

Newsletter

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Lawn Bowling in Central Park New York

By MAC KING, Fox 5 News Reporter



Video of Lawn Bowling in Central Park, New York, NY

NEW YORK (MYFOXNY) On a fenced-in, quasi-private green in Central Park, where from May through October blades of bent and rye grasses never grow taller than a couple of centimeters, a club with fewer than 100 members prepared to celebrate its 90th year.

"It's the best-kept secret in New York," New York Lawn Bowling Club Vice President, Ryan Hastu said. Hastu sent his first shot arcing along a green toward a target called the "jack" eight years ago.

"Once you pick up a bowl," he said, "you'll know if this sport is for you."

Unlike bocce, each lawn bowling ball -- called a "bowl" -- is not perfectly spherical, allowing the bowler to manipulate its line, hooking and curving, to the jack.

"We provide the equipment Hastu said.

And the Central Park Conservancy provides and maintains these immaculate greens for this private club in the world's most famous public park.

(Central Park Cont.)

"You have a private garden in Central Park," club member Andrea Dree said of the group's green.

"It's great because of the Conservancy and the volunteers who take care of it," Hastu said.

For a little more than \$100 a year, anyone may join and compete with Hastu, Dree and the rest of these bowlers, and access this perfectly leveled bowling sanctuary when conditions allow.

"I'm not addicted to anything else," Dree says. "I don't even drink coffee or eat sugar."

And on this fading Autumn evening, watching a sport that dates back to at least the 13th century, one recalls the sun never set on the British Empire, which popularized this sport and spread it to its colonies -- Manhattan included -- all around the world.

According to legend, in the late 1500s, Vice Admiral of the English Navy Sir Francis Drake learned of the approaching Spanish Armada while mid-bowl. He supposedly told the messenger: "There is plenty of time to win the game and thrash the Spaniards too." He then did both."

"I YouTubed and it said [lawn bowling] was a little bit of the old-people sport," Dree said. It is an old sport, one played Friday night by the same set of rules passed from the English to the founders of this country to the members of this tiny club taking advantage of their home green's unique space between public, private and park.

Lawn Bowling in Las Vegas?

Eddie De Young, considers himself a "roving member" of Bowls USA. He was an active bowler in Australia for 40 years or as he says "a keen bowler since 1980." He has bowled in several countries including Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Fiji, Norfolk Island, and finally, Holmby Park, CA and Seattle, WA.



During all his bowling years, Eddie won hundreds of club events in singles/pairs/triples and fours, so you can imagine his disappointment when he moved to Las Vegas and discovered there was not a bowling green in sight!

At 73-years old, Eddie is still very active, currently working as a Park Ranger for seven months a year at Lake Mead National Park. He and his wife Mina (mee-nah) would both like to be able to bowl again, so he is reaching out to the Bowls USA community to determine how to get a bowling green in Las Vegas.

"I have the passion, desire, willingness to be part of the quest," Eddie says, "but lack the necessary techniques and knowledge needed in dealing, negotiating, convincing the 'right' organizations/governments/business to support the quest, and my funds are limited."

"I am sure that tournaments would love to participate in such a venue," Eddie continued, "and we can most likely get a lot of support from the tourist/gaming/RV park industry. There is a lot of vacant, mostly flat land within the city limits. Our presentations must be well-planned and convincing as possible. You get one shot to make a good impression or the door slams shut!"

Think you, or someone you know, can help Eddie with the "know-how" to get a new bowling green set up? If you do, contact him at bowls@winning.org and as Eddie says, "Let's get the ball rolling!"



Around the Country



Northeast

Submitted by Colin Smith

2014 East Coast Challenge

Williamsburg, VA on October 11-12 2014

The 2014 ECC between the Northeast and Southeast teams was played at the Williamsburg LBC in VA due to green damage at Pinehurst, NC (annual venue) from the PGA US Open held in June.

15 Players from each division annually compete in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours over 2 days in a similar format to the NAC. Each team is broken into 3 groups of 5 which must contain both genders.

Each Division fielded 3 pairs and 3 triples teams on Saturday. In game 1 the Southeast finished with 4 wins and Northeast 2 wins. Fortunes changed in game 2 with the Northeast securing 5 wins to Southeast 1 win. Game 3 provided a similar result and at the end of the first day it was the Northeast 24 points and Southeast 14 points.

On Sunday we played Singles and Fours with each division fielding 3 teams. In game 1 the Southeast had 3 wins and 1 tie leaving the Northeast with 2 wins and 1 tie. The score was now Northeast 29 and Southeast 19. To win the trophy you need to secure 37 of the available 72 points.

In game 2 the Northeast secured the points needed to win the event with 5 wins against the Southeast 1 win giving a score of Northeast 39 and Southeast 21.

This was the 14th time we have held the ECC and although the Southeast has won 8 of the 14 the Northeast has won 3 of the last 4.

Though the weather was rainy and damp for most of the weekend we all had a great time on the greens. Thanks to the Williamsburg club for hosting this event and to all of the players who participated.

Colin Smith

Northeast Captain

East Coast Challenge cont.



Northeast team: Barbara Roller, Brian Drozd, Bob Patterson, Burl Roller, Colin Smith, Ed Last, Ed Reynolds, Eileen Luba, Jerry Demello, Joan Miller, Joe Kelly, Maurice LaFond, Rusty Hein, Ryan Hafstu, Wick Hall.

Southeast team: Bud Ricucci, Bill Bish, Marita Nierth. Bobbi Elwell, Kathy Smith, Earl Shaner, Hans Monkees, John Peele, Gary Williamson, Jo Williamson, Dan Delgarn, Jay Alphin, Linda Alphin, George Tucker and Tom Kees. Subs: Cathy McPherson and Al Pelliccio.

Fall Tournament
Ashville, North Carolina
By Jim Morgan

was a nippy fall day; the leaves were changing into their fall wardrobe with a back drop of beautiful mountains. This was the venue for our annual fall tournament in Ashville North Carolina. While the weather was cool, the competition was "heated," and on Saturday, September 26, the pairs tournament began. When all matches were completed, two champions emerged. Stan Glickman and Larry Ammons had won the pairs tournament. Just as significant, a "rolling" good time was had by all. Our congratulations to Stan and Larry! They were outstanding!

In Sunday, September 27, our Singles competition was 'kick-started' and the winner, Bill Cooke, was the highlight of the game with his pin-point accuracy. Well done, Bill! You are indeed a champion.

We would like to extend a cordial invitation to all our lawn bowling friends across the country to come and visit us on the green in the mountains of western North Carolina. Good bowling to everyone.



Southeast

National Championships

http://www.bowlsusa.us/nationals/2014/index.php

The 2014 Bowls USA National Championships will be held November 4-8, at Sun City Center, Florida.

The Competition Includes 16 Single Players And 32 Pairs Players

Winners will be listed as their Division Play-Downs conclude.

2014 National Championship Players

DIVISION	WOMEN'S SINGLES	WOMEN'S PAIRS	MEN'S SINGLES	MEN'S PAIRS
Northeast	Michele Arculli Essex County, NJ	Eileen Luba – Skip Frick Park, PA Rusty Hein – Lead Frick Park, PA	Dick Sayer Frick Park, PA	Burl Roller - Skip Essex County, NJ Patrick Duffy – Lead Essex County, NJ
Northwest	Alexis Vandenbos Jefferson Park, WA	Pam Edwards – Skip Portland, OR Debbie Tupper – Lead Portland, OR	Andy Klubberud Jefferson Park, WA	Jeff Covell – Skip Jefferson Park, WA Todd Wagers – Lead Jefferson Park, WA
PIMD	Gabrielle Coleman Palo Alto, CA	Ginger Harris - Skip Palo Alto, CA Mary Scott - Lead (Palo Alto)	Larry Collaco Sunnyvale, CA	Bud Birkenseer – Skip Palo Alto, CA John 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, CA	Charlie Herbert – Skip Newport Harbor, CA Steve Smith – Lead San Diego, CA
South- west ////	Heather Stewart Laguna Beach, CA	Kottia Spangler – Skip Riverside, CA Anne Nunes – Lead Newport Harbor, CA	Neil Furman Coronado, CA	Howard Harris – Skip San Diego, CA Leonard Wasserman – Lead San Diego, CA
Central	Pat Wimmer Milwaukee Lake Park, WI	Anna Witt—Skip Milwaukee Lake Park, WI Glorianne Mather –Lead Milwaukee Lake Park, WI	Max Cavender Milwaukee Lake Park, WI	Bob Schneider—Skip Milwaukee Lake Park, WI Rob Behncke Milwaukee Lake Park, WI



Sun City, AZ - October 15-18, 2014

By Linda Roberts

This October brought us the great "North American Challenge" (NAC), the fierce competition between Canada and the United States. The U.S. was represented by a 20-person team of our finest athletes. Ten men and ten women, split into four teams.

Men's Jarvis: Bill Brault, Richard Broad, Jeff Covell, Ian Ho and Scott Roberts.

Women's Jarvis: Anne Nunes, Kottia Spangler, Candy DeFazio, Dee McSparran and Janice Bell.

Men's Faulkins: Phil Dunn, Neil Furman, John Johnston, Jim Olson, and Bob Schneider.

Women's Faulkins: Michele Arculi, Kim Heiser, Lorraine Hitchcock, Eve Lee and Myra Wood.

The USA teams were guided and coached by their coach and managers, Phil Luth, Jan Hargraves and Jackie Tucker.

For three days the teams bowled in (mostly) perfect weather in Sun City, Arizona. The teams bowled singles, 3 -bowl pairs, 2-bowl triples and fours. All of the games were very close, often coming down to the last end, or even the last bowl! For instance, Dee McSparran bowled against Mary Ann Beath twice in singles matches. The first ended in a tie as time ran out, and the second game ended in Canada's favor, 21-20. Oh, so close!

Overall, the Canadians won. They won both men and women's Faulkins and Jarvis women. However, the USA men's Jarvis team beat Canada.

Many thanks to Myra Wood of the South Central Division for chairing this year's competition. Everything was perfect, from the transportation, housing, greens, programs, pins, towels, refreshments and the awards banquet. We all had a wonderful time.

We cannot wait for the next NAC in Canada in October 2017!

South Central



North American Challenge









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Huntsman World Senior Games

St. George, Utah, October 6-11, 2014



The lawn bowling event held at the Huntsman World Senior Games was held at SunRiver Lawn Bowls Greens in St. George, Utah, on Oct. 6 to Oct. 11.

"The tournament is open to members of any Lawn Bowls Club or any individual with a proper basic knowledge of the rules of lawn bowls and reasonable competitive experience. Bowls USA rules will govern play. A certified official will be on site throughout the tournament."

Divisions:

Singles: Men 50-69, Men 70+; Women (No age divisions)

Pairs: Mixed/Matched - 50-69; Mixed/Matched 70+

Triples: Mixed/Matched—No age division

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and 4th Place ribbons are awarded to the top finishers in each division. There is also an Overall Medal award for Men 50-69, Men 70+ and Women.





Chili Bowl XV

Milwaukee Lake Park LBA, Milwaukee, Wisconsin held their annual Chili Bowl, marking the end of tournament play for 2014.

Chili Bowl XV was held on October 11, 2014. Sixteen bowlers participated in a team competition that consisted of fours, pairs and singles games. **Team Chili Rojas,** captained by Bob Schneider, defeated **Team Chiles Verdes**, captained by Leif Andresen.

Two former members, Joe Zinna and Jerry Mathwig, both of whom have represented the Central Division at past National Championship tournaments, were able to join us in our last tournament of the 2014 season.

Kirk Korneisel and jim Grzybowski supplied the chili. Thank you to tournament director, Lief Andresen, for a well-run event.



First Tournament for Many Novice Players



MLPLBA held the 4th annual Vet/Novice tournament on Sept. 27. Twenty bowlers participated. First place went to the duo of Jim Grzybowski & Diane Carlin-Bartel. Second place went to Glorianne Mather & Min Waite. This was Diane and Min's first tournament.



King City LBC King City, Oregon

Bowling came to a halt for a couple of weeks when our green was plugged and sanded. With little or no rain and insufficient watering of the green, the process took longer than expected. Then, of course, the rains came and we were washed out.

With fall comes the exodus of some of our best bowlers to warmer climes where they sharpen their game all winter long. Fortunately, these bowlers are very generous with their knowledge and come back with pointers for all the novices in the club. We look forward to their arrival again in spring.

KC lawn bowlers are on a day-by-day schedule. With mild fall temperatures, it appears we could be bowling well into November and maybe beyond. We will be holding our annual meeting in November to elect new officers and discuss ways in which we can bring in new members using some of the ideas proposed by Bowls USA as we all struggle to keep this game alive and well.

U.S. Open Article in "Inside Bowls" Magazine



An article about the U.S. Open was in the Sept, issues of "Inside Bowls" magazine. You can find the article on pages 56-59

here: Inside Bowls

To stay in touch with what's happening around the world in bowls go their website:

Www.insidebowls.com



Don't forget to vote on November 4th!

Northwest



Jefferson LBC, Seattle, Washington

Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club celebrated Oktoberfest with Beers, Brats & Bowls event. On a beautiful October afternoon, 35 members enjoyed sausages hot off the grill, growlers of beer from a local brewery, German oompah music, and hours of bowling in the sunshine! Prost! By Jenny Mears











Pacific Inter-Mountain

By Lesley Seacrist

My opponent grabs the rake and I bend down to scoop up the jack. I kick the bowls in a straight line with legs stiff and sore; I can't wait for this tournament to end. I've sweated through two games, playing close to 20 ends each on an abnormally hot day in San Francisco for the PIMD Women's Singles Tournament held on October 4th and I am tired.

I pick up the mat and drag it along the beat-up grass. Just one more point, I tell myself, and I can enjoy a beer and rest my bones. The score, like an excitable banshee, screams my victory—17 to 7. However, in friendly conversation with my opponent I sympathize.

"What's great about lawn bowling is that you never know what is going to happen," I flippantly lie, hoping the next candy-corn-sweet end was the last. "You could come back one point by one point and win the game."

I roll the jack toward my marker. It was at that moment the green transformed. I unintentionally summoned the **Final Point Curse.** The worst and most frustrating of lawn bowling curses. It was only me who could see the sky fill with gray, gloomy clouds. The grass browned and wilted. With just one more point to make a win, lawn bowling goblins haunted my bowls for a terrible ten more ends.

My opponent, a better and more experienced lawn bowler, knew that this curse happens to the best of us. I could see sympathy in all the eyes that watched my slow descent into darkness.

Suddenly I was standing on the mat, the score 17 to 17--I was a scared black cat on an unstable fence.

When the measure was pulled to my bowl, I won by *maybe* an eighth of an inch. And although I breathed a sigh of relief, I experienced batty feelings of disappointment and regret.

But I'm braver than that. Instead, I will go trick or treating for candied words of wisdom from wise men and women who have also suffered from the **Final Point Curse** and how they survived it to roll the jack again.



Pacific Inter-Mountain

By Ginger Harris

Sixteen enthusiastic novices turned out for this year's PIMD Novice tournament, the highest number in many years for this event! The PIMD is going to benefit from the growth in numbers. Many smiling faces, great attitudes and superb novice skills were shown on the green. With the wide range of skill levels in a novice event it can be awkward in a match, but all seemed to go with the flow.

Oakland LBC has revitalized over the last couple of years, and its energetic membership hosted the 2014 PIMD Novice Championship in grand fashion. When players arrived in the morning, they had to be careful not to get run over by Oakland LBC members who were chopping, dicing, spreading and serving a delightful morning buffet that any caterer would be proud to have served. The greens were raked and rolled, and the rinks in place for a weekend of bowling. Oakland has worked hard and long on reconditioning their Greens, and their efforts have been rewarded.

Sunday's finals matches were, for the most part, cliffhangers, with 2 games decided by 1 point, and another two games decided by only 2 and 4 points. Marathon is a good way of describing the day. One of the games went over 3 hours. There were lots of 1-point ends. The games displayed strategic mat placement, early leads that closed one point a time, amazing draw shots, and a "Hail Mary" drive that ran the jack into the ditch for the win. Spectators were kept on the edge of their seats and cheering for all. The final game of the day was decided by 1 point-- 18 to 17. Had that game gone the other way, there would have been a three way tie for first place, and a need for a play-off rotation. Thankfully, **Cris Benton** won the final game and sent us home before there was total darkness on the green.

Cris, a Berkeley novice (less than two years' membership) was undefeated over two days of bowling. Both he and Rob Hoey, another Berkeley novice (and the current PIMD Open Singles Champion, a stellar achievement for a "newbie") were undefeated on Saturday October 18 and proceeded on Sunday to the round robin final stage along with Lucien Salyk of Oakland and David Peters of Rossmoor. Congratulations to Cris Benton, and huge THANK YOU to Oakland LBC for the fine job they did in hosting this year's PIMD Novice Tournament.





Southwest

HALLOWEEN



5-Star Team Winners



First Place Winners From Laguna Beach LBC (L-R) Scott Roberts, Bob Leach, Reinie Kramer, Michael lannotti, Curt Bartsch.



First Place Winners from Long Beach LBC (L-R) Cecile Langevin, Jackie Huisman, Liz Fowler, Carol Poto, Heidi Fernandes

Another Eagle Scout Project at Lake Hodges LBC

By Georgie Deno

When Josh Hicok, San Diego Scout Troop 295, heard about the Eagle Scout project that a fellow scout had done for Lake Hodges Bowls Club, he got in touch and asked if there was something that he could take on for his Eagle Scout project.

Of course there's always something that needs fixing or replacing at a bowls club! And this time, is was our scoreboards that came to mind. Wouldn't it be great Lake Hodges cont.

..we thought if we had something that wasn't so heavy and unwieldy to carry; that the chalk holders weren't in danger of coming off and that the erasers could easily attached....easy to clean, and on and on.

So, now we have new scoreboards, designed by Josh based on samples we provided and with input from us about we needed. The new boards use erasable markers, the erasers are attached and it doesn't take three men and a small boy to carry them out!



Josh Hicok, San Diego Scout Troop 295, with new scoreboards he designed and made for Lake Hodges



2014 PBA Qualifiers!

Scottish Open (Perth, Scotland, Nov., 2014) Winner–Neil Furman . Neil cannot attend due to conflict with National Championships. He will be replaced by semifinalist, Aaron Zangl.

Int'l Open (Blackpool, England, March 2015) Winner—Charlie Herbert.

World Singles (Potters Resort, Norfolk, England, January, 2015) Winner—Neil Furman

World Pairs (Potters Resort, Norfolk, England, January, 2015) Winners– Charlie Herbert and Aaron Zangl.





Professional Bowls Association

By Frank Souza

The U.S. PBA is again asking for your support by submitting your 2015 dues now through January, in order for us to send representatives to Scotland and England in 2015 and 2016.

The number of members needed to qualify is 32. Dues for returning members is \$110.00 and new members \$200.00 (\$110.00 plus joining free of \$90.00) Make check out to Frank Souza.

Please send your dues and New Member Application to:

Frank Souza

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E-mail: frslb1up@cox.net

If you need a membership application contact Frank.

Your support is needed to have the United States represented at World Bowls Tour (WBT) Championships.



Bowls USA's newsletter is currently delivered electronically only to Bowls USA members. We have found the newsletter to be a wonderful means of communication along with sharing of lawn bowling news, tournaments and events.

At the 2014 Annual General meeting, your Councilors recommended that starting In January, 2015, the newsletter be offered to all bowlers across the country. So, great news indeed.

To be added to our current mailing list the following information needs to be provided: Last Name, First Name, email address, club and Division. The subscription form will be available on the Bowls USA website.

Heather Stewart, President, Bowls USA



In Honor of Jack Beckley

Santa Monica, CA - Jack Beckley took up lawn bowling late in life. At 82 to be exact. When his wife of 65 years, Edna, passed away in 1992, Jack was bereft. That's when his friend Alan Power stepped in, introduced him to lawn bowling and it was love at first bowl.

Born in Manchester, England and an engineer by profession, the precision and dynamics of bowling appealed to Jack and he was soon bowling in tournaments and teaching others the game.

He often traveled with his daughter Lynda Vance and son-inlaw, Norman Cohen, and Jack would write ahead to different clubs, whether it be in Buenos Aires, Pretoria, Sydney or Vancouver, to set up a game of bowls. As his daughter said, "It both amused and pleased him that each club, in whatever country, received him with open arms."

"He loved the sport," Lynda said, "the camaraderie of the players, the games, and the competition. Winning \$5 in a tournament was cause for celebration! Lawn bowling opened up a completely absorbing, fun life for him."

When Jack died in 1992 at the age of 92, bowling three weeks before he passed away, Lynda and Alan Power felt it only appropriate to honor him with a tournament. Over the past 13 years the Jack Beckley Friendship Tournament, held at Santa Monica LBC, has evolved into two tournaments; Two-bowl Triples in the spring and Quinnel Rinks in the fall.

Lynda always presents the awards and her husband Norman takes photos which he uses to produce a book of the tournaments.

Jack Beckley's living legacy is his three daughters, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. His bowling legacy is the Jack Beckley Friendship Tournaments.

Cherí Cabot





Attention Men's Team USA Candidates

The men's application forms for Team USA are now available by contacting Mert Isaacman at Mert@cox.net Application forms will also be available on the Bowls USA Website

This year the Bowls USA Council directed the Men's National Team Selection Committee to conduct a Selection and Training Camp with David Cameron (an Australian coach). David will be in charge of the camp and will be using his training program consisting of bowling drills and team building methods. David will have full control during the camp and will have the ability to dismiss applicants for inappropriate behavior. Selectors will be present to help David with compiling data, helping with the different activities and evaluating players.

This camp will be a major contribution towards the selection of the 2015 Asia Pacific Team where our results will determine our qualifying for the World Championships by each discipline in 2016. The maximum number of attendees will be limited to 24 applicants.

If you would like to be considered for the 2015 Asia-Pacific you must plan on being at the camp. The fee for the camp is \$50.00. Your invitation to the camp will be based on your National Team Points and past performances.

If this is your first time applying for Team USA, please fill out additional Form B for two prior years. This will help the selectors rate your previous as well as current achievements. Those reapplying need not fill out any prior years as those will be on file. The application and Form B will be published on Bowls USA website within the first week of November.

Please be advised that after this years camp the selectors will announce one 5-man team to represent The USA at the Asia-Pacific Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand (approximate dates: Nov. 24 – Dec. 6, 2015). If a national team player is representing Bowls USA in an International Bowls Event during the time of our camp, they will still be considered for the Asia Pacific Team as if they had attended camp.

The Selection/Training Camp will be held in the Southwest Division immediately following the SW Open. The Open will be held Saturday, April 11 - Thursday April 16, 2015. The Men's camp will be help Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 17, 18, 19, 2015. As the pace of the greens in N.Z will be very fast, the camp will be held at the fastest greens available. Details will follow.

Once an applicant has accepted our invitation to the camp, we will request the \$50 camp fee. When accepted you will also start receiving information directly from David Cameron.

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