



## Newsletter

July, 2014

### Sarasota LBC ~ In the News, On the News and *The News*



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Station WEDU, "Up Close With Cathy Unruh"

The Sarasota, Fla., Lawn Bowling Club, home of the 2016 and 2017 Bowls US Open is making all kinds of news under the guidance of their president, Daniel Jittu. In June, Daniel, along with Dr. Jorg Hernler, Sarasota LBC, and Linda McDougal, Sun City Center LBC, were guests on the "Up Close With Cathy Unruh" program on station WEDU, serving Tampa Bay, St. Petersburg and Sarasota, Fla.

More recently the club was a headliner for the Sarasota Herald Tribune with an extensive article by reporter Kay Bergen, "[Lawn Bowlers Try to Grow Sport in Sarasota.](#)" The link is provided with the permission of the Herald Tribune. Also, [SNN](#), Channel 6 News in Sarasota featured a spot of the club and lawn bowling.



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Daniel Jittu, president of the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club gives some pointers to some newcomers Wednesday, July 2 at the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club. (July 2, 2014, Herald-Tribune)



["Up Close With Cathy Unruh" Lawn Bowling Video](#)

This video link is provided by WEDU.

# Around the Country

## Bowlers Celebrate the 4th of July



New American Citizen, Christian de Taillac

*Submitted by Curt Bartsch*

Although it was a few weeks before the 4th of July, what better way to celebrate than by becoming a new American citizen? Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club, Laguna Beach, Calif., celebrated Christian de Taillac's new citizenship with an American-themed party on Thursday, June 19, Twilight Bowls.

As a child growing up in France, he played "pétanque", a game similar to lawn bowling. Christian's American citizenship has had a serpentine route. His French parents were working in Madagascar, where he was born, and raised until he was seven. Next, he lived in France, moved to Denmark, returned to Paris where he fell in love with an American and moved to the United States. He's excited to be a new citizen and we enjoyed celebrating his accomplishment! The following day, Laguna Beach LBC hosted Coast League competition and Christian had the honor of leading us all in the Pledge of Allegiance that preceded the competition.



Jim "Yankee Doodle Dandy" Gingrich, Mount Dora Fla. LBC

*Submitted by Beth Forbes and Bud Ricucci*

The Mount Dora Lawn Bowls Club, Mount Dora, Fla., celebrated the 4th of July with a game called "Firecracker," followed by a hearty lunch and singing of patriotic songs led by Jim "Yankee Doodle Dandy" Gingrich.

The Firecracker game has a unique twist in that every toucher counts three points whether your team wins the end or not. Fifty-two members signed up to bowl in the event. The winners were the husband and wife team of Jan and Lee Kline.

After bowling, 92 members gathered in our clubhouse for the traditional hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans and desserts.

The City of Mount Dora held its annual July 4th parade and our club participated with members carrying the flags and handing out candy to kids along the route.



Mount Dora LBC President Don Cote driving in the Mount Dora 4th of July Parade, Cindy Cote waving.



# Around the Country

## Northeast

The following photos and articles are from Rich Sayer and the newly upgraded website for the [North East Division](#)



Skytop, site of North East Division Playdowns



The beautiful location of the Skytop LBC was the setting for the 2014 NED Pairs play downs.



Eileen Luba and Rusty Hein of Frick Park LBC went undefeated to earn the right to represent us in the National Championships this fall in Sun City Center, Fla.

## Northeast



Burl Roller and Patrick Duffy of Essex County LBC also



Patrick Duffy received the championship plaque for the Ron Buck Singles from Betty-Lou Buck.



First Skip Arculli Pairs won by Bob Patterson and Colin Smith, shown here with Skip Arculli (center).

# Around the Country

## Southeast

Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club, Florida

Home of 2014 Bowls USA National Championships!

November 4-8, 2014



Check the [2014 National Championships](#) website where you can purchase shirts, cooler lunch bag, a coolie for a beverage and pins!

See the front page for more about the SED!

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## Central

*Submitted by Glorianne Mather*

For the past four or five years Milwaukee Lake Park LBC in Milwaukee, WI, has been renting out their greens for corporate and special family events. As the years have passed they have perfected a sliding fee scale for the many games that are played. Currently they host many events throughout the summer and many groups come back year after year. Norma and Bill Harrington head the events committee and they recruit volunteers for each event that is hosted. Some groups find out about the activity through the website. They host corporate, team building activities, small wedding parties, rehearsal dinners, birthday parties and family get-togethers.

This has become a very lucrative activity for the club, earning over \$2,000 last year. In addition, many folks now know about bowls that did not know about it before participating in one of the events.

It is all achieved with the help of club volunteers who usually share a beer after the events!

## Central



Members of the Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Club.

## Potlicker Cup 2014

Bob Schneider and Rob Behncke Win Two in a Row



Winners: Rob "finger licking" the bottom of the Pot while Bob holds the trophy

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### *A Personal Request*

Margaret Mackenzie, formally of Westland, MI., was an avid lawn bowler at Westland when the club was open. It closed a few years ago. She competed at national events in the Southwest, Southeast and Central Divisions, as well as in Scotland.

Margaret now lives in a retirement home in Alma, Michigan, nicknamed "Scotland U.S.A." Her son, Ian Mackenzie, says she often talks about all the friends she made while bowling, but most have moved away. She would really like to re-connect with some of her bowling friends and talk about bowling.  
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## Central



Margaret Mackenzie (bottom left) with bowling friends.

If you know Margaret and would like to get in touch with her with a letter or a card here is her address:

Margaret Mackenzie

1200 Wright Ave.

Alma, MI, 48801

(If you would like to talk to her on the phone, please contact her son at [imackenzie@mi.rr.com](mailto:imackenzie@mi.rr.com))

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## Northwest

King City Lawn Bowling Club, King City, Oregon

*Submitted by Candee Wilson*

The King City lawn bowlers are an intrepid bunch. They play rain or shine, summer, fall, winter and spring (weather permitting). You will usually find a least a few players out there in weather conditions most people shirk from. In the coolest of weather, they know how to keep themselves warm. In the hottest of weather, they know how to cool off. Just ask Candee Wilson and Bunny Welp, who found a cool spot underneath the sprinkler watering the green on one of those unbearably hot days!



Candee Wilson and Bunny Welp staying cool.

## Northwest



Chris Krogh and David Mack didn't let the heat stop them from a competitive game. Come out to join a game a King City Monday, Wednesday & Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.

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## Pacific Inter-Mountain



**FIVE WEDNESDAYS: JULY 16 - AUG.13 FROM 6-7:00pm**

Open to anyone interested in a fun, tournament for beginning lawn bowlers. Get your work group, friends or family together or come out on your own and play outside!

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

**Week 1,** Intro. or review of basics and practice games

**Weeks 2-5,** Pairs games with a PA Club bowler on each team, changing each week. Each bowler carries their scored points forward each week for a total at the end of the tournament. Beginners will compete for special prizes.

Returning beginning bowlers are welcome. Bowlers must be over 12 years old

**Cost:** \$20 for the 5-week session.

**Dates:** July 16, 23, 30 & Aug. 6, 13. (If you can't make all the dates—you just won't rack up as many points!)

**Location:** Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club, 474 Embarcadero Rd. PA.

**Sign up by July 14:** Space is limited, so don't miss out! Contact Ginger Harris: [peacecorps.ginger@gmail.com](mailto:peacecorps.ginger@gmail.com)

Stay for pizza dinner at 7:00 for \$5. Beer and wine available for donation.

# Pacific Inter-Mountain

## San Francisco Lawn Bowling

*Submitted by George Scarpato*



Sponsors Bill Ryan (left) and Steve Anderson

This year the “Bill Ryan Fives” tournament held at the San Francisco LBC on May 15, 2014 added a sponsor in member Steve Anderson’s Irish pub, *The Pig & Whistle*.

The winners of this year’s mixed draw tournament were Larry Collaço, D.J. Doring, Bill Campbell, Peter Malone and Jonathan Waite.



## Southwest Division Umpires

*Submitted by Kottia Spangler*

The SW Division held two umpire clinics in 2014. Approximately 12 potential umpires attended each session (one in Long Beach, and one in Sun City). The class included open discussion, demonstration of measuring, and an open book test. The attendees kept division umpire, Kottia Spangler, on her toes with questions. Several attendees have already received their umpire clearance and pin. The Division currently has 33 active umpires, and are awaiting tests from the last class.

The class starts with explaining the duties and responsibilities of being an umpire. We look for both playing and non-playing umpires. There is review of duties at club, national, and international level. Duties of the marker for singles games can be covered if requested. The class finishes with measuring demonstration, questions, and on-green assessment.

Even if you don’t want to be an active umpire, this class is key to learning the game of bowls. A smarter bowler can be a better bowler. Come join the next umpire class. We learn something new every time.

# Southwest

## Vern Edwards, Long-Time Umpire Retires

***“At this time we say ‘so long’ to Vern Edwards. He’s been a wonderful addition to our staff, and has always been the non-playing umpire at both the ladies’ and men’s events. We shall miss him. Thank you, Vern, for all the hard work you did for the division.”***  
*Kottia Spangler*



Vern Edwards, Southwest Division Umpire

If you have ever bowled in the SWD Open in Arcadia, Calif., you have probably noticed a tall, distinguished, white-haired gentleman in his black and white striped shirt waiting quietly on the sidelines for someone to shout, “Umpire!”

Vern Edwards, long-time member of Alhambra, Calif., LBC and still its treasurer, has decided at the age of 87 to retire from lawn bowling. He began bowling in 2001 after reading an article about it in a *Secure Horizon’s* magazine. “It mentioned bowling, and I thought, that looks interesting, so I tried it and just kept going,” Vern said.

Although he has decided to put his bowls away, he is just setting his measuring equipment aside for now. He has been a certified umpire for the last five years, and as a retired industrial engineer, the precision of measuring is a perfect fit for him.

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# Southwest

Vern Edwards cont.

"I consider it one of my signature achievements of my bowls career that I was able to convince Vern to become an Umpire," former Head SWD Umpire and former National Umpire in Chief, Conrad Melton said. "He began by becoming an expert analyst of the *Laws of the Game*, reducing some of the Laws' most difficult sections to any easy- to- read, understandable and interpretive format," Conrad continued. "After he was certified, Vern's enthusiasm and dependability made him my first choice for Assistant Head Division Umpire, and the name he thereafter made for himself brought honor, prestige and respectability to Umpires everywhere.

"I continue to have pride in being able to claim Vern as a dear friend, and wish him and Ruthie many years of good health and joy in his retirement," Conrad said.

When asked what he enjoyed most about his bowling career, not surprisingly Vern said, "More than the joy of bowling was the opportunity to contribute my talents to improve the grounds, the facility and the club operations. I like to help where there is frustration and disappointment."

Vern's engineering skills and desire to help came to the fore two years ago when he decided the plinth (boards) around the green in Alhambra needed to be replaced. Not an easy task. He first visited several clubs to analyze how the plinth were installed as well as contacting greens keepers from different clubs. It took some time to figure out the best way to install the boards, but once Vern determined how it should be done, he recruited five other club members and what most would consider a difficult and daunting task, was completed in no time.

Alhambra club members are very appreciative of all the work Vern has done for their club over the years. Frank Duarte, president of the Alhambra LBC, said, "Vern's retirement, although a wonderful decision for him, is a great loss for the Alhambra Lawn Bowling Club. Vern is an engineer who implemented so many wonderful improvements at our facility. His unwavering presence at all our events was unprecedented. He is a man of God who always gave and never looked for acknowledgement. He is a super bowler and lots of fun to bowl with. His conversations on the green were inspiring and fun. I will miss him at the club."

# Southwest

In 2012, Vern, Frank Duarte and David Child won the City of Hope Triples on the "A" green at Santa Anita Bowling Green Club in Arcadia, Calif.



However, just because Vern is retiring from bowling doesn't mean he won't be busy. As his wife, an accomplished artist, Ruthie says, "He always has a project. " This is evidenced by their beautiful home in San Gabriel that Vern has redesigned and remodeled over the years from front to back , with artistic guidance from Ruthie, as well as the brick patio and path leading to a lovely gazebo.

The Edwards' often entertain family and their Sunday school class in their verdant back yard, an on-going project for the couple as well as a favorite place to relax.

Vern Edwards will be sorely missed as a bowler and umpire, however you might still see him at the SWD Open at Santa Anita next spring. "I'll probably go and watch and take my measuring equipment, just in case," he said with a smile.

*Cheri Cabot*



Vern and Ruthie Edwards at their backyard patio, one of their favorite places to relax.

# Southwest

## Katy Stone Singles

*With contributions from Pat Gonzales, Jan Hargraves & Izzie Forbes*



Winners from the Katy Stone Singles

(L to R) Betsy Laurysen, 5th, Debbie Gregory, 2nd, Ann Nunes, 1st  
Carol Poto, 3rd, Mary Helen Costanza, 6th, Dee McSparran, 4th.

Katy Stone was a member of the Long Beach LBC in Long Beach, Calif. After working as an art teacher for a few years she was hired by the City of Long Beach at the Parks Recreation and Marine Dept., eventually becoming a supervisor. One of her last jobs at the Parks Dept. was settling an issue at the Lawn Bowling Center. She was instrumental in helping club avoid a lawsuit involving a woman who was not allowed to bowl on Tuesdays, which was the men's bowling day. The result was the integration of Long Beach LBC's two clubs.

After her retirement, Katy was encouraged to learn lawn bowling by her friend Ted Kahn. She joined the Long Beach LBC and became a two-time US Champion, once in Pairs with Maryna Hyland and once in Singles.

Pat Gonzales, long-time member of Long Beach LBC and current president of the SWWD, said, "Katy early on aggressively pursued Team USA, bowling with the best bowlers all over Canada, SWD and the U.S. She was an avid competitor and enthusiastic partner. Lots of fun.

"Cecile (Langevin) and I happened to be bowling with

# Southwest

(Katy Stone, cont.)

Katy in the Hyland Triples (2008 or 2009) when she felt her first twinge of pain in her leg. We won that tournament," Gonzales continued. "She coached everything in the Parks Dept. over the years with gusto. She became a very successful administrator for the Parks Dept. and well into her retirement they used her for consulting purposes."

Soon after the Hyland Tournament, Katy was diagnosed with cancer and passed away a few months later.

The Katy Stone Singles Tournament is a testament to her success and popularity among lawn bowlers as well as the City of Long Beach.



## Lawn Bowling In Scotland

*By Victor Green*

I recently came back from a trip in the UK which included 11 days touring Scotland.



I travelled by road 1000 miles from the east to the west coast. The visit took in many of the small villages and towns spread across the highlands and beautiful lochs. By the way, we went to Loch Ness but no sighting of Nessie.

One of the interesting aspects of the visit was that in every small town and village there was a lawn bowling club. When I say small, I mean a few B&B houses, a pub and of course a whiskey shop and populations of low hundreds. Most places had outdoor greens, mostly carpet. Others had outdoor bowling on the church hall, school center or community center. They seemed to play almost daily. I stopped at several greens and watched some games. There is a lot of enthusiasm for the game; maybe that is why the Scots are so good on the world scene.

The photo shows me outside the club in Tomintoul & Glenlivet, yes the town famous for its whiskey. Perhaps a wee dram a day makes them play better!



**Please  
Read**

## Important Open Letter to All USA Bowlers

*By Phil Dunn*

The PBA in the USA needs your assistance because it is on the verge of becoming non-existent in our country. Please allow me to give you a little history about the PBA and what a golden opportunity it provides players who would like to compete on an International level.

The Professional Bowling Association, known as the PBA, has branches in numerous countries around the World. The organization's goal is to bring together competitors of the highest caliber to compete in International and World Championships in Europe and in the process promote bowling around the World

Some of the countries that belong include the USA, Canada, Scotland, England, Wales, Ireland, Australia, South Africa, Israel, Spain, and China, just to name a few.

In each of these countries playoffs are held once a year to determine who will represent their country in the Championship matches that are held in Scotland, England and sometimes Wales.

The unique thing about the PBA is that it provides an opportunity for bowlers to compete in World Championships without the need to be selected by U.S. Team Selectors. As a result it is a rare opportunity for good bowlers who may not have been selected to compete on Team USA, but who want the chance to represent their country and possibly win a World Championship and in the process a lot of money, fame and glory.

At the present time the qualifying matches are the Scottish International Open Singles, The Singles and Pairs World Championships at Potters Leisure Resort in Great Yarmouth England and the International Singles held in Blackpool, England.

The way it works is you first join the PBA by emailing Frank Souza the head of the PBA in the USA at [frslb1up@cox.net](mailto:frslb1up@cox.net) or call at 623-388-6160 and tell him you want to join up. Once you pay the membership fee you then get to compete in the qualifying matches, which hopefully will be held this year in Sun City, Arizona, USA.

There are no other entry fees after you pay your membership dues. There is, however, one small problem. That problem is that for the first time in years the membership in the USA has declined to the point that the events may not be staged this year. If that happens then all those bowlers in the USA who could have had an opportunity to bowl in a World Championship and represent the United States, will lose that opportunity. That would be a big loss to those individual bowlers and bowls in general in the USA.

Technically in order for US PBA to hold qualifying events 48 members are required. Frank Souza has indicated that if we get close to that number our chances are good that we will be able to stage our Qualifiers this year. Our goal, however, is to meet the 48 members required. What this low membership number means, is that you have a pretty good chance of winning one of the four events (3 singles and 1 pairs), competing at Potters Leisure resort or one of the other venues, for prize money, which when I went was \$60,000 for first place. The prize money changes every year, but it is substantial at the World Championships.

In addition many of the events are televised on the BBC and Sky Europe. Every game is recorded on camera. That means that you come home with a DVD of your match(s). You may watch these events anytime on the Internet by going to 247.tv.

*Phil Dunn*

### *The Lawn Bowls DVD Coach*

This is the ultimate lawn bowls instructional video obtained from Australia. From beginner techniques to advanced master classes - all bowlers can gain something from this DVD. The DVD explores the basic skills needed to play the sport of lawn bowls, and also provide extra handy tips and information.

Cost is \$15.00 including postage payable to Bowls USA

Contact Heather Stewart a [heatherstewart78@gmail.com](mailto:heatherstewart78@gmail.com) to order.

# ATTENTION!

## National Championships Venue

The National Championships is an annual event sponsored by Bowls USA. This prestigious tournament brings together both the singles and pairs winners from each division to compete against each other. This year, in November, Sun City Centre, Florida, Southwest Division are the hosts.

At present we do not have any venues for 2015, 2016 and 2017. This is an appeal to clubs to consider volunteering to be the host for any of these years. Bowls USA sponsors the event and we have templates and previous chairperson's input to help your club organize the it.

## 2014 National Championships Players

The Competition Includes 16 Single Players And 32 Pairs Players  
Winners will be listed as their Division Play-Downs conclude.

DIVISION	WOMEN'S SINGLES	WOMEN'S PAIRS	MEN'S SINGLES	MEN'S PAIRS
Central	(August 18)	(August 11)	(August 18)	(August 11)
Northeast	(August 4)	Eileen Luba – Skip Frick Park Rusty Hein – Lead Frick Park	(August 4)	Patrick Duffy – Skip Essex County Burl Roller Essex County
Northwest	(August 27)	(July 30)	(August 27)	(July 30)
PIMD	(July 20)	Ginger Harris – Skip Palo Alto Mary Scott – Lead Palo Alto	(July 20)	Bud Birkenseer – Skip Palo Alto, CA Jon Yee – Lead Palo Alto, CA
South Central	Lorraine Hitchcock Sun City, AZ	Reggie Banares- Skip Lakeview, AZ Jackie Tucker - Lead Sun City AZ	Len Hitchcock Sun City, AZ	Darrell Jones - Skip Sun City, AZ Frank Souza - Lead Sun City, AZ
Southeast	Marita Nierth Mount Dora, FL	Chris Heller - Skip Sun City Center, FL Cassie Krowl - Lead Sun City Center, FL	Bud Ricucci Mount Dora, FL	Glen Baumann – Skip Sun City Center, FL Bob Ferguson- Lead Sun City Center, FL
Southwest ****	Dee McSparran Newport Harbor, CA	Eileen Lancendorfer – Skip Long Beach, CA Carol Poto – Lead Long Beach, CA	Bill Brault San Diego LBC, CA	Charlie Herbert (Newport Harbor) Steve Smith (San Diego)
South- west ////	Heather Stewart Laguna Beach, CA	Kottia Spangler – Skip Riverside, CA Anne Nunes – Lead Newport Harbor, CA	Neil Furman Coronado LBC, CA	Howard Harris (San Diego) Leonard Wasserman (San Diego)





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So, for those of you who shop on Amazon - and I know you are out there - get clicken' and donate to the USLBA Memorial Fund. It takes just a click! It's that simple!

# Around the World

## World Bowls Voting Results

*From World Bowls website*

World Bowls are please to announce the results from the recent election. A total of 37 Member Nations voted from a total of 44 Member Nations. Gary Smith, Chief Executive being the Returning Officer for the nomination and voting process for the election of the President of World Bowls. Then Kim Atkinson, Policy Director, Scottish Sports Association was the independent scrutineer present for the opening, counting and verification of the votes. World Bowls hereby declare that the President for World Bowls is: [John Bell \(England\)](#)

Therefore World Bowls declare that John Bell (England) has been duly elected by the Member Nations of World Bowls to serve as President of World Bowls for the period from the conclusion of the Biennial Council meeting to be held in Glasgow on 2 August 2014 until the conclusion of the 2016 Biennial Council meeting. The result of the election will be ratified at the 2014 Biennial Council meeting.

## Barefoot Bowls in Australia



### The young 'barefooters' making bowls cool

By **Katie Beck** BBC News, Sydney

Check out this great story and videos about barefoot lawn bowling in Sydney, Australia from the BBC Magazine.

"There are no dress codes, no rigid regulations and no shoes - think swimming trunks rather than starched whites. "

Read and watch here:

[The young 'barefooters' making bowls cool](#)