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## SOUTHWEST DIVISION OPEN RESULTS

With five divisions and Canada represented, the Southwest Division Open was played 4/21 through 4/26/18 at Santa Anita Lawn Bowling Green in Arcadia, CA. As advertised, there were lots of raffle prizes (all donated by clubs and individuals) given out over the six days of play. And many markers wore matching shirts identifying them as newly trained markers.

Winners of the championship flights were:

### Women's events:

Fours: Eva Lee, Dee McSparran, Carol Poto, Chris Adams

Pairs: Eileen Lancendorfer, Mary Spease

Singles: Anne Nunes

Bowler of the Tournament: Dee McSparran

### Men's events:

Fours: Larry Collaco, Tom Burnoski, Daniel Gorelick, Mike Coiner

Pairs: Charlie Herbert, Dan Le Messurier

Singles: Charlie Herbert

Bowler of the Tournament: Charlie Herbert

Go to page 3 for photos of the champions. Full results for all flights can be found at the [Southwest Website](#).



Check out BowlsUSA on facebook



## ERRATA

Courtesy of your Editor-in-Chief, Georgie Deno

Although I said that the April Newsletter was no joke, it turns out that there WERE some gremlins at work on the April 1st publication date.

Among the glitches (and outright errors on my part) were a number of editorial errors like “& and”, misidentification of a piece of content on the front page “Inside This Issue” table, and on the NED Open flyer a seeming “divorce” between “Wilkes” and “Barre” (should have been “Wilkes-Barre” and, having grown up in eastern Pennsylvania, I know that). The biggest blunder, however, was running the wrong photo and name of the winner of the Southeast Division Men’s Open Singles competition. With sincere apologies to the winner, here’s the photo and identification of the real winner.

My thanks go to the many people who were so kind as to point out the errors. (That is said in all sincerity.) If nothing else, it was good to know that people are reading the Newsletter!



Bud Ricucci, Men’s Singles  
Champion, SED Open



## SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. OPEN

Planners for the U.S. Open to be held in Phoenix in November recently put out two calls for financial and physical support needed to put on a successful Open.

Here’s how individuals/Divisions can help.

**Individuals:** Tax-deductible cash donations can be made through the USLBA Memorial Fund. Click here for Information on [how to donate](#). Be sure to check the option for “U.S. Open”.

**Divisions:** Assistance is sought for funding, gathering suppliers for merchandise sales items and opportunity drawing prizes, and coordination of sales and other activities during the Open. Contact [Ron Rollick](#).





**CHAMPIONS OF THE SOUTHWEST DIVISION OPEN**



Women's Fours: Eva Lee, Carol Poto,  
Chris Adams, Dee McSparran



Men's Fours: Mike Coiner, Daniel Gorelick,  
Larry Collaco, Tom Burnoski



Women's Singles: Ann Nunes

**CONGRATS  
TO  
ALL OF THE  
CHAMPIONS**



Men's Singles: Charlie Herbert

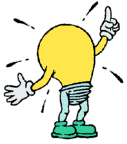


Women's Pairs: Mary Spease, Eileen Lancendorfer



Men's Pairs: Dan Le Messurier,  
Charlie Herbert





## A FUN OUTING

Submitted by Melanie Vizenor

On a recent beautiful Sunday, 20 residents of the Parkloft Condominium Association visited the San Diego Lawn Bowling Club for some fun on the green. One of the residents took photos and videos and compiled a short You Tube clip of the event. You can [see it here](#). Looks like some good bowling prospects. Hey, let the good times roll.



## PIMD OPEN TOURNAMENT

As we've indicated on page 9, all PIMD-sponsored tournaments are open to out-of-division BowlsUSA bowlers.

Coming up on May 26 is the very popular one-day Mix/Match Aussie Pairs to be held at the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club in Walnut Creek, CA.

For more information contact Tournament Director Bud Birkenseer at [budbirk@gmail.com](mailto:budbirk@gmail.com). The entry form can be retrieved at the [PIMD website](#).

## DILLY-DILLY!

Following the Women's Pairs competition at the Southwest Division Open, a group of bowlers assembled to celebrate victories and lament losses. Here's a photo of the cheerful (not to mention "cheer full") ladies. There was lots of laughing and "dilly-dilly" going on.

Pictured left to right are Georgie Deno, Dania Gomez (at her first-ever Open tournament), Shelley Cohen, Melanie Vizenor (still wearing her quacker), Diana Wenzel, Sheila Conti, Mary Spease, and Jan Hargraves. Dilly-dilly!





**The Bias of Bowls explained**

The bias is the draw of a bowl from the direction of which it has been aimed. According to John P. Munro in his book "Bowls Encyclopaedia" published in 1951, the mathematician Robert Recorde makes a reference to bias in his book "Castle of Knowledge", printed in 1556.

In "The Academy of Armoury" written by Randle Holme in 1683, it is said that "bias is either brass or pewter put into one side of the bowl to make it run more on that side than the other." Lead or iron was inserted in a bowl by means of a hole drilled in the side.



W. W . Mitchell, a Glasgow lawyer, who codified the laws of the Scottish game in 1849, states in his manual that in the early days of bowling "each player played with three bowls", all of which were biased by means of lead inserted through the centre of the bowl. The bowls were numbered 1, 2 and 3. Number 3 was called their greatest borrowing bowl and when played described a large arc; number 2 described a lesser arc, while number 1 ran nearly straight. In 1857 the Earl of Eglinton and Winton presented a silver cup for competition between the clubs of Glasgow and those in Ayrshire,Scotland. One of the conditions of the annual match was: No loaded bowl, or bowls measuring more than sixteen and a half inches in circumference shall be permitted to be played. Prior to 1893 there was no standard minimum bias – there is not and never has been a maximum bias. Bowls were sent out to a buyer on approval and if the draw was not suitable the bowls were sent back to the manufacturer with instructions to take a little less bias say number 1 bowl and little more to say number 3 bowl. At some point a fourth bowl was introduced into play and it became custom to number bowls 1,2,3 and 4 within a set.

Bowls were made by Thomas Taylor with various biases from 1 to 5 (5 being the strongest). To this day there are six clubs within the city of Paisley area that still play with sets of bowls with a number 5 bias, which the Company still makes exclusively for them. It was not until 1893 that a standard bias bowl was adopted. When the Scottish Bowling Association, formed in 1892, appointed a committee of three noted bowlers to establish a minimum standard of bias below which no bowl was to be used in matches played under its laws.

Taylor's made a chute for delivering bowls smoothly on to the green at Albany Bowling Club, where experiments were conducted on a number of new bowls all slightly varying in bias, which were supplied by Mr Taylor. Taylor had made 5 different bias bowls – number 1 a straightish model, number 2 with a slightly wider draw, number 3 with a medium draw, number 4 with a bigger draw and number 5 with the largest draw. After a week of testing and retesting on the green, the SBA decided to adopt one of Taylor's new models as the Standard bowl. Although the SBA's Standard bowl had no number it was Thomas Taylor's number 3 bias bowl that had been adopted. To this day the minimum bias allowable by World Bowls standards is still referred to as number 3 bias.

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Submitted by Clem Reiss and excerpted from an article by Doug Fernandes in the Sarasota, FL, Herald Tribune

## MEET A SPECIAL BOWLER

Thirty-eight years ago, having escaped the Michigan cold, Geraldine Smith and her husband, Harry, drove past the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club. An athlete for much of her life, "Gerry" was intrigued by what she saw, even if she wasn't quite sure what it was.

"I thought, 'Oh, gee, this must be the yacht club,' " she said. "We saw them playing, so we sat there and (the club members) said, 'do you want to try it?' And I said, 'Oh, yeah' and they taught us, and in two weeks, I was playing against one of the champions. I lost, but not by much."

Over the ensuing decades, Gerry didn't lose all that often. Eventually she became club president, along the way earning three United States singles and seven pairs championships. Anyone wanting to learn the sport found a willing teacher in Gerry Smith. "She's been our coach emeritus here for a long time," said current club president Alin Lozada. Three years ago, Gerry had pulled him aside for an hour-long teaching session "and I was hooked."

Recently, the 95-year-old Smith was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. And in typical Gerry Smith fashion, she questioned all the fuss. "Oh, c'mon, I was having a ball playing lawn bowling," she said. "I got lots of awards, but nothing special. I'm doing something I loved."

A club member had to drive Gerry to the award ceremony, the rare instance of the mother of seven needing assistance. She lives by herself in a mobile home park. Her day isn't complete without a swim, the continuation of an athletic life in Michigan that included bowling, basketball, and golf. "We came to Florida," she said, "then we went biking and golfing every day. Then we started lawn bowling and, boy, that was a godsend."

Gerry's health remains excellent, the result, she said, of regular helpings of chocolate and cake. At the height of her lawn bowling career, she played four times a week. Before Harry passed away more than 25 years ago, she teamed with him for matches in Sun City, Lakeland, and Port Charlotte.

"Now, I'm just a has-been," she said. "I play when they're short a player. I don't play in the tournaments anymore because it's too much. I can't stand (for that long)."


Sports occupied a lot of Gerry's life, but not all of it. For more than 20 years, she was a captain for Meals on Wheels of Sarasota, overseeing a crew of people who prepared the food. When asked what her proudest achievement was, Gerry said it was the Meals on Wheels work.



Counterclockwise, from bottom left, daughter-in-law Lori Smith, Gerry Smith, son Kenny Smith, daughter Elaine Bussiere and son Randy Smith pose with a mascot at the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club. [COURTESY PHOTO / BRAD MCCOURTNEY]



## DRILL TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILL

**DRAW BOWLING DRILLS**

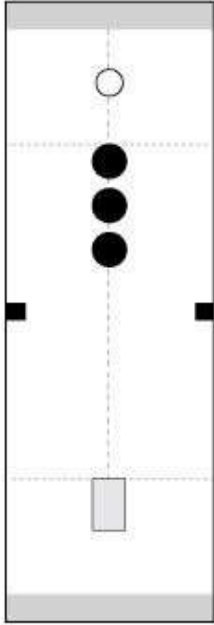
### DRAW BOWL #1

**OBJECTIVE :** Draw as close to the Jack behind the 3 Bowls to get “shot” or to “cut down.”

**EQUIPMENT :**  
3 BOWLS 1 MAT 1 JACK

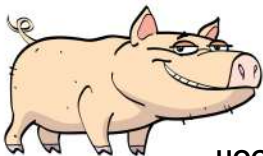
**PROCEDURE :**  
Set up on the Center Line. Bowls approximately 1 foot apart and 1 yard in front of the Jack.  
Vary Mat lengths.

**SCORECARD :**  
Same as the others.  
1 point = for each Bowl that beats the 3 front Bowls..



Games are won by players who focus on the playing field — not by those whose eyes are glued to the scoreboard.

-Warren Buffett



HOGLINE

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Send it in to your Division editor as listed below:

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## 10 NEW CLUB COACHES JOIN THE FORCE

In April, Kottia Spangler from the Southwest Division journeyed northward to Oregon to conduct the two-day Certified Club Coach Course. Nine attendees from Northwest Division and one from Pacific Inter-Mountain Division completed the course and are shown proudly wearing their new Club Coach shirts.



Instructor Kottia Spangler, standing at front left, with her group of ten happy new coaches.

## AMADOR MARTINEZ TRIPLES TOURNAMENT

Submitted by Bob Smith

There must be something to that thing about the homefield advantage. In the recent Amador Martinez Triples Tournament at the Oxnard Lawn Bowling Club, a home team prevailed to take first place over 13 other topnotch teams from various southern California clubs.



First place winners Richard Purcell, Mike Newton, and Raul Perez

The tournament namesake is the longest active member having joined the Club in 1990. During that time, Amador has been President several times, instructor, tournament director, and greenskeeper. The tournament was named to honor his tournament play and his efforts in maintaining the green in top condition.



Amador Martinez

## BOWLSUSA GRANT USED AT JEFFERSON PARK



If your club is 100% BowlsUSA and you're wondering how you might use a BowlsUSA grant, here's an idea. Jefferson Park LBC in Seattle used their grant to purchase additional sets of Taylor Junior Ace bowls to help build the future of bowls.







# 2018 Northeast Division Open

Come join us at the 2018 Northeast Division Open at two of our beautiful and scenic lawn bowling greens in the Poconos, PA!

We will be hosting Triples, Pairs & Singles.

**\*\*Teams can be mixed with men & women\*\***



**SKY TOP LODGE, PA**



**BUCK HILL FALLS, PA**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Triples:</b>	<b>August 18-19, 2018 (Saturday &amp; Sunday )</b>
	<b>Pairs:</b>	<b>August 20-21, 2018 (Monday &amp; Tuesday)</b>
	<b>Singles:</b>	<b>August 22-23, 2018 (Wednesday &amp; Thursday)</b>

Check the Northeast Division website [here](#) for entry forms and further details.

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**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.

**Central Division Open**, Pairs, 7/7 - 7/8; Singles, 8/4 - 8/5, Milwaukee Lake Park LBC, WI. 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**, 11/25 to 12/1/18 hosted at Sun City Center, FL. This tournament requires competing in your Division's qualifying rounds.

**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.



## Grant Program

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 2018 is \$10,000.

### Guidelines:

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

The grant application deadline is June 30, 2018.

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 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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 [peacecorps.ginger@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Click [here](#) to go to the website where you can download the new 2018 Grant Program application and the format for the proposed budget for funds usage.

**[Editor's note:** 2018 marks the third year of the 100% BowlsUSA Club Grant Program. In 2017, at least one club in each division received a grant. The executive board has approved \$10,000 for 2018, and all 100% BowlsUSA clubs are encouraged to consider applying. If your club is not 100% BowlsUSA, you may want to consider becoming one. Here are some ways that the 2017 grant program recipients used their grants: advertising and purchase of club equipment, repair of backboards and rakes, a fence banner and membership drive, new fencing, clubhouse equipment, greens mower, and greens maintenance in preparation for hosting the U.S. Open.]



# 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 2018**.

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: **October 18th and 19th** (Thursday and Friday)

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
- Incident Management
- Constants and Variables
- Goal Setting
- Fundamentals
- Planning Coaching Sessions
- Conducting Coaching
- 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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By Melanie Vizenor

BowlsUSA National Umpire-in-Chief



The March 2018 **UmpStumper** read: The players in a triples game cannot agree on the score after several ends of play. Skip A and Lead B have been keeping the scorecards. They call for an umpire. How would you resolve this situation?

The answer was in April's BUSA Newsletter, and that answer provided a reasonable solution to the above situation. And then I asked, "What if the two skips cannot agree and neither scorecard is filled out correctly? Then what?"

Well, frankly, I'm not sure there is a good answer. Any answer would fall outside of any laws. The Introduction to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls says, "... if a situation arises that is not covered by these laws, [the] players, markers and umpires must use their common sense and a spirit of fair play to decide on the appropriate course of action."

I can think of a few things that could be considered. One, go back to an end where the scores were in agreement, bring that score down to whatever end they're currently playing, and then finish the game from there. Two, zero out both teams' scores and then play however many ends are left; in other words, start over. Three, declare the game a tie (but that gives each team a game point, which everyone else in the tournament would object to -- so throw that one out). Fourth, instruct the skips to come to an agreement or the game will be a forfeit for both teams (that ought to get things resolved!).

The Laws of the Sport of Bowls are not hard to understand and there are not that many of them. So tell me, why and how do things go so awry before and during a game? Take the following question I received a week or so ago. Seriously, I do not make these things up.

A pairs tournament was about to begin. Skip B announces a need to go to the restroom. While gone, Lead A rolls out the jack and play begins. Upon Skip B's return, and seeing three bowls from each team have been played (Lead B is short on all three bowls; Lead A's bowls are closer to the jack), Skip B states that play should not have begun and immediately picks up all of the bowls. Was Skip B correct?

What was my response to the above, you wonder? Well, that's **May 2018's UmpStumper**.

Keep sending in those questions. They're good for my morning chuckle along with my first cup of coffee. And remember, laughter is the best medicine.