

Newsletter

April/May 2016

Bowls USA Team Brings Home Silver!



(L-R) Peter Ritchie, Kottia Spangler, Dee McSparran & Ron Rollick

Team USA Shines at Dutch Open

Submitted by Kottia Spangler

BowlsUSA sent a foursome to the Netherlands to compete in the third Dutch Open. There are three disciplines at this event: Mixed Fours, Men's Pairs, and Ladies' Pairs. Team USA placed Silver (Runner-up) in two of the three events. Your representatives were: Peter Ritchie (SW, Oaks North), Kottia Spangler (SW, Riverside), Dee McSparran (SW/SC), and Ron Rollick (SC, Sun City Grand).

There were eight countries and eleven teams involved in the weeklong event. As many as four 18-end games were played in a day. The green is artificial surface, and the draws were true. It was a pleasure to bowl on them. The Stichting City Bowls of Haarlem were very warm, friendly, and hospitable. The farewell buffet consisted of Indonesian cuisine. The weather was warm and sunny, at least until the finals day, when a few drops of rain appeared.

For photos and results of the event, visit the website at www.hintza.nl.

Breaking News

GRANT PROGRAM DEADLINE JUNE 30, 2016

At the Bowls USA Annual General Meeting (AGM) it was decided that a Grant Program would be an appropriate way to "give back" to those clubs that support Bowls USA.

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

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

Guidelines:

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

The grant application deadline is June 30, 2016.

The three-member Grant Committee shall review all grant applications for merit.

Grants may be fully or partially funded based on a review of the proposed project costs and the total number of grant requests.

Grants may be used for projects that are intended to attract new members such as advertising, signage, Open Houses, youth programs, pamphlets and flyers, etc.

Grants may be used for projects to improve the playing experience of the club such as greens improvements, equipment repairs, club house repairs, or rink equipment such as mats, bowls gatherers, score frames, etc.

Grant recipients must submit a follow-up report on the success of the project to the Grant Committee and to the Bowls USA newsletter. Non-receipt of a follow-up report may put the club in jeopardy of receiving further grants.

Send an email to *grants@bowlsusa.us* with your questions about this program and the application process. Include a telephone number and times to call if you would prefer a phone call.

Umpires Corner

Melanie A Vizenor, NUIC

Hi, all. Here's a recent scenario that came my way during the Southwest Division Open, where re-spotting on the center line was a Condition of Play.

As explained by Skip B, a bowl in motion hit the jack, which sent the jack out of the rink of play; however, after knocking the jack out of the head, the bowl was deflected by Lead B without causing any further disturbance in the head. The question was about what options Team A had under those circumstances.

Simple, right? Consult the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, check out your options under Section 2.3., Bowl and Jack Displacement, Law 37.1.3, Displacement of a Bowl in Motion -- issue resolved. Or is it?

According to Law 37.1.3, and if we accept the facts as given to us by Skip B, the options are to place the bowl where the Skip A believes it would have come to rest or declare the end dead.

And this leads us into a discussion of definitions and why it is so important to use the right words when you're describing a situation to an umpire. (And for you umpires out there, why it is so important to ask the right questions before making a ruling.)

A **bowl in motion** is a bowl that has been at rest as part of the head. (See C.16, page 8.) How does a bowl become a bowl at rest? The only way a bowl can become a bowl at rest is if it was at one point during the end delivered by a player. A bowl that is delivered by a player and is on its way to the head is a bowl in its **original course**. (See C.15, page 8.)

The available options to Team A are quite different depending on whether the bowl in question was truly a bowl in motion. In the situation above, Skip A was asked: The bowl that drove the jack out of the head, was it delivered by you? The answer was yes. Next question: And was the bowl on its way to the head, having just been delivered by you, which was deflected by Team B? The answer was yes. Next question: And was the jack knocked out of bounds before the bowl was deflected by Team B? Answer: yes.

These facts completely change the options available. The options available are found in Section 2.3., Bowl and Jack Displacement, Law 37.1., Bowl displacement by another player, and then the options are found in 37.1.1.3.

Skip A in this situation chose to place the bowl where it was believed it would have come to rest.



Golden Bías Club

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

Support TEAM USA Golden Bias Club



JOIN NOW

Make check payable to Golden Bias Club Mail to Dee McSparran 10631 W Hope Dr, Sun City AZ 85351 Or, PayPal at www.bowlsusa.us

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

Annual membership contributions are \$50. New members receive a Golden Bias Club lapel pin and a bar to recognize the year. Renewing members receive another year bar to add to the pin.

WORLD BOWLS ONE STEP CLOSER TO OLYMPIC RECOGNITION

On Saturday 30th April 2016, at the European arm of the World Bowls Conference at the Lorne Hotel in Glasgow's West EndWorld Bowls Chief Executive Gary Smith announced that World Bowls has initiated an application for the sport of Lawn Bowls to gain International Olympic Committee recognition.

In order for the IOC to consider recognising a sport, a minimum criteria of 50 countries must be registered with the World Governing Body and on Saturday it was confirmed that 52 countries are now registered with World Bowls.

This development in the application process now means that World Bowls can take the next step in submitting a 40 page questionnaire along with other required documents to the IOC by 31st August 2016.



Memorial Fund

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

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

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

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

normagoodhart@verizon.net



USA TEAMS NAMED BY BOWLS USA

The Men's & Women's National Team Selectors announce the Teams to represent the USA at World Bowls and The North American Challenge.

World Bowls:

Charlie Herbert; James Flower; Aaron Zangl; Scott Roberts and Phil Dunn.

Michele Arculli, Candy DeFazio, Anne Nunes, Linda Roberts, Janice Bell, Kim Heiser, Margi Rambo

The Teams for the NAC:

Charlie Herbert; James Flower; Bill Brault; Phil Dunn; Tony Baer; Brian Stewart; Kay Tong; Matt Bauchiero; Grant Shear; Sean McMorris. Alternative: Clay Nolde.

Michele Arculli, Janice Bell, Candy DeFazio, Kim Heiser, Margi Rambo, Alexis Vanden Bos, Cheryl Barkovich, Alice Birkensaw, Heidi Fernandes, Anne, Nunes, Linda Roberts, Anna Witt.

Congratulations and Good Bowling.





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

Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club, Sarasota, CA

Daniel Jittu, Chairman, US Open

Bowls USA has designated <u>Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club</u> as the host for the 2016 and 2017 US Open championships. The 2016 US Open runs November 12-19, 2016 and Pre-Tournament events November 5-11, 2016. Check the <u>Bowls USA</u> website for the calendar of events.

Players from over 50 World Bowls member countries are invited to compete. We have already received interest from players from Canada, Scotland, Ireland, England, Spain, Netherlands, Israel, Australia, New Zealand and Argentina.

<u>Taylor Bowls</u> is an official sponsor of the Bowls USA 2016 US Open. Contact the Taylor USA national representative at usataylorbowls@gmail.com. Tel: 1-407-529-9886. As the Official Bowls Manufacturer of the US Open, Taylor will be awarding a set of bowls to all winners of the Men's and Women's Singles, Pairs and Fours.

<u>Special Offer From Taylor Bowls:</u> To commemorate the US Open, Taylor Bowls will be offering ne Aces Extra Heavy in size 0 and 00 in blue. This is only available to clubs. Only 56 sets are available and once these sets are depleted the sale ends. Bowls are inscribed to indicate they are for coaching only. Price is \$200 including tax, except in Florida unless the club has a tax exemption. Clubs interested should place their order at ustaylorbowls@gmail.com. Orders will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis until all sets are sold.

This is a wonderful way for clubs to supplement their bowls with quality sets. All club members may ask for monthly specials relating to their own special needs.

<u>Pre-Tournament Activities</u> include hosted parties, practice time, museum tours, dinner shows, and other tours. Plan to bring your entire family.

<u>Hotel Arrangements:</u> Discounted hotel arrangements have been made through HBC Event Services with two hotels. As one of the largest booking agencies for conventions in the USA, HBC guarantees bowlers the best price available during tournament and pre-tournament stay and should accommodate various budgets and comfort levels.

<u>Shirt Swap:</u> The US Open will be promoting a shirt swap. Promote your club and bring one of your new club shirts to swap with other players from around the world!

<u>Sign Up:</u> Do not hesitate to sign up for the 2016 US Open. Entries are filling up. If you have any questions relating to accounting, please contact Donette Gordon. Phone: 755.354.6662 or via e-mail at do-



Around the Country



Northeast Division Editor is Alex Last



Membership Increasing at the New York LBC

Alex Last

The New York Lawn Bowling Club ushered in its 91st season in early May. About 30 members showed up for our first club game, using all seven rinks of our beautiful green, situated in the great gem of our city, Central Park. Club President Emily LaGratta was happy to let us know that membership is already at a healthy size, and is expected to grow rapidly during our six month season.

The club has a very busy calendar, with club games on Saturdays and Sundays, free instruction open to the public on Monday afternoons, and at least two additional evenings during the week for a more relaxed game. We will have several club tournaments, and host at least one North East Division tournament.

Among our club members are Vice President Ryan Hastu and Joe Kelly, both USLBA certified coaches, who, in addition to the Monday afternoon sessions, generously offer their services as trainers to club members before club games.

Our club games are not only enormous fun for our members, but the club also serves as an attraction for tourists and locals alike. It is not unusual to have several dozen spectators lining the fence of our green, and our members always take the opportunity to greet the crowd and to invite them to visit and join. We have all become experts in explaining the bare essentials of the game in between delivering bowls.





Spectators watching a game at New York LBC

Bowlers from around the world often contact the club asking to join in for a roll during their visit to New York City, and we have a large collection of pins and hats from their home clubs. Readers are welcome to join us; visit our website at nybowls.com for contact information.

We are planning a 90th anniversary celebration in June, which is open to the public. The NYLBC is thriving with a vigorous and youthful membership.

Skytop Lodge Lawn Bowling Club

We are pleased to report that Skytop has made significant improvements to the Green by installing new supporting walls around the perimeter and also replacing the gravel area surrounding the green with sod---improvements we hoped they would make.

The green itself has been treated, aerated, and fertilized---a few of us tried it this week and it is fast but needs some repairs in rough areas. Cont.



Skytop Lodge Lawn Bowling Club

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The new manager at Skytop has embraced lawn bowling as a unique amenity that differentiates the lodge from virtually all other destination resorts. We are excited about the possibilities of building on these improvements and more importantly the attitude toward lawn bowling.

We look forward to hosting the Sam Drevitch Pairs on July 23rd and 24th. Hope to see many of you there!

Fernleigh LBC

Membership Increase at Fernleigh LBC Means More Bowls are Needed

Ginger Stolzenberg

Fernleigh Lawn Bowling Club in West Hartford, CT, held an Open Bowling and BBQ on May 21. Fine weather helped produce a good turnout by those who were anxious to get back on the green after the winter. The cookout was planned as a way to introduce potential members to the social side of our club.

That Saturday was the last lesson in a series of 3 the club's excellent trainers offered in May. There were also 3 sessions on Tuesday evenings. A total of about 20 students attended the two training sessions. The hope is that at least half will become members.

Excellent recruitment efforts in the last three years have left the club with what could become a serious shortage of bowls. The happy increase in membership has our Bowls Committee Chairman looking for solutions. If any members anywhere are upgrading equipment, we would be happy to give your old bowls new life...especially smaller sizes.

So far our rigorous efforts to restore the green show great results. The grass looks wonderful. A professional surveyor has measured the whole area as we plan to replace the boards on three sides. Energetic members replaced one side last year and plan to continue around the whole green now that we have accurate measurements. No more guessing!

We plan to be more active on Facebook and look forward to hearing about other clubs' activities on line and in the newsletter.



Williamsburg Lawn Bowling Club

50 Years of Bowling at Williamsburg May Not Come to an End After All



Williamsburg Colonialists on Opening Day

Clyde A. Haulman

Earlier this year, the Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club was informed that Colonial Williamsburg had decided to remove the lawn bowling green behind the Williamsburg Inn as part of the renovation of the Golden Horseshoe Golf Course and its practice areas. Now in its fiftieth year, the green has served the local lawn bowling community well, and has also hosted tournaments for player from a number of other states and occasionally other countries.

Among the activities taking place as the Club bids fare-well to the green was a final visit in April of lawn bow-lers from Pittsburgh's Frick Park Club for a pairs tournament which they won. Over the past five decades, Frick Park Club members have visited Williamsburg two or three time a year for friendly competitions, occasionally including teams from one or two other regional lawn bowling clubs. The Williamsburg club has also competed on a home-and-home basis with the Pinehurst club. Cont.





Williamsburg Lawn Bowling Club

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Other activities included competitions for the three major Club championships, the Townsend Singles won by Dan Sven Berg, The Eaton-Mahone Pairs won by Charles Wynder and Brac Bracalente, and the Mixed Pairs won by Frances Knight and Phillip Rockafellow. The final competition on the green, held May 7, was the annual Triples Tournament won by Sissy and Pete Hall and Clyde Haulman.

The decision by Colonial Williamsburg presents challenges for the Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club as we seek to ensure the continuation of lawn bowling in Williamsburg, a tradition that goes back to at least 1720 and one revived by Colonial Williamsburg in the 1950s. It also presents an opportunity to increase the sport's visibility in the community and to expand the number of participants. A number of short-term and longrun options are being explored.



Williamsburg & Frick Park Gather for Final Competition

The short-term objective is to keep lawn bowling going while we seek a permanent replacement green. A variety of options exist and the Club is optimistic about being able to complete this season. For the long run, the Club is investigating various options for constructing a permanent replacement green. This is a more challenging hurtle and we will keep the lawn bowling community apprised of our progress.

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The Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club appreciates the support from Colonial Williamsburg in providing the green and its maintenance for fifty years. Over that time, Club members showed the game to thousands of interested visitors to Williamsburg.

As Williamsburg lawn bowlers look to the future, we are hopeful that with the support of the broader community a permanent green can be constructed that will provide opportunities for participation in the sport by a wide spectrum of the community; be a place where instruction and competition can continue; expand sports tourism; and continue the long tradition of lawn bowling in Williamsburg.



Williamsburg Spider Before Triples



Williamsburg Before Final Triples Tournament



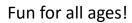
Essex County Lawn Bowling Club

Essex County Lawn Bowling Club held their 2nd annual 2016 Friends & Family Day on Sun, May 15, 2016. There were a handful of new potential bowlers interested in learning more about the sport and joining the club, including some folks from the Watsessing Park Conservancy.

We look forward to hosting future open houses during the season this year to attract more bowlers of all ages.



Essex County LBC
Friends and Family
Fun Day





Southeast Division Editors are: Garry Higgins & Marge Lange

Summertime in the Southeast Division

Even though there are fewer events on the SED summer calendar, there are still plenty of bowls to be played. There are the traditional tournaments on Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day and plenty of daily open bowling. At the Mount Dora Club, they beat the heat with a summer twilight league and regularly scheduled evening bowling. The Sarasota club offers a special "Summer Membership" rate and is open six days a week as is Sun City Center and Mount Dora.

It is the time of year that many SED clubs take the opportunity to get their facilities in shape. In Sarasota they have replaced the entire South Green and are busy repairing the Center and North Greens. At Sun City Center, the recently replaced North Green is now playable, the re-sodding of the Center Green is complete and repairs are being done to the South Green. Even the SED website is under construction and should be ready any day now.

Super Shots Club



Long time bowler, Barb Smith and newcomer Dean Sasek from the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club scored an "eight-ender" in a recent pairs tournament. Super Shot Pins and Certificates are awarded to teams that score an unusually large number of points on an end in a pairs, triples or fours game played under Bowls USA or its affiliated organizational rules. (And yes, that is a size 5 bowl Barb is holding).



Southeast Division Playdowns

The Playdowns for our Southeast Division were held April 18th to April 22nd. Players from World Parkway, Clearwater; Sarasota; Asheville, Lakeland, Sun City Center and Mount Dora competed for the opportunity to represent the SED in Sun City West, Arizona, October 24th to 29th. The winners were:

Men's Singles - Bud Ricucci, (Mount Dora)

Men's Pairs - Skip, Steve Nelson (Asheville) bowling with his lead, Jon Peele (Mount Dora)

(Steve Nelson is a former multi-champion nationally and internationally from the Central Division who now resides in Asheville)

Women's Singles - Jackie Williamson (Mount Dora)

Women's Pairs - Skip, Christine Garbett (Lakeland) and her lead, Sandy Wall (World Parkway, Clearwater)



Steve Nelson and Jon Peele



Bud Ricucci



Christine Garbett and Sandy Wall



Jackie Williamson



Asheville Lawn Bowling Club Launches Website – Expands Relationship with City

The Asheville Lawn Bowling Club recently launched its first website after a meeting with the City of Asheville's Parks and Recreation Department's Activities Director.

The site can be found at www.ashevillelawnbowlingclub.org

With it up and running, the Club is now listed in the city's Parks & Recreation Summer 2016 Program Guide. The Club also provided a draft layout for a flyer explaining Lawn Bowling and how to get more information about the Club by filling out a brief "Request for More Information" on the website. The Flyer also offers a hands-on experience on the green. The city has printed it and will hand it out to several of the Senior Community Centers it operates.

Asheville was one of the host cities of qualifying events for participate in the North Carolina Senior Games later this year. Even though lawn bowling is not a Senior Games event, Parks & Recreation asked the ALBC to help pass out the Flyer at the registration table, shows bowls and explain the game to interested Senior Games participants.

And the best of the news is that the City of Asheville has officially agreed to move forward with the renovation of the lawn bowling green at Carrier Park. Not only is there agreement to install artificial turf that the ALBC will have a voice in selecting, but they have agreed to extend the length of the green so that will be within regulation dimensions. The current green is 10' short. The new green is anticipated to be playable in late fall, 2016.

If all of the current activities seem like the ALBC does not care about young people, remember that we are a major retirement destination and the green is owned by the City. If your travels bring you to Western North Carolina this summer, go to the website and let us know. We welcome those who are just passing through the mountains.



Clearwater Lawn Bowls Club also Launches Website and Expands Relationship with City

Even though the CLBC has switched to the "summer mode" they have been busy. Webmaster Jenny Myers has their new site up and running and like most, still a work in progress. Visit it here (clearwaterlawnbowlingclub.org).

The Club also hosted a team building/introduction to lawn bowling to a group from the City of Clearwater. A good time was had by all.



Sun City Center LBC on the Road

An excellent example of neighbor helping neighbor was exhibited by the Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club. Coach Cindy Higgins and Trainer Bob Fladung from the SCC club recently conducted a Vices & Skips clinic for 45 members of the Kings Point Lawn Bowling Club.

The clinic consisted of one hour of classroom time (PowerPoint and discussion). Areas covered were the Laws of Lawn Bowling, roles and responsibilities, skills required, strategy and etiquette. The practical session, approximately one hour on the greens, consisted of setting up various scenarios that Vices and Skips could encounter, and demonstrating how to manage each situation.



A 16 page booklet was handed out to each participant and by all indications, the clinic was a great success.



Senior Games Return to Mount Dora

This year the games were composed of sixteen pairs teams split into "Junior" and "Senior" age groups. Three 10 end games were played on April 14.

Winners of the Junior Division were Gary and Jackie Williamson. They were undefeated and edged out the team of Bart Ettori and Tom Bussell who were also undefeated. The Williamson's were victorious over the teams of Dave Mazur and Jean Briggs, Bill and Ginger Dora, and Ken Kossin and Dave Desecki.



Junior Division winners Jackie and Gary Williamson



Senior Division winners Gary Koch and John Burke

In the Junior Division, the Gold Medal went to the Williamson's with the silver Medal being awarded to Ettori and Bussell. The Bronze Medal went to the team of Rick Fitzgerald and Beth Forbes.

The Senior Division had only one undefeated team. John Burke and Gary Koch were victorious over the teams of Jan and Lee Kline, Terrie and Stan Boyd, and Barbara and Brian Smith to win the Gold Medal. The Silver Medal went to the Smiths with the Bronze Medal going to Jan and Lee Kline.

Walgreens' employees were on hand after the games to hand out goodie bags and took pictures of participants. In addition, free pneumonia shots and blood pressure readings were available. Editor's note: Thanks to John Burke for providing details on this event.



Special Thanks: To Bud Ricucci and the North Central Florida League (NCFL) for their generous donation to the 2016 US Open. Special thanks also to Laurie Holder, winner of the SED Logo and The Royal New South Wales Bowling Association from Australia for their collaboration on the US Open Logo.

Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club receives \$7,500 Grant from Mount Dora Community Trust



President Dave Sarych with the new training bowls which arrived on April 28, 2016.

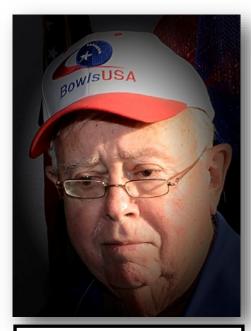
The Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club (MDLBC) recently received a \$7,500 grant from the Mount Dora Community Trust. The grant was used to purchase 33 sets of new training bowls to be principally used in free training classes of new members.

In addition, the training bowls will be used in the club's Bowling Blasts for the local area business community. The grant was used to replace approximately 50% of the MDLBC's training bowls which had become very old and in need of replacement. This is the second time in five years that the Mount Dora Community Trust has provided support to the MDLBC.

The bowls were supplied by Daniel Jittu, the National USA Distributor for Taylor Bowls



In Memoriam



John L. Phillips, Jr 1934-2016

We lost Bowls USA Hall of Fame member John (Jack) Phillips on April 8, 2016 at the age of 81.

Besides an accomplished lawn bowling career, Jack was very active first in the Central Division where he was Secretary-Treasurer and Councillor and then in the Southeast division as Tournament Director.

At the national level, he was Treasurer of the American Lawn Bowls Association (ALBA) Memorial Foundation, Director of the Super Shots and Director of United States Lawn Bowls Association (USLBA) Marketing. As President of ALBA Jack was instrumental in the merger of ALBA & the American Women's Lawn Bowling Association (AWLBA) to form the USLBA, now Bowls USA.

Jack was the beloved husband of 49 years of Beverly "Fritz" Phillips and brother of Jerry (Marilee) Phillips and Janet Stoer; also survived by nieces and nephews.



Central Division Editor is Glorianne Mather

Central Division Clubs Spring Into Action



While a few division members have been active in gentler climes over the winter, most of us have been polishing our bowls in eager anticipation of warmer weather.

First out of the gate is the Cincinnati Lawnbowling Club which held their Open House on May 7. Cincinnati invites any bowlers who are in the area to participate in club games. Their regular schedule for open bowling is: 7PM on Tuesday and Thursday, 10AM on Saturday, and 4PM on the third Sunday of each month. They also hold a member's tournament on the first Saturday of every month which is also open to experienced non-members.

The Cincinnati green is located 3111 Newtown Rd., Cincinnati Ohio. It is in the Little Miami Golf Center and is a part of Great Parks of Hamilton County.

Milwaukee Lake Park kicks off 2016 with a Spring Meeting on May 21. This is followed by the Blind Pairs on May 28 in which experienced bowlers team up with newcomers. Leads and skips change for each game so it makes for a great way to meet fellow members and have a fun day of fairly noncompetitive competition. An Open House follows on May 29. The club website is www.milwaukeelawnbowls.com.



From the Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club



By Marty White

Explanation of the picture: Our 2015 Women's Singles Champ, Jackie Bain, decided she would rather have a crown than a trophy. We're accommodating here in Cincinnati, so she was presented a crown with little lawn bowls on the tips. It's hard to see but each bowl has a small emblem on one side and a large emblem on the other. Jackie was thrilled and, of course, accepted the trophy also. This year we will all be drinking the same sports drink she consumed while beating us.

After a very good crowd for our Open House it has rained and rained, mostly on our regular bowling days. We've partnered with an adjacent park district for 2 nights of lessons. 23 people attended the first session (finally a dry evening) where we concentrated on basic skills for 1 ½ hours. The second week will be a continuation of skills plus get into some games. This will repeat in August. Our goal is for the park district to sponsor their own league maybe next year.

We hosted a class of retired adults today (not raining) associated with the University of Cincinnati. That will contrast with the group of 40 teenagers who usually come in June to gain some High School Phys Ed credits. Last year several of the kids suggested a moving sidewalk to get them to the other end of the green.

Over the past several years we've become a lax in really mentoring new members so our goal this year is to learn or re-learn a basic skill, rule or strategy each week.



South Central Division Editor: Ron Rollick

South Central Holds Playdowns for US National Championships

The South Central Division is the first Division across the US to conduct their qualifying or play down tournaments for the US National Championships. These play downs are usually held the 3rd and 4th week of March, effectively the end of the "snowbird" season. As much as possible, an attempt to beat the late spring and summer heat!

With the US National tournament in our own backyard this year, there were several more entrants especially in men's pairs.

In both men's and women's singles following round robin play, playoff games were required. For the ladies, SC West's Sharon Perry defeated Sun City's Lorraine Hitchcock. This will be Sharon's first time to the nationals. For the men, SC Grand's Ron Rollick defeated SC West's "Sponge" Bob Perry.

In ladies pairs, some tough matches requiring a playoff. Reggie Banares & Alice Birkinshaw defeating Lorraine Hitchcock and Myra Wood. After Lorraine and Myra won last year's 2015 women's national pairs going undefeated, you have to know that the Banares / Birkinshaw team are some tough cookies! This will be Alice's first time to the nationals. Congrats to both of the lady first timers!

In the men's pairs following the round robins, play offs were not required. The team of Bob Birkinshaw and Bill Pearson came out on top. This will be Bob's first US National tournament as well – so congrats to this husband & wife team of Alice & Bob Birkinshaw.

Within the men's pairs section of play, the talk of the tournament and a large focus of attention was directed to outstanding play by 2 novice players – John Duvall and Jim Filipiak. Both of these men have been lawn bowling for only 1 year. They both exhibited fine form, exceptional shot making, and very fine strategic play.



South Central Playdowns cont.



"Young Gun" novices, Jim Filipiak. & John Duvall

US Professional Bowls Association Qualifying

Immediately following the last of the play downs, the annual qualifying rounds for the US Professional Bowls Association (PBA) got under way the first week of April. This year welcomed 2 players from Australia – Steve Halmai and Steve Massey.

The following is a copy of the letter that Frank Souza prepared for inclusion in the South Central Division newsletter. For a more complete summary as well as several pictures, please go to the Bowls USA.us website and select – PBA – on the left side of the home page.

US PROFESSIONAL BOWLS ASSOCIATION

QUALIFYING EVENTS – APRIL 2 – 5, 2016

The US PBA held its Qualifying Events at the Fairway Lawn Bowls Club on April2 – 5, 2016. The winners will represent United States in Scotland and England.

Two Australians, Steve Halmai and Steve Massey who are frequent visitors to major events in the US were granted permission from PBA Association to enter the US Qualifiers. Members of PBA can compete in any PBA member country provided they have a legitimate reason to play in country of their choice. Their request must be in writing. Cont.

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US Professional Bowls Association Qualifying

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Frank Souza, US PBA Representative and Tournament Director welcomed these two fine gentlemen from Australia. They displayed good sportsmanship and brought the standard of bowls in our Qualifiers to another level.

Here are the results:

Scottish Open – Perth Scotland: Steve Halmai – Australia International Open – Blackpool, England – Steve Halmai – Australia

World Singles – Potters, England – Tony Baer – USA

World Pairs – Potters, England – Tony Baer & Phil Dunn –
USA

For more details of the 2016 US PBA Qualifiers check the Professional Bowls Association.com web site in a few weeks. Click on the USA link.



Bowls USA National Championships

While the remainder of the country starts their summer bowling season and regional qualifiers get under way, the local Arizona bowling residents are working hard to prepare for the US Nationals to be held here the latter part of October.

Greens are being prepped and pampered, businesses are being contacted for sponsorships, and the South Central Division as a whole are looking forward to welcoming players, family, and spectators alike to this year's National tournament.





Northwest Division Editor: Candee Wilson

Opening Day the Jefferson Park Way!





Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club in Seattle celebrated Opening Day of lawn bowls with a nautical themed party, a fabulous new esoteric game, and a debut performance by the Jack-High Drill Team.

The morning started with a traditional bowl to the pineapple, in which club members formed a circle on the green and bowled simultaneously to see who got closest to the pineapple in the middle, followed by a bowl to the ditch. The winners were Jo-Ann Forrest and Kathryn Rathke, respectively.

Members were then treated to a choreographed performance by the newly formed Jack High Drill Team. Dressed in blue and red, drill team members used props such as mats, jacks, rakes, and measures while doing synchronized dance moves on the green. A YouTube video is most likely forthcoming!. Cont.



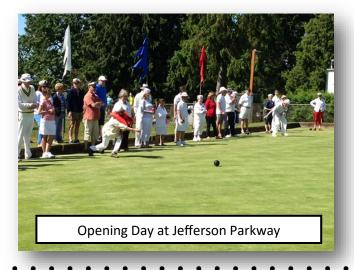


Opening Day the Jefferson Park Way!

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Club members clad in stripes and sailor hats then celebrated the opening of the season with salmon, champagne, and a brand new, incredibly fun Tic-Tac-Toe bowls game in which pairs competed to see who would get three of their x or o in a row.

A lovely day was had by all! Thanks to everyone who helped make this event possible, especially our social chair Terri Turner, our games master Chris Davis, our President Nita Chambers, and Willie Weir, who emceed the games.



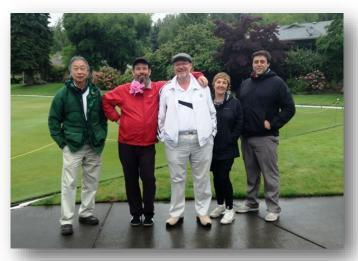
King City LBC Welcomes Bowlers for Annual Short Jack Tournament





The NW Division annual Short Jack Tournament was held May 14 and 15 at the King City Lawn Bowling green in King City, OR. The Portland LBC and the King City LBC co-hosted the event, which drew players down from Seattle's Jefferson Park LBC as well. The event was played over two days of constant rain, adding to the challenge.

Congratulations to the winners:
First place: John Johnson and Michael Werth
Second place: Janice Bell and Peter Mauro
Third place: Jimmi Joe and Gene Maier on plus
points(equal points with Russ Leonard and Ernie
Carlson)



L-R: Jimmi Joe, John Johnson, Michael Werth, Janice Bell, Peter Mauro

The club wants to extend a great big "Thank You" to the following people:

Val and Rich Epperly for the coffee, tea, water, donuts, muffins, and veggies, Jmimi Joe for serving as Tournament Director and Steve Shobe for cleaning and painting our backboards

The greens that grow champions



Pacific Intermountain Editor: Ann Brillhart & Jim Corr

PIMD 2016 Men's Singles Championship



2016 PIMD Open Men's Singles Championship participants

Sunnyvale LBC's green was a "full house" on the weekend of May 14-15 as 16 players from around the San Francisco Bay Area came out for the 2016 PIMD Open Men's Singles. At the end of the two days, Jim Corr (Berkeley) prevailed as the 2016 champion.

Eight contestants at the end of Day 1 went on to the Championship "A" and "B" Flights on Sunday, with the next four being placed in the "C" Flight and the lowest four in the "D" Flight. In his first game Sunday morning, Jim got off to a good start, beating Miguel Roliz of Rossmoor, the only player who had defeated him on Saturday. This set up a semifinal match against Cris Benton, a fellow Berkeley bowler, which turned into a nail-biter. Jim took an early lead only to see Cris draw level and then surpass him to reach a 17-13 lead. With 18 points being the winning goal, Jim had to dig deep, but eventually managed to succeed by the narrowest of margins, eking out an 18-17 victory. In the other semifinal, Frankie Napoli (Rossmoor) had prevailed over Larry Collaço, the Sunnyvale "home boy" and always a strong competitor.

Thus, the final matched Jim against Frankie. As to be expected it was a hard-fought game and, while Jim held the lead throughout, Frankie did not give ground easily, coming within two points (13-11) of leveling the score. But Jim held on to take the game by 18-13 and the 2016 title. Cont.





Frankie Napoli (left) and Jim Corr, 2016 PIMD Men's Singles Championship Finalists

The complete results were: **Championship "A" Flight**: 1st Jim Corr (Berkeley), 2nd Frankie Napoli (Rossmoor), 3rd Larry Collaço (Sunnyvale), and 4th Cris Benton (Berkeley). **"B" Flight**: 1st Rob Hoey (Berkeley), 2nd Jon Yee (Palo Alto). **"C" Flight**: 1st Marcus Zeino (San Francisco). **"D" Flight**: 1st Peter Knopf (San Francisco).

A fine two days of bowling in excellent weather. And thanks to Sunnyvale for their hospitality, Bud Birkenseer as Tournament Director, and all who volunteered as markers, including Angie Peet, John McMorris, Mike Coiner, Frank Matskyela, Sam Hebert, and Bob Schwartz.

Report from PIMD President, Ginger Harris

Thanks to the generous support of BowlsUSA and our own division and club coffers, we have 15 certified club coaches in our division who are ready and eager to assist new and veteran bowlers with bowling skills and game specific rules and regulations. Our newest division club, Del Mesa Carmel, recently requested a visit from some coaches to support their many new bowlers. Coaches Frank Matyskiela, Sam Hebert and Ginger Harris from the Palo Alto LBC, along with EB Parkell, our knowledgeable division Head Umpire, spent a day working with 20 members of the Carmel club and several guests from a neighboring Del Mesa community who are trying to start a club at their place. Cont.



Report From PIMD President Ginger Harris, Cont.

It was a very successful and eye-opening day for all concerned. All the little details from how to hold a bowl, smooth delivery, weight and line control to game terminology, rules that we "veterans" take for granted, and basic game etiquette kept us busy for a whole day. It wasn't just drill, drill, drill, either. Sam offered to video members as they delivered a bowl then discuss areas of strength or improvement. Participating in a game of Survivor or Tic Tac Toe helped bowlers work on their bowl weight and line delivery. We managed to dodge the rain that was lurking a bit further north, and both a delicious lunch and lovely post-coaching reception was provided by the club members.

Several clubs in the PIMD build our bowling community by hosting "Friendship Games" on a rotating basis. These mostly social (but there's \$ to win, so you know what that means!) events take place for 6 weeks during May and June. Bowling is open to all PIMD members, and the whopping \$3 entry fee is divvied up at the end of the day among those teams who manage to score big points or eke out a win. Two games, a brown bag lunch, and a "spider" to start both the morning and afternoon sessions lure bowlers to and from the far reaches of our division for a day on the green and to meet both old and new friends.

We are hoping to gain some local attention with our "Operation Gratitude" collection during the month of May in support of our men and women in uniform overseas. Clubs will be collecting crossword puzzle and sudo-ku books, candy, batteries, instant drink mixes, snacks, pens and paper, personal hygiene items, and other such items to send to our deployed troops. All these items will be brought to our Memorial Day Pairs tournament to be held in beautiful Golden Gate Park on May 28-29. We are hoping to have a representative of the local Blue Star Mothers group as our guest.

With our bowling season well underway, any other division BUSA members are invited and welcome to visit PIMD to play in our division tournaments and invitationals. The schedule is on our website. Come bowl with us!



Southwest Division Editor: Ronald Neef

ABC Member Has Art Work Displayed





Susan Ngo of the Alhambra Bowls Club recently had one of her paintings displayed at the Alhambra City Hall. Susan has been taking Chinese Bush Stroke classes in Pasadena for the last three years with a renowned artist and teacher from China. Her teacher was honored by the City of Alhambra and some of his student's paintings were displayed in the main hall of the Alhambra City Hall Building during the month of April. ABC is proud of Susan Ngo and we are delighted to have such an exceptional artist as a member of ABC.

Katy Stones Singles Tournament May 14, 2016, Long Beach CA



1st place Eileen Lancendorfer Long Beach



L-R-2nd Place - Anne Nunes Newport Harbor; 3rd Place -Flor Wright Hermosa Beach; 4th Place - Cheryl Barkovich Beverly Hills



Coronado Lawn Bowling Club Mayo Madness Submitted by Berie Brobe



The Coronado Lawn Bowling Club is maintaining its normal 8-club tournament schedule in 2016 despite the fact that the Club House has been demolished for reconstruction. Tournament Director, Betsy Gill, decided to make this year's tournaments light-hearted and partylike events to offset the inconveniences due to the lack of facilities.

The Club celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a Mayo Madness Tournament where the format was three 9-end triples games in which each player served 3 ends as a Skip, Vice-Skip and Lead. Everyone was dressed in the colors of the Mexican Flag and a lunch of grilled carnitas was served.

The youngest tournament player was 12-year-old, Angel Gomez and the tournament honored his mother, Martina, as the Tournament Queen. There were 4 winners based on number of games won and plus points.



Martina with First Place Winner, Robin Olson





L-R: Angel Gomez, Javier Gomez (2nd Place), & Martina Gomez



Martina with Ed Sweeney (4th Place) & Kelsey Lind (3rdPlace)

Friendly Valley Lawn Bowls Club Submitted by Jack Quinn

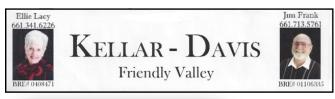
Friendly Valley had their annual tournament on Saturday, 14 May, 2016. It was a mix/match doubles, four tenend games format. Only ten teams participated; we had hoped for more. The weather was cool and breezy, which was a departure from the usual conditions at this time of year.

Our members worked hard to make the tournament a success, and, in general, it appeared that most participants enjoyed the experience. We recognize that there is always room for improvement, and we are open to helpful suggestions from our friends. Cont.



Friendly Valley Lawn Bowls Club, Cont.

We owe a special thanks to our sponsor, Kellar-Davis Realty Co., represented by Ellie Lacy; and our contributor, Mike Cusick, President & CEO, All-Pro Landscape Maintenance Inc. One of Mike's crews maintain our green.





Contributor: Mike Cusick; CEO All-Pro Landscape Management, Inc.

Winners of the Friendly Valley Mix/Match Doubles Tournament - Saturday 14 May 2016



First Place:
Phil Dunn and
Brian Davies



Second Place: Kay Tong and Victor Green



Winners of the Friendly Valley Mix/Match Doubles



Third Place
Keno Shaw and
Sean McMorris



Fourth Place
Corey Voss and
Marty Bierman

Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Club Open House



We held our Lawn Bowl Club Open House on May 7th as did most of the other Lawn Bowl Clubs throughout the South West Division. This annual effort is held in hopes of attracting new people to the sport of Lawn Bowling.

We had an excellent turnout with 22 visitors participating in trying their hand at delivering bowls, meeting new people and generally having a good time. Cont.



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Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Club Open House

Cont.

There was a lot of enthusiasm shown about our sport and 18 of the visitors already signed up for lessons. Several mentioned that their spouses that were not there would also like to try it.

We followed the Open House program that Newport Harbor Lawn Bowls Club developed and it worked well for us. We thank NHLBC for sharing this program with us. We had lots of participation from our members and this was appreciated because there was much to do to prepare for this event.

We offered a special discounted price during open house for club membership for the rest of the year. In addition, we have a raffle drawing for two free memberships. All names of those that complete lessons and join the club will be entered in the drawing. All of our club instructors are now busy training multiple students.





AMADOR MARTINEZ TRIPLES TOURNAMENT

Submitted by Robert Smith



The Amador Martinez Triples is open to both women and men. There were sixteen teams from various clubs throughout So. California that competed. Skips set up their teams any way they want. The entry fee is \$75 per team. Lunch is brown bag. Morning snacks and salads and desserts will be provided at the lunch time.

Format is three 12 - end games, winners will be determined on the basis of wins, ties, losses and plus points with max 10 points per game. There was one point awarded for a tie. The six top teams will be awarded prizes.

Note: There was a tie between 2nd and 3rd place so the skips from the two teams decided how the tie would be broken. Kay Tong ended up rolling eight bowls and Charlie Herbert rolled just one bowl, the last bowl. Kay ended up winning and took 2nd place. Strange but true.



1st Armand Escalante, Wuhwa Hsu, Doug Dow



2nd Kay Tong, Alan Ngo, Sean McMorris





AMADOR MARTINEZ TRIPLES TOURNAMENT, Cont.

Recent Tournament Winners in the SW Division



3rdDon Stewart,
Charlie Herbert,
Brian Stewart



Chris Hyland Triples Ian Ho Tony Baer Gil Gillespie



Phil Dunn, Dee McSparran, James Flower



Laguna Woods Memorial Mixed Triples Rick Gregory Debbie Gregory Len Wasserman



5thMarty Bierman,
Cheryl Barkovich,
Cory Vose



6thRob Humphrey,
Howard Horowitz,
Jim Lyons



Beverly Hills LBC Hosts Disney Tournament

2016 Disney Pair champions Tony Baer and Phil Dunn with event sponsor Gary Oakland. With this win, Phil Dunn has back to back wins at this tournament.

Cont.





Beverly Hills LBC Hosts Disney Tournament,

Cont.

It was all Mickey Mouse at Beverly Hills LBC Memorial Day weekend, except on the bowling green. 24 teams rolled at the three-day annual event—the 45th year of the tournament. No less than nine members of the men's and women's U.S. national team and a Canadian champion went head-to head in two-days of qualifiers, and the finals on Monday, Memorial Day.

The 2016 Disney enjoyed the sponsorship of Beverly Hills member Gary Oakland, who was one-time associated with the Disney organization. It was the tourney's first sponsorship since the Disney Corporation, itself, underwrote the event years ago.

BHLBC president (and defacto greenskeeper) Bill Wolff has his green running 17 seconds. Many kudos were order of the day for Beverly Hills members who put the details together, including Evelyn Lucero and her hospitality team. The eight top finishers were:

- 1 Phil Dunn & Tony Baer
- 2 Charlie Herbert & Matt Bauchiero
- 3 Cheryl Barkovich & Betsy Lauryssen
- 4 Scott Roberts & Linda Roberts
- 5 Sean McMorris & Len Wasserman
- 6 Michel Larue & Victor Green
- 7 Eileen Lancendorfer & Tom Davis
- 8 Keno Shaw & Candy DeFazio



Who says Southern California bowlers don't have a sense of humor? Runner's up: Charlie Herbert, left, and Matt Bauchiero channeled Disneyland at the awards presentation.



Alhambra Bowls Club

Submitted by Sean McMorris



In January, the City of Alhambra's Directory of Community Services, Martin Ray, rather indelicately informed the President of the Alhambra Bowls Club (ABC) that we should expect to be closed by May, 2016, and that there was little we could do about it.

To date, ABC is still open and functioning, we are gaining community support, and we are bringing to light the Alhambra City Council's history of unethical behavior and misusage of federal funds for projects like the parking structure that threatens our greens. It is still an uphill battle to be sure, but we feel like we have a fighting chance now, not only to save our club but to also hold the City accountable for what we believe to be inappropriate use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money over the decades, money which is meant to help low-and-moderate-income people.

In brief, ABC members as well as homeowners and parishioners of the Lutheran Church next to Almansor Park continue to attend City Council Meetings and voice our concerns as well as plead with the City Council to listen to us and work with us. Since our meeting with the Mayor and City Manager in early March, the rest of the City Council has refused to meet with us personally, and they have all stopped addressing us after we speak at City Council meetings. They have voiced their frustration with our persistence, but we will continue to plead our case until they address out concerns.

The Emmaus Lutheran Church has formally presented the City Council with a proposal to lease their two parking lots for \$1.00 a year for 15 years as an alternative to the multi-level parking structure the City is proposing as long as the City repaves each parking lot for liability purposes. Cont.



Alhambra Bowls Club, cont.

One City Council member publically refused to even accept the hard copy proposal. This gives you an idea of the environment in which we find ourselves.

The City of Alhambra has a history of arguably highly questionable use of federal CDBG money over the years, and we believe the proposed parking structure that now threatens our greens is just another example of the City inappropriately using federal funds for pet projects that don't benefit a majority of Alhambra residents and patrons. Thus, the club, as well as others in the neighborhood, submitted letters of objection to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the City's proposed use of CDBG funds for a parking structure.

HUD responded to us and has mandated that the City write us letters that address all of our questions and concerns. The letters the City sent in response to our request were, in fact, nonresponsive to the issues raised. In essence, approval of CDBG money is a duel process and we will have to submit our objection letters again if and when the City formally submits the parking structure project for HUD approval. So we will.

We are getting very organized, we do have a strategy moving forward, and we are not just lawn bowlers fighting the City anymore. We are a large group of people and organizations from across Alhambra working together for a common cause.

ABC will continue to keep you posted, and we thank you for all of the support.

The Alhambra Bowls Club

Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club

Why visitations?

Submitted by Tom Seres, President

Visitations have been a part of our popular club activities for a long time. They recognize the legitimate competitive needs of club bowlers who do not regularly participate in SWD tournaments. The overwhelming majority of our players bowl primarily, if not exclusively, at Holmby Park. Visitations provide them with an opportunity to compete against bowlers of other clubs and meet new people with comparable interests. However, the impression endures that visitations are only for the so-called "social bowlers".



Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club



Visitations are an effective promotional tool as most of the club visitations take place in public parks.

This activity attracts attention, of course, particularly on the weekends. The larger the number of bowlers, the more likely it is that they make a favorable impression on the park users and other passers-by.

Visitations increase bonding with your own club members.

During visitations our members bowl as representatives of our club, fostering club loyalty. Holmby, like every other club, strives to retain current members by making the overall lawn bowling experience more enjoyable for them. We also include novices in our visitation teams because we believe that our novices and 'social bowlers' should have an opportunity to bowl against more experienced players.

Visitations are also in the interest of the tournament bowlers.

Visitations provide an opportunity to observe and learn how other clubs operate.

Finally, but no less importantly, using our greens for large gatherings of bowlers helps to demonstrate to relevant City authorities that the money spent on green maintenance is in the public interest.

Most of us play on greens owned by the respective municipalities. Their budgetary processes demand justification for the substantial expenditure of money required to adequately maintain the greens and any associated facilities (e.g. clubhouse, fencing, etc.). If a 'Cost-Benefit analysis results in a finding that the park space occupied by the greens is underutilized, a municipality may conclude that a disproportionately large amount of money is being spent for the benefit of only a small group of people, a conclusion which may threaten the very existence of the club involved. Alhambra BC's case is a case in point and other clubs have experienced similar difficulties in the past.

2016 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 13 th and 14 th	July 16th and 17th	August 13 th and 14th	August 13 th and 14th
Northeast	August 27 th – 29 th	July 9 th – 11 th	August 27 th – 29 th	July 9 th – 11 th
Northwest	August 27 th – 31 st	July 23 rd – 27th	August 27 th – 31 st	July 23 rd – 27th
PIMD	July 23 rd , 24 th , 30 th and Aug 1 st	June 18 th , 19 th , 25 th and 26 th	July 23 rd , 24 th , 30 th and Aug 1 st	June 18 th , 19 th , 25 th and 26 th
South Central	Sharon Perry Sun City Grand, AZ	Regina Banares – Skip Sun City, AZ Alice Birkinshaw – Lead Sun City, AZ	Ron Rollick Sun City Grand, AZ	Bob Birkinshaw – Skip Sun City, AZ John Pearson – Lead Sun City, AZ
Southeast	Jackie Williamson Mount Dora, FL	Christine Garbett – Skip Lakeland, FL Sandy Wall – Lead World Parkway, FL	Bud Ricucci Mount Dora, FL	Steve Nelson – Skip Asheville, NC Jon Peele – Lead Mount Dora, FL
Southwest ****	July 16 th , 17 th , 23 rd and 24 th	June 18 th , 19 th , 25 th and 26 th	June 18 th , 19 th , 25 th and 26 th	July 16 th , 17 th , 23 rd and 24 th
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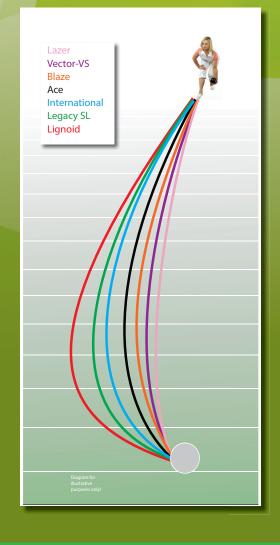






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