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OMG! IT'S ALMOST HERE.

Submitted by NAC Team USA

What?! The North American Challenge ... that hotly contested match between Canada and the USA.

We're excited. We're ready. We're counting the days. Every two years the NAC, as we call it, is played between the two countries, switching back and forth between clubs in Canada and the USA.

This year, the matches will be played on the very, very fast, artificial greens at Laguna Woods LBC in southern California. Laguna Woods Village invested \$600,000 in their newly-opened greens, removing the prior artificial greens and rebuilding them from the ground up. We are so fortunate and excited that Laguna Woods LBC consented to hosting the 2018 NAC.

Opening ceremonies will be on Wednesday, 10/10, and play will begin on Thursday, 10/11, and finish on Saturday, 10/13. Spectators are welcome, so feel free to come out and support the Team.

Some of the men and women out practicing.



We, Team USA, would love your support. We know most of you cannot attend the matches in person, but you can "watch" them by going to the Southwest Division website

(swlawnbowls.org) and following the NAC end-by-end results as the games are played.



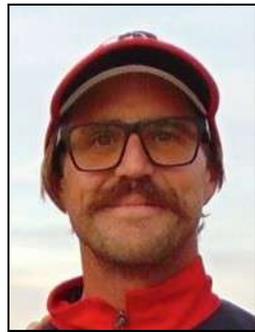
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Alternate



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Margi Rambo



Scott Roberts



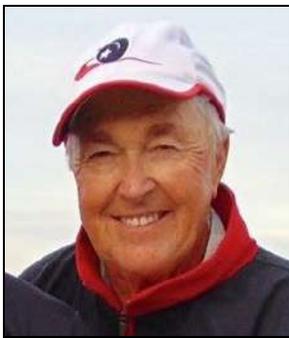
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**GOOD BOWLING
AND
GOOD LUCK TO ALL.
BRING HOME THE
GOLD!**





ELECTIONS FOR BOWLS USA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members of Bowls USA:

We are now seeking nominations for **2nd Vice President** and **Treasurer** for the 2019 Executive Committee. This is your chance to bring your ideas to the organization.

If you have interest in being nominated for either position, please contact your Division Councilor(s) as soon as possible.

If you would like more information about the duties of a position, email current Treasurer Alice Birkinshaw at treasureralice@gmail.com and current 2nd Vice President Veronica Sum at vsum02@msn.com.

2019 Slate for Executive Committee of Bowls USA:

- President – Scott Roberts
- 1st VP – Veronica Sum
- 2nd VP – open
- Secretary – Incumbent Dee McSparran
- Treasurer – open
- International Delegates – Incumbents Neil Furman (men) and Dee McSparran (women)

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the AGM on 11/3 for any and all positions.

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COMMEMORATING 9/11

Reported by Georgie Deno

Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club (Southwest Division) held a tournament in grand style in memory of and to pay honor to those who were lost on 9/11/2001 and to the veterans, police, and firefighters who protected and kept us safe then and now.

- ◆ Twenty-eight mixed teams of four donned red, white, and blue clothing.
- ◆ Bowlers from all over southern California and some from Arizona participated.
- ◆ More than 20 different clubs were represented.
- ◆ The Newport club gathered more than 28 local sponsors and each provided sponsor shirts for a team to wear while bowling.
- ◆ Bins were filled up by bowler donations of clothing and cash to be given to homeless, injured, and disabled veterans at the Long Beach VA Hospital.
- ◆ An impressive trophy, created by Newport club member Tory Zweigle, was introduced.
- ◆ One of the four local firefighters who attended the opening ceremonies rolled out the first bowl which was specially decorated for the event (also by Tory Zweigle).
- ◆ Play commenced following the traditional Pledge of Allegiance to a flag that was held aloft on a new flagpole with a gleaming golden orb at the top.
- ◆ Two 10-end games were played before and after the Mexican lunch (with all the trimmings) which was provided by the club.
- ◆ Competition was lively.
- ◆ While the winners were being determined, more than 80 prizes, donated by local businesses, were distributed in a random drawing.
- ◆ And, ultimately, the winning team was Peter Ritchie, Ron Cetta, Brenda Wright, and Leonard Wasserman.



Tory with the trophy.



The twin towers trophy.





FIVE ASSESSORS CERTIFIED

By Zarka Popovic, PIMD President

Over two beautiful days, on a mid-September weekend, five BowlsUSA certified club coaches from throughout California came together at the San Jose Lawn Bowls Club to become certified Assessors – more commonly known as Train the Trainers. The plucky five included Fred Robles and Wendy Dilda from the Laguna Beach Club, Luiz “Ozzie” Ozorio from the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club, Zarka Popovic from the Oakland Lawn Bowling Club and Frank Matyskiela from the Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club.

As the inaugural class of Assessors, we were most fortunate to have Kottia Spangler, a veteran international bowler from the Riverside Lawn Bowling Club, provide us with the proper tools and instruction. She came prepared with pre-loaded thumb drives of key documents, a slew of paper copies and binders and plenty of practical experience as a trainer.

Being a cozy group, we breezed through the material with time to spare for informative conversations about the state of bowls in the U.S., how to best publicize a club and grow membership, and whether there will be re-certifications for club coaches. We learned that there was a new program afoot to re-certify coaches on a five year schedule. This would guarantee that uniformity of coaching was being offered nationwide. Time to crack open those log books!

Both divisions in California were represented and we started planning how to conduct trainings straight away in our respective areas. Fred was on pins and needles as he was about to embark on his first training with Heather Stewart (Bowls USA past president) and Kottia Spangler the following week in Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club, meanwhile the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division decided that they will feature one training a month throughout 2019 – commencing with a coaches’ refresher in January to ensure program alignment.

This new group is eager to serve as the “beta” test to help iron out kinks and spread the gospel of coaching. Everyone promised to stay in close contact. Our goals are to increase the number of certified club coaches and to provide a structure for club instructors to follow.



We will check back with all of you in future newsletters when we get fully underway and share our journey as Assessors. Maybe we will be by your way to offer your club a training, too.

Back row: Kottia Spangler, Wendy Dilda, Frank Matyskiela, Luiz “Ozzie” Ozorio. Front row: Zarka Popovic, Fred Robles.



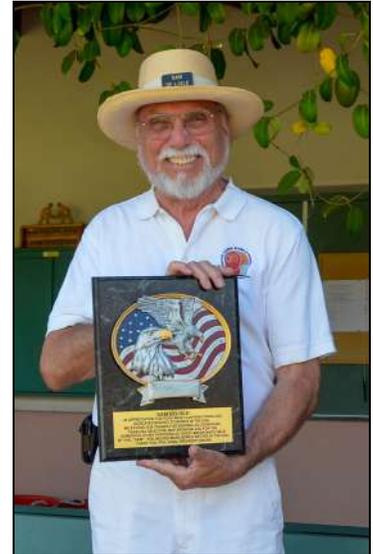
A SPECTACULAR DAY AT MACKENZIE PARK LBC

By Patricia Cronshaw

The date was September 1, 2018. The occasion was the 7th Annual Patrizzi/DeLisle Three-Bowl Pairs. The weather was perfect, the greens were bowling well, and two very special presentations were made.

The first was an impressive plaque to Sam DeLisle from the Southwest Lawn Bowls Association honoring his many contributions to lawn bowling. In the words of Phil Dunn, President of SWLBA, as written on the award:

“In appreciation for your many contributions and dedicated service to bowls in the USA we extend our thanks for serving as Councilor, Team USA Selector, MAP sponsor and for the numerous other positions of great importance held by you “Sam”. You helped make bowls better in the USA. Thank you.” Amongst remembrances of Sam’s many activities described was as Co-Sponsor of the 1996 National Championships at MacKenzie, when, to the astonishment of onlookers and bowlers, a hang glider landed right on the greens bearing a jack for start of play.



Sam DeLisle



Patricia Cronshaw presents a floral arrangement to Mary DeLisle.

The second presentation, a floral arrangement, was from the MacKenzie Park Lawn Bowls Club, to long time member Mary DeLisle, congratulating her for bowling many years as a member of Team USA and on her countless wins at the National Championships, the U. S. Open, and many Divisional Open Tournaments . Her outstanding level of sportsmanship and never failing courtesy to her team members and her opponents was commended.

After the presentations and the champagne, awards were made to the winners of the tournament followed by a splendid dinner courtesy of the sponsors.

Photos courtesy of Yoli and David Sanchez.

REVISED DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEAM USA APPLICATIONS

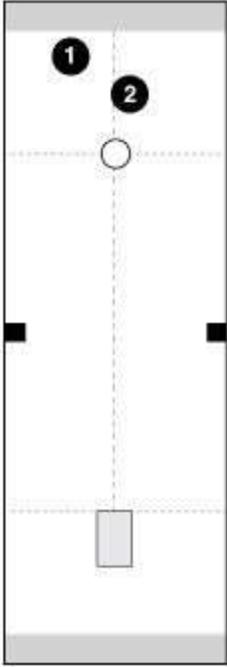
In order to have enough time to make selections for late November and early January international competitions, the application deadline for submission has been moved up to November 15, 2018. The three upcoming events are: World Cup Singles (11/30/18), Tiger Bowls/China Tour (1/10/19), and Asia-Pacific Championships (1/31/19). Click [here](#) to get full details.



DRILL TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILL

**DRAW BOWLING DRILLS**

SHOT AND POSITIONAL BOWL



OBJECTIVE : 1st - Bowl Draw to the Jack.
2nd - Bowl Draw to **BEAT** the first ("Positional") Bowl behind.

EQUIPMENT :
4 BOWLS 2 MATS 2 JACKS
Set up at BOTH ENDS of the rink.

PROCEDURE :
Place Jack on the Center Line.
Play **B / H** and **F / H**.
Vary Mat length.

SCORECARD :
Same as the others.
If Bowl touches the Jack = **2 POINTS**
2 POINTS If Bowl beats Positional Bowl and
1 POINT for each additional Bowl closest to the Jack than the Positional Bowl.



COACHART TEAMS WITH OAKLAND LBC

By Zarka Popovic, PIMD President

CoachArt creates a transformative arts and athletics community for families impacted by childhood chronic illness. The San Francisco Bay Area Office has teamed with the Oakland Lawn Bowling Club (OLBC) to offer kids and young adults the opportunity to learn to lawn bowl.

As many as 18% of the U.S. population under the age of 18 is living with a chronic illness and that percentage has been increasing. These diseases range in scope from the most common being asthma to more serious conditions including cancer, congenital heart problems, spina bifida and a bevy of other, often, rare disorders. With childhood obesity on the rise there has also been an increase in Type II diabetes and a constellation of associated illnesses.

Illness impacts the whole family. Siblings of children with chronic illnesses often feel neglected as the family struggles to care for a sick child. Frequent hospitalizations can reduce any semblance of a family routine. Finding ways for the family to connect in fun, and supportive ways, can restore balance. After all, the family that plays together stays together. And what better way to play than bowls?

Thus, the CoachArt Bowls Club was born. An initial group of eight students came accompanied by CoachArt coaches and family members to learn the art of bowls under the tutelage of Bowls USA certified club coach Janee Hunt, from the OLBC, and John Hooper, the vice president from the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club. Over the course of three weeks the students learned the basics of bowls. Each session lasted 90 minutes and the third and final week culminated in a mini-tournament.

Parents were enthused to see their kids learning a new sport and growing in confidence. The program proved successful and the next group will come for four weeks on Tuesday afternoons. The course proved informative for our coaches who sharpened their skills to adapt to the needs of the young bowlers. As an example, visually impaired bowlers required a Marker standing at the Jack to provide oral cues to direct bowls and hearing impaired bowlers needed someone standing next to them showing them how to bowl, sometimes by touch.

The OLBC is proud to forge this partnership with CoachArt and to accommodate bowlers of all abilities. OLBC offers family memberships and hopes that these young bowlers will feel inspired to tell their friends what fun they are having and join the local clubs in the San Francisco Bay Area.



The kids with their two coaches, John Hooper in the yellow cap in the wheelchair and Janee Hunt in the back row in the white cap and Bowls USA coaching shirt.



HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA BEARS

Submitted by Kottia Spangler

From long before 1986, there was an event known as the California State Open. The tournament was designed to have the Pacific Inter Mountain (PIM) and South West (SW) Divisions compete against each other. The event host would be rotated between the two divisions, and the format was the same as a Division Open.

From about 1990 forward, the tournament was hosted only in the South West Division, and entries from the PIM Division began dropping. Thus, it was agreed upon by the two divisions to disband the event as it gave expense and appearance that the SW was hosting two Division Opens.

In 1997, Corinna Folkins, then President of the SW Women, asked Heather Stewart and Kottia Spangler to propose an alternate tournament to replace the California State Open. The two players got together and came up with a format that would involve team-play, last for one day, and allow female players from other divisions to also enter. It was important that no team played the same opponent twice, and if possible, no club played another team from their club....all this, of course, dependent on entries. This would initially be known as the California Fours. The first event was played in 1998 at Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club.



The Southwest's 1998 California 4's champions, with winners displaying their Golden Bear Trophies, are: (l-r) Pat Cronshaw, Jean Kaye, Mary DeLisle and Patsy Morgan. The event was played at Newport Harbor LBC.

Mary Jane Heinrich (from the Hemet Lawn Bowling Club) was enlisted to produce trophies for the event. The trophies would be perpetual, with each player of the winning team having one to display for one year. A placard would go on the trophy, until all four sides were full. Then the oldest placard would be removed and replaced with the newest winners. In 1997, bear brooch/necklaces were awarded to the winners and the founding committee. In 2018 Jerry Grady, of the Newport Harbor LBC, designed and created the wall hanging shown being held by the winners. They get to keep the wall hanging, but the bear trophy continues on as originally conceived.



2018 California Bears winning team: Anne Nunes, Dee McSparran, Kottia Spangler, and Eva Lee.





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 third installment of the "Guide"; we'll share additional Burkholder observations in future Newsletter issues.]

The Outfit:

Sleeves

Two words here: Skin Cancer. En Espanol, El Skin Cancer. Cover up or slop on the sun screen. A single match will take as long as two hours, and a tournament goes all day. Sun sleeves are a new invention. They are light UV resistant spandex sleeves that protect arms from the sun without sloppy sun screen. These are popular with the gals. Of course long sleeve shirts and under armor have been around forever. If you go with sun screen go big. I use SPF 70 which is supposed to protect me from skin damage even during a nuclear war. It is a gloppy mess and makes your hands slippery when gripping the bowls. The spray stuff is easy and effective and you don't get your hands all greasy (watch out for your eyes).

Forgot your sun screen? Ask anyone. Everyone has some and will be happy to share.

Towel

A towel is completely optional. As a practical matter they help with many things. If the bench is wet, you can dry it off. If the bench is too hot or dirty, you can sit on your towel. If you spill your drink on your teammate's equipment you can wipe it clean. When conditions are dry, a wet towel provides just enough dampness to make your bowls grippable (an alternative to a damp towel is a damp sponge, but a sponge has no other purpose in lawn bowling). Between matches, towels can provide cushioning for the bowls in your bag. During the game you can regain your Zen by carefully wiping down your bowl while contemplating your next shot. Its only actual use in the game itself is to provide a spot to put the bowls that score points as you count them (see section on rituals).

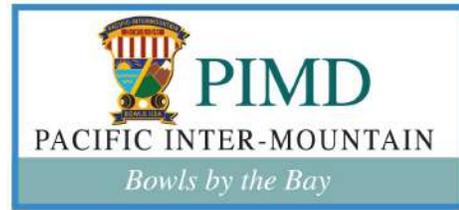
When it comes to type and color, here are some recommendations. The thin microfiber versions are cheap and come in many colors. You can get these at Walmart in the automotive section. They are usually on the small side. An old terry cloth hand towel or a leftover golf towel works well. Cotton dish towels are a bit thin. (I would stay away from the obvious kitchen patterns unless you have a good story why you chose the dancing cows or the corn on the cob pattern.) Matching your towels to your bowls or outfit is a personal choice. It can be a bit matchy-matchy, but at least you will know which one is yours.

You can keep the towel on the bench or in your bag, but there is a 50% chance your towel will be on the far side bench when it is needed. You can hang it from your belt or pocket, but don't let it interfere with your backswing. Some bowlers keep it on top of their bowls to keep them cool. In all cases, be sure to always know where your towel is (important advice from The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy).

Next issue: The Outfit - Plumber's Crack



BEST OF LUCK TO ALL THE BOWLERS PARTICIPATING IN THE U.S. OPEN



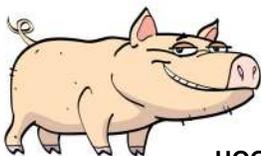
CLOSING DAY TOURNAMENT

October 20 is the date at Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club. This is a PIMD Open tournament and any BowlsUSA member is welcome to compete. Novice bowlers can enter for free. The Rossmoor club has three greens, so the more the merrier! And, there will be cash prizes on each green for both the morning and the afternoon games.

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

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE. Many of you will be in Arizona for the U.S. Open on election day (November 6). Just a reminder, in case you want to get an absentee ballot so you don't miss the opportunity to vote.

You must get involved to have an impact. No one is impressed with the won-lost record of the referee.
- John H. Holcomb



HOGLINE

GOT AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

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DEVELOPMENTAL CAMP, 2/15 - 2/16/2019

Submitted by Jackie Tucker

Ladies if you are interested in being a better tournament player and preparing properly for these events, you won't want to miss the 2019 camp.

Marlene Cluetinx, is going to work with me on the proper way to prepare for tournament play. Last year she assisted me with the "strategy of the game" and, by popular request, she has agreed to return and work with you all again.

The camp is open to all Bowls USA members for a nominal fee of \$50 to cover the cost of greens and break food.



The "class of 2018" soaks up the instruction in Arizona last February.

- Please register prior to Feb 1st and send your monies to Alice Birkinshaw in Sun City, AZ.
- Location: Sun City West, Johnson Lawn Bowls Club
- Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with a cocktail hour afterwards at Hurricane Bar and Grill.
- Saturday will be 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to enable everyone to get transportation back home.

Look forward to seeing you all again!

Jackie Tucker, Coach Presentor/Assessor



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.

U. S. Open of Lawn Bowls, 11/2 to 11/11/18, hosted by South Central Division. Men's Singles entry deadline was 8/30; entry deadline for all other events is 9/30. Get 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.



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)

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By Melanie Vizenor
BowlsUSA National Umpire-in-Chief

September’s UmpStumper was ...

“A player, after delivering their bowl, follows their bowl down the rink of play. Hooting and hollering at the bowl, “Keep going, keep going -- yay, I got the shot,” stops short of the head to admire the perfect bowl just played, and then saunters through the head to the high fives of his (sorry, guys) teammates. Meanwhile, on the mat, ready to deliver their bowl, is the next player, waiting for the commotion to die down. A non-playing umpire comes onto the rink of play and warns the celebrating players in the head that the next time that occurs, the bowl will be removed. “Aw, come on, Madam Umpire, just relax. What’s the big deal?”

“So ... what is the big deal? Justify your answer.”

Our quirky game of lawn bowls. You gotta love it. Easy to learn, hard to master. Showing outward delight in your opponent’s flub and then, heaven forbid, saying “Thank you” -- that’s the absolute height of poor manners. And on and on the list goes of improper etiquette on the green. I’m sure most bowlers can cite all of the “laws” of etiquette and, in fact, rail against anything their opponent does that comes close to being considered poor behavior. Some players let the perceived slights interfere with their own game, becoming overly critical and unable to let go of the most minor of offenses.

Here’s what is so hard for me to understand. The Laws of the Sport of Bowls (that most directly affect how we play the game) are contained on 33 pages: 11 through 44. And the laws that answer/govern the above UmpStumper are contained on just two of those pages, pages 19 and 20, Section 1.3 - Possession of the Rink. And not even all of the two pages; more like a page and a half. If players followed the laws as stated in Section 1.3 -- aaahhhh, the ease with which the game would be played: no disgruntled bowlers, no snippy comments, no fights, no hurt feelings.

When I bowl, I do abide by the unwritten laws of the sport of bowls, what we call the etiquette of the game. But somehow that’s gotten conflated with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. As a bowler, you will rarely run afoul of your opponents (and club members) if you simply abide by Section 1.3 of the LSB. If you can do that, then simply reining in overt acts of jubilation at your own spectacular bowling and keeping your mouth shut about your opponent’s bad luck -- hey, you’re on your way to being the perfect lawn bowler.

Here’s October’s UmpStumper:

A bowl in motion hits the jack and trails it back several feet, but ends up giving your opponent the shot. Is the bowl a toucher?