



December, 2016/ January, 2017

Team USA Competes in World Championships

Christchurch, New Zealand, November 29-December 11, 2016



Team USA front row L to R: Candy DeFazio, Janice Bell, Kim Heiser, Anne Nunes, James Flower

Second row L-R: Michelle Arculli, Coach Barry Ward, Manager Brenda Wright, Coach Deanna Amos

Back Row L-R: Scott Roberts, Phil Dunn, Charlie Herbert, Aaron Zangl

Story cont.

World Championships cont.

The pinnacle event of the lawn bowling world, the World Championships are held every four years. Participation is qualified by discipline rather than by team. Top qualifying countries send their men's and women's teams to decide the 2016 World Champions in Men's and Women's fours, triples, pairs, singles, Men's overall Champion country, and Women's overall Champion Country.

Bowlers for this event are selected members of Team USA and representatives from other National Teams. Teams have a maximum of five athletes.

2016 TEAM USA

Michelle Arculli (NE)	Phil Dunn (SW)
Janice Bell (NW)	James Flower (SW)
Candy DeFazio (SW)	Charlie Herbert (SW)
Anne Nunes (SW)	Scott Roberts (SW)
Margi Rambo (SW)	Aaron Zangl (SW)
Linda Roberts (SW)	

Team Managers - Brenda Wright (SW) and Barry Ward of Queensland, AU

RESULTS

Women:

Singles (Kim Heiser) finished 6th in section
Triples (Candy DeFazio, Janice Bell, Anne Nunes) finished 6th in section
Fours (Michele Arculli, Candy DeFazio, Janice Bell, Anne Nunes) finished 4th in section

Men:

Pairs (Aaron Zangl & Charlie Herbert) finished 5th in section
Triples (James Flower, Scott Roberts & Phil Dunn) finished 6th in section
Fours (Aaron Zangl, Scott Roberts, James Flower, Charlie Herbert) finished 3rd in section and qualified for playoffs before losing to Australia 21-12 in quarter final match.

Hall Of Fame Inductees

Bowls USA recently named four new inductees into the Bowls Hall of Fame.

Linda McDougall (NE/SE)

Tom Kees (SE)

Bill Weaver (SC)

Nancy Nishikawa (NW)

Congratulations!

New Bowls USA Website

Be sure to check out the new and improved Bowls USA Website: [Discover Your Sport - Lawn Bowls](#)

There are articles, videos, photos and a variety of information about Bowls USA and clubs across the country. Richard Sayer (NE) is the new editor of the website.

Neil Furman Impressive at the 2017 World Bowls Indoor Singles



"On my way back. Had a good time and managed to knock off a seeded player. [David Gourlay](#) played too well in second round and I missed a few key shots but made him work for it in the first set. Long trip back now. Thanks to everyone who supported me. Consolation is I've made it to 17 on provisional ranking list. That and three bucks will buy me a cup of coffee lol. " Neil Furman



has accepted Team USA applicants for
Tiger Bowls World Invitation & China Tour 2017

Hong Kong – Shenzhen – Zhuhai

11-18 March

Patrick Chan (SWD)

Bob Birkinshaw (SCD)

Kay Tong (SWD)

Marcus Zeino (PIMD)



Congratulations & Good Luck!



Breaking News

GRANT PROGRAM DEADLINE JUNE 30, 2017

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 2017 is \$7,500.

Guidelines:

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

The grant application deadline is June 30, 2017.

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 peacecorps.ginger@gmail.com with your questions about this program and the application process. Include a telephone number and times to call if you would prefer a phone call.

Umpires Corner

HEY!

The use of the word "Hey!" by a skip during a game usually signals trouble for at least one of the players in the head. As one umpire recently told me, "It's usually time to get out the box of Kleenex because somebody's going to cry."

So let's take a look at three laws and how they are interrelated.

The first law is found in Section 1 - Game Basics, Section 1.6 - Result of an End, Law 23 Deciding the number of shots scored, 23.1 and 23.3; the second law is in Section 2 - Game Anomalies, Section 2.1 - Irregularities Affecting Play, Law 29 Irregularities during play, 29.4 Failing to Play; and the third, Section 3 - Duties of Players and Officials, Section 3.1 - Players and Their Duties, Law 40 Players' duties.

For those who would like a page number, they're found, respectively, on pages 24, 28, and 39 in the 2015 Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Third Edition.

For those who do not have a rule book ...

Law 23.1 says, in part, "The process of deciding the number of shots scored must not start until the last bowl required to be played in an end has come to rest. . ." and then Law 23.3, "No measuring. . . will be allowed before the process of deciding the number of shots scored starts (as described in law 23.1). If a player measures before the process of deciding the number of shots scored starts, the defaulting team will lose the right to play any bowls remaining to be played in that end and the non-defaulting team will deliver their remaining bowls to complete the end."

Law 40 Players' duties, 40.2 The third, 40.2.1 says, "The third can measure any and all disputed shots," and 40.2.2, "The third can tell the skip the number of shots scored for or against their team as each end is completed."

When taken together, the laws say that if you are the third (or second in triples or lead in pairs) and you take out your measure and place it in between the jack and a bowl (starting the process of measuring), or, if you and your opponent agree on, let's say, one shot, and then both of you indicate one shot -- you may hear "Hey!" And if it's your skip saying "Hey!" -- standing down at the mat, arm outstretched with a bowl in hand -- that bowl may not be delivered. If you perform either of those actions, either by mistake or inattention, Law 23.3 and its penalty are now in effect. Cont.

Umpires Corner

Turning to Law 29.4 Failing to play, Law 29.4.1 says, "If the result of an end has been agreed or the process of deciding the number of shots scored has started (as described in law 23.1), a player who has failed to play a bowl (either deliberately or accidentally) will lose the right to play the bowl."

Law 29.4 encompasses all players. While it's hard to imagine that a singles player would forget that they still have a bowl to play, if you reach an agreement with your opponent -- well, you'll be talking to yourself. Or perhaps your opponent will be silently chuckling for conning you into thinking that the end is over and getting your agreement on the number of shots scored.

These laws are not speaking about signalling to your skip what the shot count is as the end progresses. Remember, respecting possession of the rink restricts giving any signals unless your team has possession of the rink. Right?

In fact, respecting possession of the rink eliminates and/or greatly reduces a number of mistakes that could affect the outcome of any game. Recall the article in the last Umpires Corner about players moving a bowl at rest.

Such a strict enforcement of these laws during social bowls is unnecessary; however, in tournament play, where people have paid their money to participate, players have the right to expect the Laws of the Sport of Bowls to be respected and enforced.

"Hey!" Check out the Bowls USA website, Laws & Umpiring, and test your understanding of the laws against the current Ump Stumper. It's a new feature with a catchy name out of the past.

Melanie A Vizenor

Bowls USA, National Umpire-in-Chief

Looking Ahead...

The 2017 Bowls USA National Championships will be held at Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club in Corona Del Mar, California. It will be held on September 26-30, 2017. Phil Luth is the chairman.



The greens of the Northeast and Central Divisions are buried under snow and the weather is bitter cold., so no activities to report now. They will be back in the Spring.



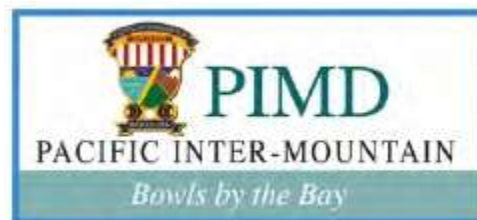
Fall Bowling at Jefferson Park

Bowling at Jefferson Park continued through the fall with our annual **DieHards League**.

DieHards X - the All Star Edition Grand Finale.

For the final running of our tenth season of DieHards, we returned to a semblance of normalcy by playing a version of the World's Game -- two bowl triples -- in honor of our brothers and sisters who were vying for the World Championships in New Zealand. At the very same moment we commenced our games, they were doing the exact same thing in Christchurch. Well almost. It was a little lighter outside there, a little sunnier but still cool and much windier. Back home it was darker, a little colder and drizzly, but our greens were running pretty nicely for that time of year.

Tom Elliot held an insurmountable lead in win points on the season's leader board. Win, lose or draw on the night, Tom had the DHX title all wrapped up. Cont.



DieHards, cont.

The real drama was for second and third prizes. Andrew Schueneman held a slight lead over Claus Windelev in the standings, and the two were a draw on separate rinks, giving them everything to bowl for. In the end, Claus' team, skipped by Paul Shapiro and lead by Margaret "On Target" Elliot, bowled a great game with tight heads and better position than their worthy opponents - lead Jim Grutz, vice Nita Chambers, and skip Tom Elliot - giving Claus the win.

The good performance next door put the pressure on Andrew and his teammates - lead Becky Barnett and skip John Hollingsworth - who were two-bowling it out against the lineup of Rikki Ricard, Russ Leonard and Chris Davis.

After the teams traded big ends to start, the Davis side slowly and steadily built its lead leaving Team Andrew with too much to do as the game drew to a conclusion.

The night's final results leapfrogged Claus into second place overall with Andrew finishing third for the year. It was a "never say die" finish worthy of true DieHardiness.

Many thanks to all of you DieHards who showed and bowled and sloshed and smiled your way through the many twists and turns of this humble little league (aka the Only League That Truly Matters).

A special shout out to Jim Grutz and Margaret Elliot who persevered the most this year, taking home the annual Best Attendance awards. All DieHards are equal, of course, but some DieHards are more equal than others. Jim and Margaret proved that by being the DieHardest! As always, it is a great honor and pleasure to share a game with each of you. Till next time, good bowls!



Rossmoor Renews Rivalry with BLBC

By Frankie Napoli

The last time the Rossmoor lawn bowling club competed against the Berkeley lawn bowling club in a friendly challenge match, it was on the 30th anniversary of the initial contest dating back to 1969. What has prevented the competition from continuing since 1999 no one seemed able to say for sure, but apparently the recurrent engagement ceased after 30 years. That said, and having been unsuccessful in his research to substantiate much speculation regarding the hiatus, and at the risk of being mythopoeic, the author will pass on offering any hypothesis he's unable to corroborate.

Notwithstanding, on December 17th at 10am, under beautiful blue skies and crisp autumnal temperatures, the rivalry was renewed. Five triples teams from each club took to the rinks on Rossmoor's well-manicured green #2 after a brief rehearsal of past challenge history. Thirty bowlers, all clothed in classic whites, were now prepared to do battle in the form of two 14-end matches blanketing a short lunch break in between.

The expectation from both sides was that final victory would in no wise be earned easily, and the first half's matches did not disappoint. After a grueling morning session of five triples games, the challenge couldn't have been more closely contested. As the teams from the two clubs retired to the clubhouse for lunch, nothing had been decided except that this contest was going down to the wire, as both Rossmoor & Berkeley had won two games apiece and the other game ended in a tie.

It was anybody's guess as to the final outcome. Despite the sun beginning to descend behind the Skycrest Drive hill, and the temperature quickly following suit, the climate on the rinks became increasingly heated. In two of the afternoon battles, Rossmoor & Berkeley both gained one game, so all attention became riveted on the remaining three rinks, in each of which it came down to the final bowl of the final end.

What transpired next could not have been scripted any better. One game needed an umpire's measurement to determine the winner of the point and therefore the game, but it was declared that the two bowls in contention for the point were equidistant from the jack, and thereby resulted in no points for either team in that end! Cont.



Rossmore, cont.

Since it was the last end, and the game was tied heading into it, that game ended up tied. With only two games left to be decided, it was impossible still to forecast which club would emerge victorious. Out of the two remaining contests, it was Rossmoor which tipped the balance in its favor first with a miraculous shot by Fred Barnes on his final bowl on the final end of a game which Berkeley seemed to have well in hand. Down two points in the game and one point in the head, Rossmoor was looking at a 3 point loss. But Fred was not to be denied, and on his last delivery, he burned the end, and when the jack was re-spotted at the 2 meter mark, it was Rossmoor which ended up with 3 points in the end and a 1 point victory for the game. Could Berkeley win the only as yet undecided game to bring the final total to 4 wins, 4 losses, and 2 ties apiece, in which case the winner would have to be decided on the plus/minus differential?

Just moments after Barnes' heroics, Rossmoor found itself in a similar scenario in the last game of the day. Down one point in the head of a tie game in the final end, Horatio Carion found himself in need of a miracle of his own, with only one bowl remaining. As it left his hand, both sides were cheering for their own desired outcome, and when the bowl finally reached the head all were in suspense as everyone could see the head was about to be disturbed. To the chagrin of Berkeley and triumphal delight of Rossmoor, Horatio knocked out the Berkeley held point and remained as the point for Rossmoor, ending the game in a tie, thereby giving Rossmoor the overall victory with 4 wins, 3 losses, and 3 ties - a fantastic finish to a spectacular event! Let's hope it doesn't take Berkeley 16 years before the rivalry renews again.

Editor's note: Both clubs wish to thank Frankie for browsing around the old, dust-laden trophies in the Berkeley clubhouse and discovering this "long-lost" competition, including its lovely trophy shield, with the intriguing inscription at the top (in Spanish, for some unknown reason) "Allende El Cerro." Which translates as "Beyond (or Over) the Hill." No one could figure out its origin. A wisecrack by a Berkeley bowler who wishes to remain anonymous that maybe it referred to the Rossmoor retirement community came back to haunt him as the result of the competition indicated! Discussions are already underway for a renewal of the challenge in 2017—stay tuned.



Rossmore-Berkeley
Challenge Trophy



Bowling at Rossmore

Rainy Day Bowling and Other News from Palo Alto

By Frank Matyskiela and Nadine O'Leary

Given the intensity and persistence of continuing storms in northern California, bowlers at Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club (PALBC) have been keeping up their delivery skills by practicing indoors while our normally 11-second green is "unbowlably" wet. A practice ramp, built after trying Charlie-Herbert's version at Newport Harbor LBC a couple of years ago, was constructed and has been placed at the far end of our impromptu indoor rink. A well-rolled bowl is returned by gravity to a mat laid at the delivery end, as illustrated in the picture.

The setup covers a round trip of 23 meters, and feels like a 14 or 15-second natural surface on our clubhouse carpet. The coaching staff at PALBC considers our indoor practice space very useful in practicing a smooth release on the "grass". Dropping the bowl from any height in one's delivery causes a very audible clack on the underlying concrete floor! So, even in our drought-busting monsoon season we can still train here in northern California for smoother and faster greens in the Southwest and South Central Divisions.



News from Palo Alto cont.

The design of the ramp is shown with the device on its side in the other picture. It weighs about 40 pounds and is three feet in length, width and height, and was built with materials costing less than \$100. If you would want to replicate it, details of the plywood, solid slat, thin plastic layer, and carpet construction are available from Frank Matyskiela (frankmaty@netscape.net).

In other news, at the annual meeting of PALBC on December 10, 2016, President Jon Yee honored several long-time members with special recognition: the name of the annual Ed Arnold Invitational tournament is being changed to the Glenn Stewart Invitational in recognition of Glenn who has been a PALBC member since 1989. Peter Danner received a plaque and special recognition for being the club Historian and Wine Connoisseur. (Yes, we have a Wine Connoisseur!). Peter is currently working on short bios of the Club's annual Good Guy Award recipients—those who have put in particularly notable service in a given year—as well as bios of past club presidents. And this year's Good Guy Award was presented to Frank Matyskiela, a consummate volunteer and a constant presence at the clubhouse and on the green.

And finally, longstanding PIMD bowler and former Divisional President, Greg Fyvie, who due to health reasons is no longer able to bowl, was bestowed an honorary membership for his contribution to the sport of lawn bowling. In addition to supporting the sport over many years, Greg has housed his collection of lawn bowling books at the club's library corner.

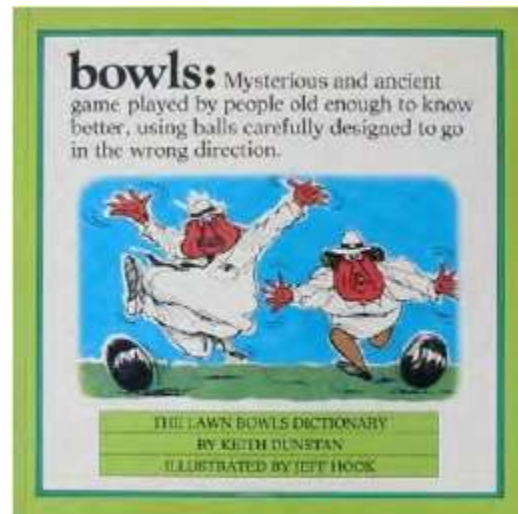


Practice ramp construction.



SAN DIEGO LAWN BOWLING CLUB

So how would you define lawn bowling? How about this ...



But SDLBC is right on the ball, so to speak. The AGM in December sparkled when Sharon Ainsworth presented each of the ladies with one of her beautiful, hand-crafted scarves.



And to keep the ball rolling, SDLBC kicks off the new year with some exciting new moves.

Our commitment to the sport of lawn bowls is a given, and to prove it, the SDLBC is proud to announce that it has become a 100% Bowls USA club.

Not to be left behind in the tech world of 2017, our website is getting a new look,

Our Facebook page will be open soon! Looking forward to lots of visits from our bowling friends!



FRIENDLY VALLEY BOWLS

USA Coach Roy McAree ordered several new multi-colored mats. By a fortuitous turn of events, we learned that Taylor Bowls was making a special price offer to clubs for their bowls. Our club ordered three sets of small-sized bowls from their representative in Florida at a very reasonable price. Photos taken of the mats and bowls are shown below.



Rosmarie Sanchez-Fraser using the new mats and the new Taylor bowls. The small-sized Taylor bowls have been very popular with the novice bowlers being mentored by BUSA Coach Roy McAree.

HOLMBY PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB

Holmby holiday party and awards banquet

Submitted by Rudy Uribe

On Saturday, December 3rd, our club had another successful holiday party and awards banquet. The dining room at the Bistro Garden was very festive and the food delicious. Ronald Neef once again served as our Master of Ceremonies and as always, he had a couple of timely and, dare I say, funny jokes to entertain members and guests of our sold-out event. Prior to the handing out of the awards, Rudy Uribe and Maureen Waldorf did a comical magic trick. The only one who wasn't in on the joke was Maureen, but she was a good sport and later offered to take the act on the road.

There was plenty of talk about bowling, tournament strategy and reminiscing about the year's events. Thanks go out to Ted Burton who is always so gracious with his time and talent as our club photographer. Thanks went out to Peter Sego for his one year service on the Board of Directors. Richard Pozil was welcomed as our newest board member. Thanks to all who served on the Board to make HPLBC one of the most successful clubs.

Tom Seres took a few minutes to deliver the President's message. Holmby Park is fortunate to have such a dedicated and passionate president. I belong to a couple of different clubs and I can tell you that the efforts and the hospitality of the Holmby Park members and volunteers are second to none.

Olivia Uribe, age 22 ½ was in attendance as our youngest member and Fred Fox, age 102 ½ was also in attendance as our most experienced member. What a wonderful sport where players with an age difference of eighty years can compete and still enjoy this exciting sport.

President's New Year remarks to the members of Holmby park by President Tom Seres

Happy New Year everybody! After a successful 2016 we are looking forward to many happy bowling days, good competitions, camaraderie and fun at Holmby Park in 2017. We plan to move forward by believing that we shall improve our bowling, strengthen our friendship and make the best of every sunny Californian day. I am convinced that our volunteers will continue to help so that our club can maintain the high standard of our hospitality. I promise to work as hard as I can so that our greens will remain in good shape. Cont.



President's New Year remarks cont.

In December, we had new and repeated trespassing on our lower green with large dogs damaging our green after hours. With the help of a generous grant from the Office of Councilmember, Paul Koretz, we were able to negotiate the installation of a new protective fence against trespassers. This is an expensive project, but with the help of the Department of Recreation and Parks, we hope that our greens will be fully protected by the end of this month (January).

2017 will mark the **90th Anniversary** of our club. Indeed, HPLBC is one of the oldest continuously functioning clubs in California. In 1926 our site was deeded to the City by the Janss brothers, the developers of Westwood. HPLBC was organized in 1927 when our upper green was completed. In 2002 we celebrated our 75th Anniversary with honored guests including the General Manager of DRP, our LA County Supervisor, President of our Division and other dignitaries. I hope that our wonderful volunteers will again help with our celebrations in 2017. Your contribution is much appreciated!

Ronald Neef, Associate Editor Adding to Mr. Seres' remarks, I believe the challenge for this year (as it was for all years prior) is to finally identify that magic elixir which will attract large numbers of people to our great sport. Let's hope we can catch lightning in a bottle!

May 2017 be memorable for all the right reasons.

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Alhambra Bowls Club Christmas Party

Alhambra Bowls Club held its annual Christmas party with a large group of members and guests in attendance.

Mrs. Jong was honored as a long-time benefactor and supporter of ABC.

Sean McMorris and Cheri Cabot were also honored with plaques for their work in saving the ABC green.

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ABC Christmas Party cont.



ABC club members with trophies won in 2016; the Valley League and The Waterbury.



ABC Christmas Party



Honorees at the ABC Christmas party are L to R, Mrs. Jong, long-time benefactor, Cheri Cabot and Sean McMorris for their work in saving the ABC green, President Frank Duarte is in the front.



Election of Officers

The South Central Division recently elected Division officers at the AGM on January 3, 2017. Newly elected were Ron Rollick, President, Bob Birkinshaw, Vice President, Dee McSparran, Secretary and Jim Filiplik Treasurer.

Lorraine Hitchcock stepped down as Treasurer to take the position of Ladies' Councilor. Myra Wood served as Councilor for many years and we owe her a big thank you for her support and guidance.

Arizona Rinks Tournament

The 2017 Arizona tournament season started off with Arizona Rinks. Once again, George and Jackie Tucker sponsored this event with an \$800 guaranteed 1st prize. For several years, the Tuckers have sponsored this event as well as the Thomson-Zivec Pairs event.

This year a total of 18 teams – 2 men, 2 women – were entered. This number is down a bit from previous years – primarily because of the poor exchange rate between the US and Canadian dollars. Many Canadian "snowbirds" chose not to make the migration this year. Cont.

Second place was Bob and Alice Birkenshaw, and Scott and Linda Roberts. Third place went to Neil and Diane Douglas with Stu and Jan MacNaughton. Fourth place was Mary Ann Bleath, Annie and Ivo Van Basalaere and Ron Rollick.

The second major event was the Salisbury Singes. This event is named for Past National Champion from the SC Division, Champ Salisbury. For several years, Mrs. Peggy Salisbury has sponsored this event in honor of her husband with a \$1,000 guaranteed first place. This event is a two-day tournament.

Day one starts with five games for each person. First person to win seven ends is the winner. Points are not counted, it's simply who wins or loses the end. Games can be as short as seven ends, or as long as 13 ends.

On day two the format continues but with the game winner needing eight ends to win with a maximum of 15 ends played. There are unlimited burned ends, no re-spotting, so games can become real duels if drive shots are part of each player's arsenal. At the finish, Charlie Herbert was eventual winner, defeating Lyall Adams. Third place was won by Mike Wagner and fourth place by Jim Roth.



Charlie Herbert, first place winner in the Salisbury Singles.

Additional information for the Division and for the tournaments to date can be found at the South Central Division's website, www.scdlawnbowls.org

Check us out and if possible, please come visit the best and fastest group of greens in the US.



1st Place L-R: Kieth Roney, Jean Roney, Mike Wagner, Rosalie Parsons-Brown



The Villages Lawn Bowls Club

By Christine Garbett

The club continues to grow and during the summer months has had a steady increase of interest in the sport. Many different formats and games have been used since April, including 4321, singles, pairs, triples and Australian pairs. All the new bowlers are becoming very proficient and some of the new bowlers who have joined Bowls USA/SED are eager to take part in outside tournaments, including the Mens and Women's Pairs at Sun City Center in November where eight men from The Villages and two of The Villages women bowlers with partners from Mount Dora and Lakeland participated. One men's team and one women's team featured among the prize winners. Several of the Villages bowlers, men and women, also took part in the US Open held during November in Sarasota with two of the club's ladies, Christine Garbett and Mary Butchers taking fourth place in the Championship in the Women's fours which also included two of the Lakeland club's members, Audrey Ney and Lena Cameron.

A Harvest bowl game took place around Thanksgiving in the Villages with prizes awarded to the winners and runners up. Three teams from The Villages club took part in early December in the Holiday Bowl in Mount Dora, a three-day festive tournament at the club there. Two of the teams featured in the top ten, winning cash prizes. Present membership of the club is still increasing and we have had more bowlers join Bowls USA who will bowl in February in a Triples tournament in Sun City Center. Nine Village bowlers will compete in this three-game event.

The third Annual Tri City Invitational event took place in December with the Villages bowlers and invited bowlers from Lakeland, Mount Dora and Asheville joining together in two games followed by hospitality and socializing in the home of two of our members, Annie and Mike Green. An event enjoyed by everyone. Cont.

Lawn bowling will be featured in the 2017 Villages Senior Games for the second year running and early April will see the second annual tournament with selected invitees, the Rio Grande Game, another fun day with invited bowlers from outside the Villages. Every bowler can take part in any aspect of the sport of lawn bowls.

We also now have a very nice website,

www.thevillageslbc.org and have been granted permission to use the Village "mark" to promote the club.



TVLBC Members setting up for the Tri-City Invitational
Henry Landsberg (President), Scott Chamberlain, John Garbett and Steve Rosenkranz



Seated is Kathy Griffin (TVLBC), Mary Butchers (TVLBC) and Lesley Kurn (Lakeland LBC)
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The Villages, cont.



Judy Stewart (Lakeland LBC), Scott Chamberlain (TVLBC),
Bobbi Elwell (Mount Dora LBC)

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Why Asheville NC Needs a New Green

By Steve Nelson



The photo shows current green at Asheville LBC that can hold water for two or three days after heavy rain before play can resume. But help is on the way. The City Asheville is moving forward on its commitment to rebuild the 18-year old artificial green.

An engineering firm has been contracted to do survey work and flood plain studies and to submit bid specifications to city officials. The firm has invited club representatives to participate in meetings with three companies who specialize in building artificial greens.

As can be expected, timelines have been moved back, but if all goes as currently planned construction could begin in April with completion by the summer.

Mixed Triples Memorial Tournament

By Marge Lange

Each winter, the Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club schedules a Memorial Tournament (mixed triples) to remember those who have passed on during the year. Early on, Cliff Bailey and Herb Lange were in charge of the proceedings. Cliff, a SCC member for several years, now bowls out of the Clearwater club.

This tournament has been a club event for over 33 years. Originally, when a member passed away, a tournament was organized and named for that person. Over time, as the Club's annual calendar began to fill up, scheduling became difficult. Now the "Memorial" takes place once a year and as a result, has taken on more significance.

Following tradition, all players gather on the green in a circle, holding hands while the names of those who have departed are read. Often a poem or other remembrance is read and the short service is closed with prayer.

This past year we lost two members, Ben Hillberry on April 4, 2016 and Ray Gibson on October 18, 2016. Sixteen teams competed in triples matches with the final being played on December 20th.



The winners of the 2016 Memorial Tournament were Ben Caudill (Skip), Cecelia McBride (Vice) and Jon Blanchard (Lead)



*Bowl in the Sun Where
Fun's Number One!*



Southeast Division West Coast League

By Marge Lange

First, some history. Mr. Del Webb, the founder of Sun City Center, Florida organized a tournament in March, 1962 and invited bowlers from surrounding towns to bowl and teach the game to the residents of Sun City Center. There were six teams; St. Petersburg, Bradenton, Sarasota, Clearwater, Bartlett Park and Lakeland (Sun City Center did not have enough players qualified for tournament play at that time).

This was the beginning of the Inter-club Grass League, so named because all the teams played on grass. To participate, bowlers had to be members of a national organization. Thus, Sun City Center bowlers became members of the American Lawn Bowling Association (ALBA) and the American Women's Lawn Bowling Association (AWLBA).

Early on, the participants were handpicked according to skill and it could be years before you “made the team”. And, if you did not sign up by the end of March or early April for the upcoming Grass League season starting in early January of the following year, you simply did not get in.

Over the years, the Grass League has been kept active by the likes of Patti Grabowski, Jack and Bev Phillips, Cal Munroe, Ron Buck and Moe Walker. Today, the league is known as the “West Coast League”.

This month, Sun City Center, Sarasota and Lakeland are finishing up four weekly sessions, vying for the right to fly the original Grass League flag at their club for the next twelve months.



Sarasota Ron Buck Fours

The Ron Buck Fours Tournament was won by top Canadian contenders holding memberships in the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club and Lakeland Lawn Bowling Clubs respectively.

Players braved the stormy conditions with rain and 45 degree weather and tornado forecasts. The Ron Buck Fours is an official "points" tournament for the Southeast Division in memory of former Sarasota Lawn Bowling President Ron Buck. This was the first year that Betty Lou Buck did not act as tournament director since the tournament started but players continue to enjoy the tournament as one of the most beloved competitions.

In order to win the team had to win five games: Mixed fours, Men's Pairs, Women's Pairs and two Mixed Pairs disciplines. Much like Wimbledon and their Strawberries and Cream the Ron Buck Fours pour wine paired with international cheeses for all the players.



Pictured above from left to right: Cal Bechard – US Open Competitor, Val Bechard -US Open Fours Team Champion, Audrey Ney-US Open Fourth Place Finisher and Rae Ney - US Open Pairs Champion.

Sarasota Mixed Triples Championship 2017

In a wonderful pairing of England, US and Canada; two women and a man; or if you prefer, two experienced players and a novice: Sue Abbott, Charles Kripps and Debbie Foster win the Sarasota 2017 Mixed Triples Championships.

The Tournament was played in a single knock out format played over 3 days. Sue Abbott and Debbie Foster are former Club Champions. Cont.



Sarasota Championships cont.

Charles new to the game is new to Sarasota and a transplant from Virginia. Club championships players are picked by the draw brings a variety of champions to the club.



Mixed Triples Champions: Pictured Left to right: Sue Abbott, US Open participant; Charles Kripps, Novice Player and Debbie Foster US Open Fours Champion

SED Announces Leadership for 2017

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Upcoming Events in the SED

Feb 4 (Sat)

Clearwater "Ede McWilliams" Mixed Ladies

Feb 11 (Sat)

Clearwater "Mary Roberts" Open Pairs

Feb 18 (Sat)

Sun City Center “The Del Webb ” Open Triples

Feb 25 (Sat)

Sarasota – Mixed Triples

Feb 27 (Mon)

Mount Dora – Open Mixed Pairs

Mar 4 -10(Sat –Friday)

Southeast Division Open

Mar 10 (Fri)

"2017 Polk Senior Games " Lakeland LBC

Mar 12 (Sun)

Clearwater – Mixed/Ladies Triples

Mar 18 (Sat)

Clearwater “Hall of Fame” – Mixed Triple

Mar 19 (Sun)

Sun City Center "Hawken Invitational" Australian Mixed Pairs

Mar 25 (Sat)

Sarasota – Mens &/or Ladies Pairs

Apr 19 (Wed)

SED Playdowns at Sun City Center

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BOWL ON THE FOREHAND

Extend your left arm to the side (if bowler is righthanded).



HAVE YOUR BOWL STOP HERE

Put your foot where you want the bowl to finish and point to it.



BOWL ON THE BACKHAND

Extend your right arm to the side (if bowler is righthanded).



BOWLS ARE TOUCHING

Touch knuckles together.



THIS IS OUR BOWL

Point closely to the bowl and tap your shoulder or chest.



WHERE IS THE JACK?

Bending down, hold your palm forward.



THIS IS THEIR BOWL

Point closely to the bowl and wave your arm away.



THE SHOT IS A MEASURE

Wave hands apart, together, apart as if measuring.



SHOTS FOR US

Tap your shoulder or head.



THE BOWL IS THIS FAR IN FRONT OR BEHIND OF THE JACK

Spread your hands one above the other. **NOTE: Always give the DEPTH distance not the WIDTH.**



SHOTS AGAINST US

Tap your leg.



WATCH THE HEAD

Before throwing a "runner," simulate a fast delivery with your bowling arm.



CHALK MY TOUCHER

Cross your hands at your wrist and hold them in front of you.

Lawn Bowls Hand Signals

LET YOUR HANDS TO DO THE TALKING

1. Voices cannot be heard over the sounds of road and air traffic.
2. Shouting disturbs players on the rinks.
3. Your team will feel more in sync if you can read each others signals.
4. Signals will help communication and the flow of the game.
5. You can signal without drawing attention of your opponents to certain situations.

RULE NUMBER 1:

You can ONLY communicate with your team when you have possession of the mat.

RULE NUMBER 2:

Give information (especially the Vice) ONLY when asked for.

