permanent there until spring.

A larger room that could hold four 15' x 100' rinks, might be available with some planning. This room is used more often by the resort but there is a possibility of bowlers using it, perhaps for an indoor tournament, if they were to generate a bit of revenue to the resort.

The space offers a restaurant, bar, and bathrooms. Ernie reports the Welches group spent New Year's Eve bowling after dining at the restaurant!



Jefferson Park LBC Members Survive the Winter!



Through the long, dark, dreary Seattle winter, the stalwart members of Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club have maintained their sanity and their bowling skills through participation in various year-round leagues and out-of-state tournaments!

First up was the Frostitutes in January and February. This league was made up of a hardy bunch who shared a passion for bowls and deep appreciation for good rain gear. Cold, rain, or wind couldn't stop this crew from bowling! Next was the Spring Rolls league, a time for warmer weather bowlers to dust off their bowls and get a jump start on the bowling season.

Many of our members also extended their bowling season by participating in tournaments in far warmer climates, including the South Central Open in Sun City, AZ where Russ Leonard, Andy Klubberud, and Andrew Schuenemann took second in triples. We are also incredibly proud to have Jefferson Park member Alexis Vanden Bos represent Team USA at the 2016 Bowls World Cup singles in Warilla, Australia!

Thanks to these bowling diversions, our members were able to weather the wettest winter on record!



King City LBC Elects New Officers

While many years, bowlers here can count on at least a few warmer days during the winter months to get out on the green, this year was an exception. Although there were certainly enough mild days, the KCLBC bowling green was nothing more than a swamp, so there was no winter bowling this year. For a fortunate few of our members, they were able to escape to warmer climates and continue to bowl.

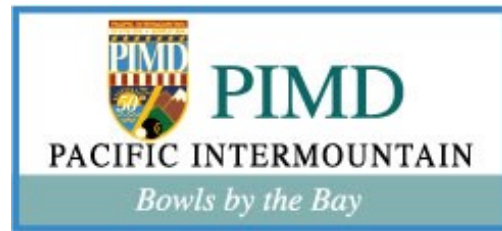
But Club business does not wait. We elected a new slate of officers at our annual meeting in November, 2015. Incoming officers for 2016 are Bob Wells, President; David Mack, Vice President; Mary Clyburn, Secretary; and Ernie Carlson, Treasurer.

Bob Wells comes to our club via the Honolulu Lawn Bowls Club where he began bowling in 2013 before moving to Oregon and joining the KCLBC. Our Vice President, David Mack, returns for a second year in that position as does our Secretary, Mary Clyburn. David still teaches at an elementary school full time, but he has been a bowler since 2013. Mary began bowling about 4 years ago and continues to use bowling as a great way to stretch out her back.

Would you travel 60 miles to bowl? Our Treasurer, Ernie Carlson, does. He has a home in Welches on Mt. Hood—about 60 miles away from King City—where he has been lawn bowling indoors since 2009, but he enjoys the fresh air, sunshine and the regulation green that KCLBC offers. Ernie was also elected BowlsUSA Councilor for the Northwest Division.

KCLBC voted to become a 100% Bowls USA club in 2016. This year only, KCLBC will pay the dues for BowlsUSA membership for each of its members. Henceforth, the additional dues will be included in the clubs regular membership dues which are some of the lowest (if not the lowest) in the country.

Bowling season this year will begin April 23rd, weather permitting. KCLBC together with Portland Lawn Bowling Club will again be hosting the annual Northwest Short Jack Tournament on May 14th and 15th.



Pacific Intermountain Editor:

Ann Brillhart

Happy 50th Birthday to PIMD!!!

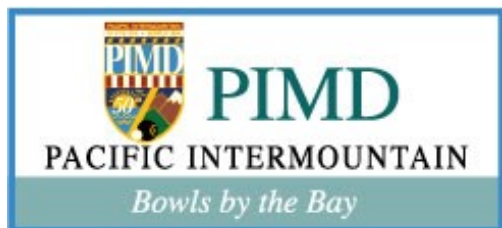


Ginger Harris and Ann Brillhart with PIMD 50th Anniversary cake.

2016 is going to be an exciting year for our Pacific Intermountain Division. We are celebrating our 50th anniversary! The PIMD officers and division club representatives will be working on organizing activities that will bring our bowling community together and build on the energy and hard work of each of our PIMD clubs.

A quick look back: For many years, we were just “the northern section of the Southwest Division.” There were only six clubs in our section at the time. An ambitious group of “northern section” bowlers set out a goal of increasing the number of northern clubs in order to create a separate division. After five years of committed work, there were 15 clubs, and “in 1966 the National Council saw fit to authorize a redistricting of the west and bring into being the new Pacific Intermountain Division.” Some of those original 15 clubs are no longer in existence, but we still have ten active and energetic clubs that continue to enjoy and promote “the sport for all ages”.

The first event to start off this special year is coming up on March 19th. Opening and Presidents Recognition Day will take place at Rossmoor LBC. The event is open to all bowlers from novice to old timers. Bud Birkenseer, our PIMD Tournament Director extraordinaire, will have random draw teams ready to go, and we will get an opportunity to meet and bowl with members from all of our division clubs.



Good News From Del Mesa Carmel LBC

After several years' absence, the Del Mesa Carmel Lawn Bowling Club (DMCLBC), founded in 1969, is back in the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division (PIMD) fold.

DMCLBC is much changed since its departure. About half of its current 38 members (21 men and 17 women) joined the club in the past year or so.

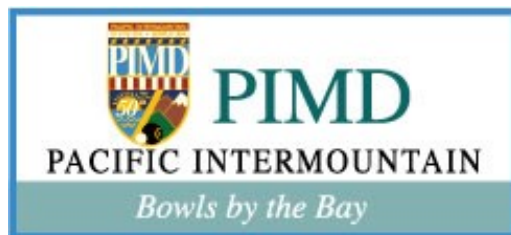
Its new president, Bob Orser, is a great example. He first bowled in May of last year, joined the club shortly thereafter, was elected President in November and took office in January.

"Life couldn't be better," Orser exclaimed. "I get to live in Carmel, a world class destination, bowl on the prettiest green and hang out with the nicest group of people imaginable. And if that's not enough, I get to bowl with Genevieve Cichy, who began lawn bowling at the tender age of 68, competed for a number of years and is 101 years young! Priceless!"

According to Orser, DMCLBC plans to give PIMD a great "test drive" in 2016, taking advantage of all its member benefits and helping to celebrate its 50th birthday. "We're very excited."



Genevieve Cichy and Bob Orser (as a zombie) at the DMCLBC Annual Tab Boyden Memorial Classic tournament on October 31, 2015.



Berkeley Bowlers "Reign" in 2016 Winter League



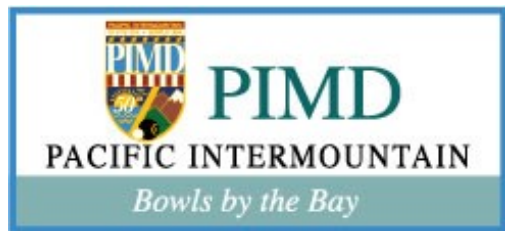
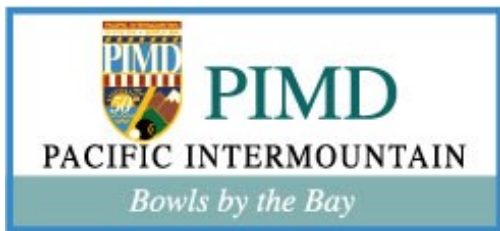
Erwin Vista, Ann Brillhart, Shawn Roney, Rob Hoey, Bob Schwartz and Jim Corr

The John Ogden Memorial Winter League is a fun but highly competitive tournament held each year during the bowling "off season." John was a much-loved bowler, who, with his dad Woody Ogden (a US Bowls Hall of Famer), organized the tournament for many years. John passed away a couple of years ago and the tournament, originally the San Jose Winter League, was re-named in his honor.

This year, as before, the tournament attracted bowlers from all over the Bay Area, but Berkeley fielded easily the largest number from a single club, with almost a third—nine out of 28—of the entrants. And perhaps even more impressive, Berkeley teams ended up taking three of the four top spots.

The tournament, which was held at the Sunnyvale club, was organized as a 13-game round robin, there being 14 teams in total, and was played over three weekends in January. Unlike the last couple of years when the drought and mild temperatures made a bit of a mockery of the title, this year the event lived up to its billing as the *Winter League*. Rain jackets and extra layers were needed on the first couple of Saturdays, but the intermittent showers did not dampen the spirits of the participants or lessen their competitive urges.

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Intrepid Berkeley bowlers Phil Grattan, Bob Schwartz, Erwin Vista, Ann Brillhart, Jim Corr, Shawn Roney, Frankie Napoli, John Hooper, and Rob Hoey

At the end of two weeks, the top spot was held by Frankie Napoli (a joint Rossmoor and Berkeley member) and his partner Dave Peters (Rossmoor) with Berkeley pairs Shawn Roney/Rob Hoey and Jim Corr/Bob Schwartz in hot pursuit. However, on the final Saturday, Frankie and Dave's hitherto stellar mojo left them (they had lost only one game up to that point) and they faded in the stretch. This allowed Shawn and Rob to edge into first place ahead of Jim and Bob by the narrowest of margins—one game point, they held Ginger Harris (Palo Alto LBC) and Janet Mednick (subbing for absent Mo Shooer, both from San Francisco LBC) to a draw, while Jim and Bob lost to the same team.

In the final standings, Shawn and Rob placed first, Jim and Bob placed second, and Berkeley duo Erwin Vista and Ann Brillhart sneaked past Frankie and Dave with a come-from-behind run to snag fourth place. Third was taken by Mario Giorgianni and Ron Maier of San Jose LBC.

Congratulations to all the winning bowlers, and thanks to all those who helped organize and maintain this event despite the fickle wintry season!

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Come Bowl With Us!

By Ginger Harris, PIMD President

The PIMD has changed things up a little this year. Rather than having a week-long "Open" as a couple of other divisions do, we are celebrating our 50 years as a proud division of BowlsUSA by spreading the fun out through all of 2016. (cont.)

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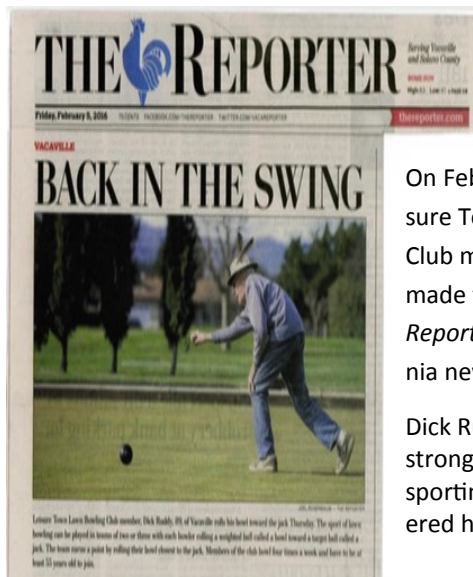
The great news is that ALL of our division tournaments and invitationals this year are "OPEN"! That's right, fellow bowlers....If you are a registered BowlsUSA member from any other division, YOU are welcome to come and bowl in any of our PIMD tournaments! The Bay Area is filled with exciting things to do—lawn bowling, restaurants, theater, sightseeing, parades, lawn bowling, music festivals, baseball, soccer, lawn bowling....There is something for everyone! Make a holiday out of a trip to visit us! Many of us enjoy traveling to other divisions to bowl, and we hope some of you will let us return the hospitality.

Our schedule is posted on our division website, pimdlawnbowls.org. Take a look at it. See something you'd like to try out? Give it a go! Do you like Australian Pairs? How about Women's or Men's 5's? The usual M/W/mixed pairs and triples games are here as well.

And, to top it off, YOU will get to take part in our year long "50th Anniversary Raffle". It's soooooo easy to enter. If you bowl in a PIMD tournament, you get a raffle ticket. Drop it in the prize bucket, and maybe you will be the lucky winner of a prize that will be awarded at our Closing Day tournament in October. (Need not be present to win.) We are busy trying to collect "50" prizes—some bowling related, others, not so much. But, hey...a prize is a prize, right?

Any questions, please feel free to contact me. Hope to see some of you on our greens this year! Good bowling, all!

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On February 5, 2016, Leisure Town Lawn Bowling Club member Dick Ruddy made the front page of *The Reporter*, a Central California newspaper.

Dick Ruddy, still bowling strong at age 89, seen here sporting his familiar feathered hat.



Panoramic photograph of Rossmoor LBC's three greens. (Photo by Cris Benton)

The PIMD bowling season is officially "OPEN"!

One hundred twenty-five enthusiastic bowlers attended our "Opening and Presidents' Recognition Day" at the beautiful Rossmoor LBC to get our games warmed up for all of the upcoming tournaments and club invitationals on the calendar. As always, this day is a community-building event, welcoming bowlers of all skills levels to participate in games with members of all of our division clubs.

One of the highlights of the day was having Genevieve "Pink Lady" Cichy, the 101 years young bowling phenom from our newest club, Del Mesa Carmel, bowl a couple of ends of the first game of the day. Genevieve bowled her first game at Rossmoor back in 1980 and is a two-time National Championship Pairs winner (skips: Tecla Shepard and Vanitta Olinger).



Genevieve "Pink Lady" Cichy



Past Presidents—Standing: Joe Shepard, Charlie Thorpe, Ian Harris, Peter Knopf

Seated: Tecla Shepard, Frank Ransome, Woody Ogden



Cake by Martie Marchetti

We welcomed a number of our division Past Presidents: Tecla Shepard, Peter Knopf, Ian Harris, Joe Shepard, Charlie Thorpe, and Frank Ransome. Bill McConachie, Greg Fyvie, DeJ Doring, Pauline Leibovitz, John Chinn and Frank Souza could not be with us, but sent kind words of congratulation for the continued success of PIMD. We were also honored to have three of our eleven BowlsUSA Hall of Famers in attendance: Joe Shepard, Frank Ransome and Woody Ogden. Each Past President received a certificate of appreciation with our thanks in recognition of their dedicated service and contributions to the sport of lawn bowling. Ten current club presidents joined in the fun, and many past club presidents were also in attendance. The gathering room and greens were filled with the history of our division. And, perhaps as important, Opening Day was the first PIMD tournament ever played for at least two dozen NEW bowlers!

Games were random draws put together by our Tournament Director extraordinaire, Bud Birkenseer. We played morning and afternoon games with prizes awarded to first and second place winners on each green for both sets. Teams that scored four or more points on an end earned the right to display the "Happy Birthday" balloon at their rink until it was taken by another team. All members of the team having the balloon at the end of the game earned an additional raffle ticket and a yummy chocolate 50c coin! Bowlers are excited to start earning tickets at all of our division tournaments and invitationals this year to be eligible for the "50 prizes for 50 years."

Drakes Pride Bowls provided three specially engraved jacks as the raffle prizes for the day as well as several \$\$ off coupons to be used toward the purchase of new bowls. Thank you, **Drakes Pride** for your support! We are looking forward to a GREAT year. As shared by a bowler today, "I love Opening Day because I get to see so many people and realize once again how much I love this sport!" Come bowl with us, everyone!



Southwest Division Editor:
Ronald Neef

Greetings from the Southwest Division

This is my first contribution to the Bowls USA newsletter and I'm looking forward to receiving submissions from/working with as many of you as possible in the upcoming months. I am a weekend-only bowler (yes, I still work) with memberships at both Holmby Park and Beverly Hills clubs. Over the past three years, I've had the pleasure of bowling at quite a few clubs and meeting many of you. I've also tried my luck on greens in Vancouver and Calgary.

Although no longer a "novice", I'm certainly still very green at the sport and learn something new every time I step onto the mat. To that end, I'd like to introduce a new feature for the newsletter. I had initially intended to have a Rules column but Melanie Vizenor, *National Umpire in Chief* (NUIC), already handles that topic much better than I ever could. As an alternative, I'll be soliciting questions from you, the bowlers, regarding anything you might wish to know about the rules and/or etiquette (which I'll pass along to Melanie), ethics, history, strategy, or anything else that may interest you about this great game we play.

One or more questions will be answered in each newsletter. I intend to conduct research or contact individuals who have the knowledge or information necessary to answer your questions. I'm not close to being an expert so the feature will be called **"I Don't Know Jack"** (a phrase I often think should be engraved on my bowls). Feel free to submit questions at any time to me at rneefbowlsusa@gmail.com.

"I Don't Know Jack"

I've received several questions regarding mat etiquette including the proper way to approach and the timing of when to get on and off. I expect that we'll be addressing this topic on more than one occasion. For this issue, we'll address the following:

Hi Ron, along with foot faults please include the mat rotation rule to exit to the right, clockwise around the bowls. When I am standing with my bowl ready behind the left side of the bowler on the mat, many experienced bowlers step back into me or just in front of me as they are watching their bowl roll.



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When it stops and they "come to their senses" they jerk when they realize they are about to run in to me. When a bowler does this for the whole game I will not stand there, but then there is not much room to stand anywhere else.

Melanie Vizenor, NUIC) responds:

There is no right or wrong way to approach and step on the mat. The only comment made in the LSB is that "Players at the mat end of the rink who are not delivering a bowl must stand at least 1 meter behind the mat." (Law 12.1.1) It is the person who is standing behind the mat who is to allow room for the bowler on the mat. The bowler on the mat is concentrating on their bowl, with eyes directed forward, not backward to see where the next bowler is standing.

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OAKS NORTH LAWN BOWLING CLUB – Rancho Bernardo in San Diego

Submitted by Janet Atkins

The [ONLBC](#) presently has 83 members and is an active group with games going on most days of the week. Several of our members are tournament players who enjoy competitions with other local clubs.

Our Annual Valentine's Day Event included coffee cakes in the morning, a Spider Roll, a team bowling contest and a lovely lunch on the grass. The Spider Rolls were won by Tom Bird, Patti Allen and Bill Timms. The team of Bill Timms, Jerry Antoff and Russ Haskell won first place and second was taken by Roger Testke, Barbara Darling and Bill Riddle.

Jerry Antoff has been elected incoming President. A Training Chairperson is available for residents interested in learning the game. Club bowling is Tues, Thurs and Sat at 10:15am. This is fun and very social club and we welcome visitors if you are in our neighborhood!



ABC Rings in Spring with Malaysian Cuisine

Submitted by Sean McMorris

To celebrate the coming of spring, the Alhambra Bowls Club (ABC) threw a very special party on the greens! One of ABC's distinguished members had a sister visiting from Malaysia who wanted to treat everyone at the club to authentic, homemade Malaysian cuisine. That she did, and boy was it delicious!

The dishes, some of which took 3 days to prepare, included nearly 100 chicken skewers prepared with a special honey glaze that we grilled on-site. We also had beef Rendang and fluffy blue rice. There was a side dish of skinned tomatoes marinated in a sauce that gave them a taste similar to sweet pickles. In addition to the Malaysian Cuisine, American food, Chinese food, and Mexican food was provided by club members, thereby representing the cultures of most of the ABC members.

People came and went all afternoon and evening, starting at 3:00 until we finally closed up shop around 9:00 PM with dinner served at 5:00. It was a wonderful day full of lawn bowling and yummy food. ABC has many more such gatherings planned and all are welcome.



Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club

The Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club is pleased to announce that we now have a Facebook page which we invite everyone to visit and like. Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/BeverlyHillsLawnBowlingClub/>

We regularly bowl on Saturdays and Sundays beginning at 10:00. Be sure to show up by 9:30 to get your name in the draw and socialize with our members, many of whom are dual members at other clubs in the area such as Hermosa Beach, Holmby Park, Santa Anita and Santa Monica.

And this "road trip" report from Beverly Hills members Cheryl Barkovich and Evelyn Lucero:

LADIES DAY SOUTH AFRICAN STYLE

January 13, 2016 was the day Evelyn Lucero and I, Cheryl Barkovich, traveled home to Los Angeles, after a two week visit to Cape Town, South Africa. We had visited our friend and my lawn bowling partner, Betsy Laurysen. She has a lovely home in Grotto Bay and belongs to the Western Province Cricket Club, which has 4 lawn bowling greens.

Betsy said, "Before you go, you must bowl in our Ladies Day." I agreed. Evelyn could not bowl since she was on the DL, however, she came along to take photos and take part in the other festivities. We did not know what to expect. It turned out to be a big treat!

On Ladies Day, one hundred twenty women from all over the Western Province of South Africa came in teams of 4 to bowl. The teams were each club's "best bowlers." The different colored shirts, representing their clubs, looked pretty cool!

We arrived at 8:30 a.m. to champagne and orange juice. The men from the club provided the food and drink, served the food, set-up the greens, kept score and conducted a raffle. And a male member of the club provided wonderful music on keyboards throughout the day. What a treat!

The huge clubhouse was tastefully decorated. The breakfast consisted of scrambled eggs set in a large croissant with 2 pieces of crispy bacon, along with tea or coffee. It was a filling and beautifully presented meal.

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The format for the day was “rinks.” They used the Australian scoring system of 4-3-2-1. Betsy and I played with two other members of her club. The greens were wonderfully manicured, very true and somewhat fast. The back boards are high grass and you enter the green from the sides. Each green has a scoreboard, a jug of water and 2 glasses, one for each team. I don’t think that would go over well in the States!

We won the first game, went inside for some refreshments, and played game two under windier and hotter conditions. Had it not been for the wind, the temperature would have made play unbearable.

After winning the second game, the men served us a wonderful lunch consisting of salad, veggies, Hake fish and a variety of desserts provided by the women of the club.

Because Evelyn and I had to leave for the airport. Betsy had to arrange for two substitutes for the afternoon. The subs were able to build on our morning success and helped our team to a second place finish. We gladly allowed the subs to keep the prize money paid in South African Rands (about \$12 US).

All in all, it was a great day! The ladies were all very nice and very interested in our lawn bowling clubs in America. We made some new friends and, of course, we, were invited back. Ladies Day South African Style is a little different from ours, but both are fun and great for the sport of lawn bowling!!!



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Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club

Submitted by Tom Seres

As winter turned into beautiful spring, we had a sprawling variety of ‘happenings’ at Holmby. We welcomed three SWD clubs for a day of friendly competition and fun at our club. This was our first ‘home’ visitation of the year and was attended by 70 bowlers from several different SW Division clubs.

In March, we also started the first pairs tournament of this year, attracting 24 entries. We admitted the first new member (#91) in 2016 and have several others who are on the cusp of becoming full members.

As part of our continuing efforts to grow the sport, we recently organized a lawn bowling party for young, prospective bowlers and received a generous donation. We also enjoyed our monthly birthday party, this time made more memorable by the celebration of 25 years of HPLBC membership by one of our oldest members, Len Foreman (still bowling at the ripe young age of 98!).

Perhaps most importantly, we are committed to helping our sister club, Alhambra, in their fight to save their greens. Almost all SWD clubs depend on their relationship with their cities, owners of the property, including greens. As many of you know, the City wanted to demolish their greens to build tennis courts and parking structures. We sent letter of support, donation and other help. On March 14, some of our members participated in a peaceful demonstration in the front of the Alhambra City Hall. The Council meeting went well and we hope that our actions helped.



Campaign to Save ABC

Many of you already know that the Alhambra Bowls Club (ABC) and its two greens are in jeopardy. In brief, to make room for more parking at the park where ABC resides, the city plans to bulldoze three pristine tennis courts, install more parking where the tennis courts currently are, then bulldoze ABC's two greens in order to rebuild the tennis courts — despite Alhambra already having 25 public tennis courts and an additional 206 public tennis courts within a 5 mile radius. The City did not inform ABC of these plans. The club found out through rumors and back channels.

So beginning in February, ABC took its fight to save our greens to the city. We started an [online petition](#) that now has over 500 signatures, and we have compiled a comprehensive report to give to city, county, and state officials, stating our case to save our greens and. In addition, lawn bowlers and clubs from across the county and world have written letters in support of ABC, including the state director or AARP, to the Alhambra Mayor and City Council Members. Some of you have even called City Hall to voice your support for saving ABC.

In early March our club had a meeting with the Alhambra City Manager and Mayor to present our case. At the beginning of the meeting the City Manager seemed defensive, but by the end of the meeting she said some things that we felt were encouraging. She stated that (1) ABC is getting involved at the early stages of this project, which is good; (2) the city has received blowback from others in the community about the proposed parking structure that threatens ABC, so the city is considering reworking its current plans; (3) she was open to a compromise with us in that ABC would be allowed to keep one of its greens if the club agreed to relinquish one to the city for redevelopment. In return for the relinquishment of a green, the city would more likely provide better support for ABC in the future. However, it is important to note that the City Manager made clear to us that she could not make any commitments at that time.

Most recently, ABC took its case to the Alhambra City Council on March 14. In addition to the many ABC members who showed up to the meeting, members from Beverly Hills LBC, Hermosa beach LBC, and Holmby Park LBC were in attendance to support us. We peacefully protested in our whites and with placards outside City Hall for about an hour and a half before attending the meeting to present our case. It is hard to say how well we were received, However, what was encouraging to us was that there was a whole other contingency of Alhambra citizens there who spoke after us to oppose the building of the same parking structure that threatens our greens. We have now begun working with these home owners to present a united force, and hopefully achieve our goals.

So that is where things stand now. The club continues to engage in discovery and outreach and we plan to begin approaching county and state officials soon with our case.

On a side note, something good has materialized from our efforts that could potentially benefit struggling clubs in the future. In an effort to build ABC membership, members of the Beverly Hills LBC suggested that ABC allow lawn bowlers who already belong to at least one other club, join ABC at a reduced price as Auxiliary Members. ABC checked with its treasurer and he said that if lawn bowlers have already paid their division dues at another club then ABC can charge as little as \$1.00 for auxiliary membership if we want. So we began doing just that. Again, the support has been overwhelming, so much so that ABC would like to use the money accumulated from auxiliary membership dues to start a fund for struggling clubs either through the Southwest Division or Bowls USA. Once established, we hope that clubs will grant their members the option of donating \$1.00 each year to the fund on their annual membership dues forms to keep the fund going.

In closing, ABC wants to thank all of the clubs and lawn bowlers from across the country and world who have supported us by signing our petition, sending letters of support, becoming auxiliary members, attending city council meetings, and extending advice and voicing moral support. The Alhambra Bowls Club is overwhelmed by your support and grateful to belong to such a wonderful community of people who love the sport of bowls so much that they will go to great lengths to support their fellow lawn bowlers and clubs.

ABC loves you all! We will keep you posted.

Sean McMorris





SWD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SWWD Australian Pairs (Riverside – March 19)

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| 1. Margi Rambo | Candy DeFazio |
| 2. Anne Nunes | Heather Stewart |
| 3. Christine Ludwig | Brenda Head |
| 4. Eileen Lancendorfer | Brenda Wright |
| 5. Kim Heiser | Debbie Gregory |

Murray-Allison (Riverside – March 19 & 20)

Murray

1. Steve Smith
2. Bill Brault
3. Charlie Herbert
4. Phil Dunn



Bill Brault and Steve Smith



Charlie Herbert and Phil Dunn

Allison

1. Robert Busciglio
2. Sean McMorris
3. Jim Semanek
4. Peter Ritchie



Robert Busciglio and Sean McMorris

Challenge

1. James Fowler
2. Mike Ruggles



Mike Ruggles and Jim Flowers

Invitational Mix/Match Pairs Tournament - 2016

Saturday, 14 May - 9 AM to 5 PM - 8:15 AM check-in

Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided.

Format: Four 10-end games. Up to 10 plus (or minus) points per game. Payoff to top four teams.

Entry fees: \$30 per person or \$60 per team. Registration Deadline is Friday 6 May 2016.

There is a maximum of 16 teams. **Sign up early.** Substitutions will be allowed. No substitute may play for more than one team. Make checks payable to FV Lawn Bowls Club and mail to Friendly Valley Lawn Bowls Club, 19345 Avenue of the Oaks Santa Clarita, CA 91321 Attention: Roy McAree. Please include your contact information (email and/or phone # and club name) with your entry fee.



Bowler Name Skip: _____

Bowler Name Lead: _____

Club Name: _____

For Tournament information or questions contact George Patton at gbp32@socal.rr.com or Judy Brothers at bbros0826@aol.com.

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