



Newsletter

June/July, 2016



Distributes Grant Money

At the Bowls USA Annual General Meeting (AGM) held last September, one of the topics of discussion was “loyalty programs” and “incentives” for BUSA clubs. We decided that a Grant Program would be an appropriate way to “give back” to those clubs that support Bowls USA.

A committee, consisting of Councilors Ernie Carlson (NWD), Ginger Harris (PIMD), and Glorianne Mather (CED), was formed to develop and administer the program. We are pleased to report that 20 clubs expressed interest in applying for a Grant, and 13 clubs representing 5 Divisions responded with Grant Requests by the June 30th deadline.

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 total amount of grant funds available for 2016 is \$7,500. After review of all Grant Requests, the Committee has awarded the following grants:

\$200 to Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, SW Division, for newspaper ads, banners, and flyers to support an Open House to attract new members.

\$500 to Long Beach LBC, SW Division, for advertising, pamphlets, banners, yard signs, and booklets to support an Open House to attract new members.

\$500 to Friendly Valley LBC, SW Division, for purchase of two artificial bowling arms to help improve the playing experience of its older members.

\$500 to Sun City Center LBC, SE Division, for advertising brochures to support an Open House, and for purchase of training bowls for novice members.

\$500 to Mount Dora LBC, SE Division, for repairs to their CourtPac greens roller.

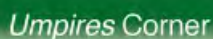
\$600 to Lakeland LBC, SE Division, for cleaning and repair of their artificial green.

\$200 to Pinehurst LBC, SE Division, to support three Open House events to attract new members.

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Bowls USA is stronger because of the support of all of its members, and we hope that these funds will help 100% clubs share our sport with their communities. We look forward to hearing about clubs' successes in recruiting members and improving their playing conditions. Continuation of this program will be discussed at the upcoming Annual General Meeting to be held before the US Open at Sarasota in November. Questions and comments are welcome!



Bowls USA, NUIC



Coming soon...in the next newsletter, we will have more details on the new Bowls USA slogan contest. The final slogan selected will be our main slogan for Bowls USA, so stay tuned!



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

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In Memorium

Submitted by "Woody" Ogden

"It is with heavy heart that I inform you (and hopefully our lawn bowling community) that Frank Ransome passed away peacefully Wednesday May 4th. In my opinion Frank did more for lawn bowling than any other single individual in our history."

In Memory of Frank Ransome

Lawn Bowling's "Characters With Character"

By Woodruff Ogden

Frank Ransome has dedicated his life to the service of others for the last 50 years. It was in 1987 that he met lawn bowling for the first time at Paradise RV Resort in Arizona. "My first lesson from Paul Johnson, a certified American Lawn Bowls Association (ALBA) instructor, lasted only one-half hour but by 1989 I found myself an assistant to (and often substitute for) ALBA Certified Instructor Dave Close." Frank went on to say, "Dave and I developed a 5 Day Course for newcomers to the trailer park where I lived and graduated 10 to 12 new bowlers every other week for several months."

Frank and his wife Lois, also an avid bowler, moved to Rossmoor, Walnut Creek in July 1989. The two of them immediately joined the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club, and Frank polished his coaching skills under the direction of Ed Ribiero, a coach that had moved to Rossmoor from San Francisco. It was in 1991 that he became the official instructor at the Rossmoor club, but his work was just beginning. "I wanted to perfect the 3 Day Course from my Arizona days into a publication all bowlers and bowling coaches should have," Frank tells us. After gathering information from numerous foreign and domestic sources, and incorporating the systems used in Arizona, he published the first comprehensive lawn bowling syllabus for seniors in the U.S. During this period he also wrote the lawn bowling column for the local paper and used that column to recruit new members.

From the year 2000 Frank continued his youth programs in Richmond, visiting clubs in other divisions, working with Brit's Pub to bring lawn bowling to Minneapolis, rewriting his syllabus to include Remedial and the Instructors Courses, publishing the ALBA (USLBA) Lawn Bowl Green's Construction and Maintenance program, and starting two new clubs in Utah. He competed in Utah at the first Huntsman Games featuring lawn bowling where he won gold medals in two events.. Frank tells us, "We have published a Summation of Lawn Bowls Syllabi in which you will learn about training the blind and other physically handicapped bowlers, the Police Athletic League youth program, lawn bowling tips, practice aids and brochures. We have also supplied material to the University of Houston to aid them to include lawn bowling in their physical education program." The Welcome Packet for new bowlers, which has been accepted and used in most USLBA Divisions, is another of Frank's accomplishments.

Frank, when asked for a final commentt responded, "Working with junior bowlers has convinced me that the sport of lawn bowling is truly contagious. Young people that have access to other sports still come to enjoy the camaraderie and the competition of lawn bowling."

Around the Country



Williamsburg Lawn Bowlers Keep the Spirit Alive

By Clyde Haberman

Since the decision by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation to remove the bowling green that has stood for fifty years behind the Williamsburg Inn, the Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club has endeavored to maintain a presence for lawn bowling in our community. Although membership has dropped with the loss of the green from 62 last year to 39 this year, the Club has remained active and continues to consider options for the long run replacement of the green.

With the help of Colonial Williamsburg, the Club has been able to sustain its weekly Tuesday and Thursday draw program using one of their Har-Tru (rubico) surfaced tennis courts. Being able to locate our locked benches containing bowls and equipment next to the tennis court has been most helpful and while participation in the draw programs is running below previous years, we are hopeful that as the summer goes on and cooler weather returns in the fall more members will come out.

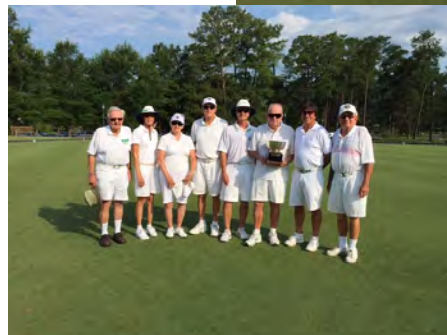
In late June, a group of Club members traveled to Pinehurst, NC to compete in an annual interclub match at the invitation of the Pinehurst Club. A tightly contested competition was tied going into the last match. Although Pinehurst emerged triumphant, we eagerly look forward to a rematch next year and are grateful to our friends at Pinehurst for helping to keep the lawn bowling spirit alive in Williamsburg.

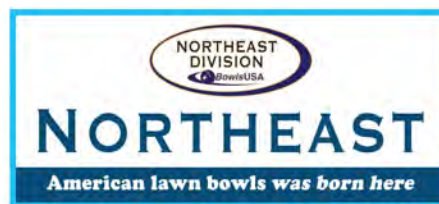
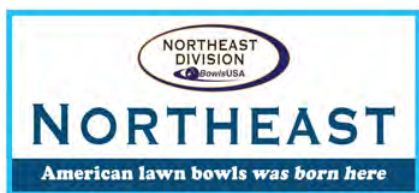
Finally, at the invitation of community leaders from Bowling Green, VA, nine members of the Club participated in the aptly named "Bowling on the Green Virginia Wine Festival." Held on the grounds of the "Old Mansion House," build in 1661 and continuously occupied since, the festival included a makeshift green on the large front lawn area of the mansion. Cont.

Williamsburg Lawn Bowlers Keep the Spirit Alive Cont.

It is believed there was a bowling green on this site during the colonial era and during the Revolution, George Washington and others may have bowled here. Club members, decked out in whites, set up the green and throughout the afternoon assisted many visitors who came by and wanted to try their hand at lawn bowling. For most, this was their first introduction to the game.

Approximately 350 people attended the event. The Club was warmly welcomed and thanked by the Bowling Green Mayor and Council, the Event Coordinator Jo-Elsa Jordan, and the Mansion House owners Nobuo Yoshida and Marialuz Moreno Badia.





Fernleigh LBC On The Move cont.



Ryan Hastu and Joe Kelly

"Congratulations to Joe Kelly and Ryan Hastu for their second win of the final Miller Pairs tournament. They were the only team representing NY to win all 5 games. Ed Last and Colin Edgar from NY also placed 3rd. Congrats to all!"

Fernleigh LBC On The Move

By Jeanette Stolzenberg

Fernleigh LBC celebrated its 93rd Opening Day on June 3, 2016. We had great weather and a nice turnout in our whites. President, Leslie Robertson, was happy to welcome eight new members to our club.

The last few years have shown a slow but steady growth in membership and an increase in younger people learning the game. This, of course, is increasing competition and raising the bar for some of the longer term members. A wonderful challenge for all!

We are trying new social activities to raise interest in the club as a place to be even when no organized games are scheduled.

Cont.



In an effort to raise awareness, members have volunteered to mentor newcomers. This partnership gives newbies a more personal connection to the club who can answer questions about the game or any other area that might create uncertainty. So far, response has been enthusiastic.

There has been an uptick in interest among our members regarding regional tournaments. As we grow stronger, we are hoping to become more of a presence in the Northeast. Look out, here comes Fernleigh!





Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club 4th of July Tournament



(L-)R) Fred Kalhammer, Carol Fahnestock and Joel Deitch

We had eight energetic teams playing triples on this hot, 4th of July holiday. It was a fun day that included lunch.

Congratulations to our winners, Carol Fahnestock, Skip; Fred Kalhammer, Vice Skip and Joel Deitch, Lead.

Runners up were Bob Fladung, Skip; Cecilia McBride, Vice Skip and Robert Trautwein, Lead. With both teams winning both of their games, the winners were decided by points.

Bob Fladung Joins Sun City Center Board of Directors

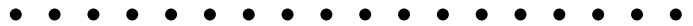


The SED is pleased to announce that Bob Fladung (Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club) has joined our board of directors as a member-at-large, filling the vacancy created by the passing of Jack Phillips earlier this year. Cont.

Bob Fladung, cont.

Bob is a competitive lawn bowler and a great ambassador for our sport. Among his support activities at the SCCLBC, Bob leads the new member training and indoctrination program. His former baseball experience (a Lyndhurst Athletic Hall of Fame pitcher) has helped him develop into an excellent lawn bowling coach.

SED President, Beth Forbes commented that "Bob's enthusiasm and his sometimes outside-the-box thinking will certainly augment the talent and dedication of the existing board."



Sun City Center, FL, Under Construction



Jerry Healy

This year, the Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club undertook to replace all three of their greens. This major project was spear-headed by Club President Rick Czachor and Greens Director, Jerry Healy. Jerry and his team had to tackle the numerous aspects, such as, finding the best supplier/contractor, securing the financing, keeping the facility operating during construction, as well as the daily, post-installation care and maintenance.

Depending on the time of year and weather, the time frame for green reconstruction could be up to four months. Currently, one new green is playable and the second green is two months old and is coming along well.

The work on the third green will start shortly, 3 weeks ahead of schedule. The goal, of course, is to have all three greens in first class condition for the U.S. Open in November.



Green Reconstruction at SCCLBC



2016 Florida Senior Games, Clearwater Florida

The Florida Sports Foundation has announced that the XXV Florida Senior Games, Florida's Olympic-style Sports Festival for athletes age 50 and over, will held in Clearwater, December 3-11, 2016.

For more information and to register online, visit www.floridaseniorgames.com. Details about the Lawn Bowling events (December 3rd and 4th) at the Clearwater Lawn Bowls Club can be found here www.flasports.com/senior_game/lawn-bowls/.

In addition to the website, senior athletes may email the Games staff at games@flasports.com, or call toll-free 1-866-FL-GAMES (354-2637).

Ashville LBC Enjoying Growth & Prosperity



Fred MacKenzie

Another one of our members, Steve Nelson, who recently moved to the area from Wisconsin, is representing our club in this year's Nationals with his partner from Mt. Dora. We are so proud to have Steve in our club, and we will be cheering him on in each step of competition!

And last, but not least, many thanks to Jim Morgan for his many years as our club's communications representative. He has done a wonderful job in reporting news, but has decided it's time to step down and let someone else take over his duties. Hopefully, though, he will continue to show up occasionally down at the park for a little bowling!

Ashville LBC Enjoying Growth & Prosperity

By Shirley Parkin

Asheville has had one, hot summer this year, but the temps have not stopped our loyal members from gathering at Carrier Park on a regular basis for healthy bowling competition! My husband and I have been members since 2008, and we have watched the membership almost double over that period of time.

In addition to membership growth, our city's plan to upgrade our greens and has given us even more reason to celebrate progress in promoting lawn bowling in Asheville. Hopefully we will soon be able to take a turn at hosting regional tournaments, giving folks a chance to visit our city and see why we love living here.

Fred MacKenzie has taken on the role of organizing our local club tournaments. He has announced plans for our next one to be sometime in September with double elimination competition in both singles and pairs categories. Fred is also organizing our trip of six members to Pinehurst in September to compete regionally.

Pinehurst, NC, Lawn Bowls – Back to Back

Another fun (but hot!!!) lawn bowls tournament came to a close on June 23 with the annual Williamsburg Challenge. The pairs tournament ended with a tie counting win/loss.

The team of Dan Delgarn and Tim Woesche won on points scored. No matter the end result, everyone agreed that it was a fun tournament.



Williamsburg Challenge Trophy



Dan Delgarn and "Tim" Woesche

The Williamsburg team came down hoping to hold on to the trophy, but hard work from all bowlers has the trophy back in our hands with a score of 22-18. Pictured is Williamsburg Tournament Director Jim Halter handing the trophy back to PLBC Tournament Director Dan Delgarn as Club Presidents stand by.



Hello Tournament Players,

If you are planning to attend we suggest that you place your entry in as soon as possible as spots are filling up quickly. Go to www.Bowlsusopen.com

Starting in August you will be able to see new information and updated information posted on the website. *All Bowls USA members are also welcome to subscribe to the newsletter as many Product and memorabilia*

Location of Venues	Current Entries	Sponsor Events	Hotels	Coaches Clinics	Greens Keeping	Pre-Event Parties
Grand Finals	Seminars	Prizes	Meetings	Practice Times	Photo Ops	Exhibits
Key Contacts	Schedules	Discounts	Product Specials	World Bowls	Opening & Closing Ceremonies	Plus Much More

Here is just a sample of what you will see:

- ⇒ All Bowlers will receive (1) Taylor Bowls Tournament Shirt as part of their event fee.
- ⇒ The Historical Society of Sarasota is hosting a Lawn Bowling Historical Exhibit and cocktail party.
- ⇒ SRQ magazine will be doing a spread on the US Open and all players will have a photo in the magazine. Watch for announcements
- ⇒ Sean O'Brien Head grounds keeper for the Ritz Carlton Golf Course and Polo Club joins the US Open as the official Advisor to the Greens.
- ⇒ The US Open will be hosting a Sports and fitness in the Exhibit Hall.
- ⇒ The Bowls USA coaches Clinic will take place the Nov. 9-10
- ⇒ Women's competition will be expanded
- ⇒ Choose from a variety of hotels at special discounted prices.



Lakeland, FL

Two of our winter Florida Lawn Bowlers, Lena Cameron and Patti Granville of Nova Scotia won the Nova Scotia Provincial Pairs Champions Saturday July 30th to enable them to represent Nova Scotia in the 2017 Canadian Lawn Bowling Championships in British Columbia! Lena plays in the Lakeland club during the winter months and Patti likewise in the winter months, bowls in The Villages Lawn Bowls Club. We wish them good luck next year.

Lena Cameron and Patti Granville



Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Club

Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Club held two open houses in the beginning of the season. The first was on Sunday May 29th, from 11-3 PM and the second was on Friday June 10th, from 5-9 PM. We had 10 participants attend on Sunday and 30 who attended on Friday. We have one new member who signed up and are waiting on another 4 who are making up their minds.

On Thursday nights as you approach the club house, it sounds like a party is going on. No, it's the men, women and children who are participating in the Lake Park social league. It is definitely a family event and they are grilling, having snacks, socializing, and even bowling. What a good time they are all having. According to Crandall Hays the organizer and guiding mentor of the group, we have 11 teams, each with at least 8 members for a total of 88 participants. From what you see and hear, they are having a great time and enjoying the bowling and camaraderie.

Blind Pairs & Potlicker

Milwaukee Lake Park's first bowling event of the season is the **Blind Pairs**. According to our event director this year had 16 entrants.

The winning team was Jim Grzybowski and Jerry Mathwig, defeating Crandall Hays and Min Waite. After the winning team each player was ranked according to wins and plus points: Crandall finished third, Min fourth, Brian Schieble fifth and Carl Landgren sixth.

The **Potlicker** was won by Bob Schneider and Rob Behncke.

Our first Saturday Morning Bowls event was attended by 10 bowlers and everyone enjoyed breakfast and a morning of bowling. This will be a monthly event and the next ones will be the last Saturdays of July and August. Once the word gets out we are expecting many more bowlers attending. It was specifically set up for bowlers who only wanted to bowl a limited number of ends, and at the same time enjoy socializing with their fellow bowlers. All levels are welcome and teams are set up the morning of the event.

The Central Open

Our Central Events are all Co-ed

First Place--Rob Behncke and Brian Schieble
Second-Carl Landgren and Mark Mathwig
Third-Bob Schneider and Leif Andresen
Fourth-Anna Witt and Rebecca Nyguen

You may be wondering why there is a New Zealand flag in one of the pictures. There is a couple from New Zealand that visits Milwaukee during the Open Pairs Tournament and they always participate.



Brian Schieble & Rob Behncke





Bowling in the AZ Heat



Sharon Perry

Bob Birkinshaw and Dee McSparran on the greens early of a morning. Hiding in whatever shade could be found were Alice Birkinshaw and Ron Rollick. While night bowling is certainly an option, it can still be in the high 90's and 100's at 9pm.

Organized bowling in sunny AZ came to a screeching halt when hot weather came to town. "Snowbirds" – those lucky devils, left in April and May. June brought some record heat. In summer, local bowling usually starts at 6:30am to 7am at the latest. Games are usually finished by 9:30am. Then it's off to the pool or other air conditioned refuges.

Bowling at the Fairway green complex in Sun City June 19th early afternoon was a toasty 114*..but..it is a very dry heat so we hardly noticed. We bowl daily..7 days a week.

Hotels for the National Championships

Days Inn - Surprise
12477 W Bell Rd, Surprise AZ 85374
(623) 933-4000

<http://www.daysinn.com/hotels/arizona/surprise/days-inn-and-suites-surprise/hotel-overview?>

Quality Inn - Surprise
16741 Greasewood, Surprise AZ 85374
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<https://www.choicehotels.com/arizona/surprise/quality-inn-hotels/az118>

Sun River Lawn Bowls Club, St. George, Utah

The Only Lawn Bowling Greens in Utah

There has been a lot of rolling on our greens since May. Not from our bowls but from equipment working on the green. Any former participants in the Huntsman World Senior Games held in Saint George every October know that the last couple of years our greens have not been in good condition. I have good news to report this year.

Our board has worked hard with our Homeowners Association and work on the perimeter began in January. We managed a few games and one tournament before the greens were closed again in May to begin refurbishing them. We expect to be back bowling in early August.

Our members are looking forward to showing off our greens in October for the Senior Games and are anxious to see our lawn bowls rolling again. Come visit us and join the fun in October.



Huntsman World Games

This is an update on our Sun River, St George lawn bowling green for the Games in October.

We have removed all the old bumps, holes and hills by removing all the existing grass completely and replaced it with desert sod. The grounds were laser leveled, compacted and rolled before and after the sod was installed. We are in the final sanding and leveling process now and we will be rolling in about two weeks. The next three months will perfect the grounds. It will be 100% better than last year.

We will be having Singles (mens and womens), mixed Pairs and Triples

Don't forget that the registration will increase \$10 August 1st and will be cut off September 1st. Registration is now \$79 and each event is \$5.

For full info on the Huntsman World Games go to: www.seniorgames.net or call 800-562-1268.

There are about 33 different venues/sports for the two weeks of games-check it out.

Wayne Connors, Director of Huntsman World Senior Games- Lawn Bowls 541-331-6979
wconnors@gmail.com



Preparing for the Bowls USA National Championships in Sun City West, AZ

Several of us here for the summer are busy in preparation for the 2016 U.S. Nationals to be held October 25 – 29th at Johnson Lawn Bowls Club in Sun City West, AZ. The greens have been laser leveled and sanded. Still much too early to be played on, but progress so far is very good and we are expecting that greens will be running in the 14 – 15 second range for the tournament. In recent past seasons, Johnson has been clocked at 16 – 17 seconds.

Conducting a tournament of this size is not an inexpensive proposition. Divisions, clubs or even individuals that wish to help sponsor this National Competition, your financial help would be most appreciated. All sponsors (Divisions, clubs, or individuals) will be recognized in the Program Guide. If interested, contact George Ralston Jr @ gralstonjr@gmail.com or Bill Wilkinson @ billalice@aol.com or Ron Rollick @ dbsgnrnkegler63@outlook.com

Raffle tickets are also being sold for \$2 each. There will be several cash prizes, along with different merchandise such as a set of bowls, bags, accessories, etc. Attendance not required at drawing to win. If interested in tickets, please send check in the name of: **SCD – US Nationals** c/o Ron Rollick 20418 N Kino Dr Surprise, AZ 85374 (dbsgnrnkegler63@outlook.com) Tickets will be mailed back to you.

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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	Anna Witt – Skip Milwaukee Lake Park, MN Rebecca Nguyen – Lead Milwaukee Lake Park, MN	August 13 th and 14 th	Bob Schneider – Skip Milwaukee Lake Park, MN Rob Behncke – Lead Milwaukee Lake Park, MN
Northeast	August 27 th – 29 th	Frances Shen – Skip Essex County, NJ Veronica Sum – Lead Essex County, NJ	August 27 th – 29 th	Patrick Duffy – Skip Essex County, NJ Burl Roller – Lead Essex County, NJ
Northwest	August 27 th – 31 st	Nancy Nishikawa – Skip Jefferson Park, WA Amy Alesio – Lead Jefferson Park, WA	August 27 th – 31 st	Jeff Covell – Skip Jefferson Park, WA Todd Wagers – Lead Jefferson Park, WA
PIMD	Pauline de Assis Rossmoor, CA	Ginger Harris - Skip Palo Alto, CA Janice Bell – Lead Oakland, CA	Nick Christensen San Jose, CA	Marcus Zeino – Skip San Francisco, CA Bill Lee – Lead Rossmoor, CA
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 Bill 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 ****	Margi Rambo Santa Anita, CA	Kottia Spangler – Skip Riverside, CA Dee McSparran – Lead Sun City, CA	Robert Busciglio Long Beach, CA	Steve Smith – Skip Coronado, CA Bill Brault – Lead San Diego, CA
Southwest ////	Rosa Baer Laguna Woods, CA	Eva Lee – Skip Laguna Woods, CA Candy DeFazio – Lead Long Beach, CA	Scott Roberts Laguna Beach, CA	Jim Olson – Skip Coronado, CA Ed Quo – Lead Laguna Woods, CA

Congratulations!



The Portland LBC Continues Its Community Outreach

In July the Portland LBC hosted a group of ladies from the Pioneer Adult Community Center in Oregon City, Oregon, to learn the basics of lawn bowling.

We gathered in the clubhouse where Ernie Carlson gave a brief lecture on the history of the sport, explained the fundamentals, and discussed safety issues. Then we all headed for the green, where Ernie and Mark Lambert demonstrated the grip, stance, and delivery.

After a few practice bowls, we divided the ladies into teams and commenced play. You can see from the smiles that we all had a lot of fun!



Ladies from Pioneer Adult Community Center



Ernie Carlson Teaching Bowling Basics



Oakland Lawn Bowling Club Hosts Fiesta

The Oakland Lawn Bowling Club (OLBC) hosted the Paul Edlund Memorial Tournament & Fiesta with a mix and match triples draw game on Sunday, June 26th under perfect weather conditions.

El Paiso Restaurant grilled Mexican tacos, burritos and quesadillas made to order on the clubhouse patio. PIMD members from the Berkeley and Palo Alto clubs joined in the fun.

The Paul Edlund Memorial Tournament was first played in 2002 in honor of a past president and was resurrected last year (having last been played in 2008). Rebranded as a Fiesta, this annual event brings in families for social bowling along with the tournament and tasty Mexican grill. Two years in a row we have had new members join at the Fiesta.

Paul's beloved wife, Georgia Edlund, is a spry 91 and the OLBC's oldest member. Georgia attended the Fiesta with her son and watched six teams participate in a triples draw game consisting of 12 ends of play. Georgia also generously donated cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, with the winners determined by point differential.

This years' winning team (pictured) was skipped by Ginger Harris from Palo Alto (and the current president of PIMD). Her vice was Cathy Dinnean from Berkeley, and her lead was OLBC's own Ryan Phelps. Cont.



(L-R) Ginger Harris, Ryan Phelps & Cathy Dinnean



Oakland Lawn Bowling Club Hosts Fiesta cont.

As part of celebrating its 50th year, PIMD is collecting and awarding 50 raffle prizes as PIMD events leading up to and at Closing Day. As the Fiesta was deemed a PIMD event, all members who attended were entered into the raffle!

While the tournament went on, social bowlers and the kids were rolling their own bowls on their own green. Later, the kids were treated to a piñata and the adults enjoyed post tourney refreshments and the announcement of the winning teams.



A grand time was had by all! We are delighted to have hosted another Paul Edlund Memorial Tournament & Fiesta and we plan to continue the tradition of holding the tourney the last weekend in June, so plan on joining us in 2017!

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2016 Sonoma Wine Country Senior Games

Jim Corr and Bob Schwartz of Berkeley, together with Frank Matyskiela of Palo Alto LBC, took first place in the Sonoma Wine Country Senior Games for the second year in a row. Cont.

2016 Sonoma Wine Country Senior Games



(L-R) Jim Corr, and Bob Schwartz of Berkeley, and Frank Matyskiela of Palo Alto LBC, took first place .

The games were held June 10-11, as last year, at the Oakmont Lawn Bowling Club in Santa Rosa and attracted teams from as far away as St. George, Utah and Fresno, CA as well as from around the Bay Area.

A strong contingent of Oakmont bowlers also participated—an especially pleasant feature with Oakmont now rejoining PIMD after some years' absence. For the second year in a row, this event was SOLD OUT early.

The word had spread about the FUN and friendly (yet competitive) experience from 2015. The entry requirements defined "senior" as over age 50, and drivers licenses were scrutinized at registration, just to ensure that no young 'uns sneaked in!

All enrollment fees are a source of revenue for the Council on Aging, the main organizer for the Sonoma Senior Games. Cont.



Participants in the Sonoma Wine Country Senior Games



2016 Sonoma Wine Country Senior Games

Cont.

The format differed slightly from last year, with all 16 teams participating fully on Day 2. Saturday, the top eight teams from Friday played a random draw of three 10-end games for Gold and Silver, while the bottom eight teams played off for the bronze medal.

By lunch time, three Bay Area teams had won both their morning games. The San Francisco trio won their third game quickly, but with the knowledge that the winner of the Berkeley-PA combo vs an all Palo Alto matchup would almost certainly take first place because of a superior points score.

As it turned out, after a close start, Jim, Frank, and Bob established a solid lead which Ian, Ginger, and Grace could not catch. In the bronze playoffs, a team from the Leisure Town club in Vacaville—with the delightful name of “Back Bowls Bobs and Margie” (two Roberts and one of their spouses (get it?))—came through for the medal.



As an added bonus, this year all medal winners were also presented with a bottle of 2012 Russian River Valley Reserve Zinfandel from St. Anne’s Crossing, one of Sonoma County’s high-quality vineyards. As an anonymous bowler was heard to comment drolly: “You can’t drink a medal!”

A good competitive tournament, very well organized by the Oakmont Club and Jeff Vanderheyden and Frank Gyorgy, event chairmen, and played in fine bowling weather (unlike last year when temperatures soared well into the 90s). What can be wrong with that?



The John Brown Friendship Games: Lawn Bowling Competition and Friendship at Their Very Best

by Bob Orser, President, Del Mesa Carmel Lawn Bowling Club, Carmel, CA



Who says lawn bowling competition and friendship can’t mix? Six South San Francisco Bay/Central Coast California lawn bowling clubs answer a resounding “Yes, they can!”

The 2016 John Brown Friendship Games began April 24th and ended June 15th and were held at the Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, San Jose, Santa Cruz and Del Mesa Carmel lawn bowling clubs, starting at the northernmost of the participating clubs and ending at the southernmost.

The games are named after John Brown, not the one with the famous body, but PIMD’s President in 1977 and a champion at promoting lawn bowls. Larry Collaco, President of the Sunnyvale Club, recalls: “As a member of the Sunnyvale club, John initiated friendly competition between the local clubs in the South Bay. This eventually developed into the informal draw games we now call the Friendship Games, open to all bowlers.” And for a very friendly fee of \$3. This annual event has been a fun way to meet new and old friends alike for quite some time now.

A word about this year’s weather. We experienced a rain delay between our morning and afternoon games at the opener at Palo Alto in April. At our June 1st game at the San Jose club, the mid-day temperature rose to 95 degrees. Cont.



The John Brown Friendship Games cont.

During the closing ceremonies, we huddled in the only available shade like an overheated herd of cattle under the one tree in the pasture, leading Dave Sievert, President of Santa Cruz LBC, to promise cooler weather for the last two games. True to his prediction, it was sunny and mild both on June 7th in Santa Cruz and for the final game on June 15th in Carmel. Maybe Dave has a future on the Weather Channel!

I attended my first ever Friendship Game here at our club in June of last year, just a month or two after I had taken up the sport of lawn bowling. To say the least, I found it bewildering. But this year, I participated in 5 of the 6 games, and have a whole new take on the Friendship Games and their meaning.

The open draw ensures that you will play with and meet a large number of new folks. And several host clubs use various ingenious methods to make sure that their hometown members are spread evenly amongst the rinks in play.

Participants readily offer advice and encouragement and I need all of both I can get. Larry, who is a very good bowler, is especially generous in this regard. A true gentleman, he always first asks if you would welcome his guidance.

If you attend more than one of these games, you get to see and talk with those you met before, and some of us even remember some of their names.

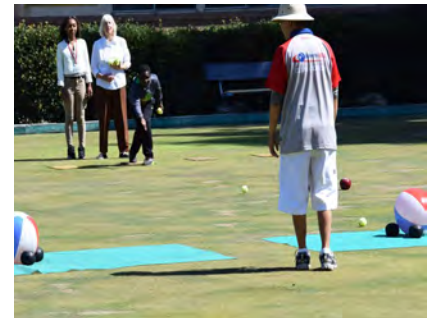
Our club was very proud to host the last game on June 15th. We utilized seven rinks on our green, so we could accommodate 42 players. Sixteen of our members participated in one or more of this year's games—with eight winning money, six for the first time in their short lawn bowling careers. Personally, I ended up "penniless," but I came away with something a lot more valuable than a few dollars. I made dozens of new friends.

To all PIMD and/or Bowls USA members who read this, come visit the beautiful Monterey Peninsula, and be sure to stop by and lawn bowl with us. We love having guests and they bring out the best in us.

And we'll show you—once again—how lawn bowling competition and friendship can truly mix.



Berkeley Partners with Local Youth Program for Bowling Fun



This summer, Berkeley LBC has joined forces with [Berkeley Youth Alternatives](#) (BYA), a local community organization that seeks to provide a secure and nurturing environment for children, youth, and their families. Through sports, counseling, educational support and other means, BYA places special emphasis on shifting "children at risk" into "individuals with potential."

BLBC has offered coaching on the basics of lawn bowling as a summer camp activity for BYA participants. Spearheaded by Erwin Vista, one of our Bowls USA-certified coaches (and a grade school teacher off the green), the weekly program puts the FUN back in the fundamentals by using tennis balls as substitutes for bowls and beach balls as substitutes for jacks! The young bowlers are first asked to select blue and gold team names, which happen to be the colors of the two sets of mats we own, as well as the colors of Berkeley. Recent examples have seen the Blue Tornadoes compete against the Golden Hurricanes. Coach Erwin begins with respect for the facility—"be keen to the green," instructing the kids to walk, not run, to their stations.

On the mat, the drills usually begin with rolling four tennis balls a relatively short distance to where our green ground mats are placed—the team that ends up with most balls on the mat, gets a point in that round, building the basic skill of rolling a limited distance. No need for driving at this level. If you think that's easy, try it someday—you'll be surprised how precise you need to be! Cont.



Berkeley Partners with Local Youth Program for Bowling Fun cont.

Other formats include placing a beach ball within a triangle of three bowls and trying to touch it with the rolled tennis ball. To make it even trickier, Coach Erwin has been known to place a few strategic bowls halfway between the mat and the beach ball as “blockers.”

If sufficient numbers of players are available, a third game is rolling the tennis ball about 20 feet to a team-mate and you only score a point if your team-mate can reach to pick up the ball without removing his/her foot from the mat. Over the course of several rounds or ends, scores are kept—with the prize for the winning team being that they get first choice of (healthy) snacks at the end of the hour. Meanwhile the losers are asked to help with tidying up, but they get snacks too.

Although this may not be “real” bowls, the program has been enthusiastically received by the youngsters and their teachers. And who knows, as Coach Erwin says, one day these youthful fledgling bowlers may look back on this summer and think: “Hey, that was fun—I wonder if there’s a lawn bowling green around here?”

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Rossmoor Holds Playdowns & More!

Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club (RLBC) had a full and busy month in June. On the last two weekends of the month, we hosted the Bowls USA Pairs Playdowns which saw four teams for the women and twelve for the men compete to represent PIMD at the National Championships at Sun City West, AZ, later this year.

Both weekends saw temperatures rise into the high 90s to low 100s, so bowlers had to somehow bear the heat as well as keep themselves hydrated. Cont.

Rossmoor Holds Playdowns & More! Cont.

In both events, tie-breaking games were needed to decide the eventual winners (see pictures)—Ginger Harris, Palo Alto LBC and Janice Bell, Fresno LBC for the Women’s Pairs, and on the men’s side, Marcus Zeino, San Francisco LBC and Bill Lee, Rossmoor. Congratulations to all! RLBC is also hosting the Women and Men’s Singles Playdowns on the last two weekends of July.



Pairs Playdown Winners (L-R) Ginger Harris & Janice Bell



Men’s Pairs Winners
Marcus Zeino is on the left, Bill Lee on the right.

Now well into the season, Rossmoor has had nine tournaments to date, not including the daily draws on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and the monthly Fun Social on the last Thursday of the month, which bowlers eagerly look forward to. The reason is, of course, a cash award at the end of the year for the top 30 bowlers’ cumulative scores. As simple idea—but it certainly brings out a large number of bowlers every month! In June, RLBC had the Women and Men’s Singles tournaments played, two tightly contested matches, with the Champions being Diana Wong and Ed Guterres, respectively. Cont.



4th of July Celebration at Rossmore LBC

Rossmoor Holds Playdowns & More! Cont.

Independence Day was another highlight event for RLBC. It was celebrated a few days before July 4th, on July 1st, because of the many activities held in Rossmoor as well as bowlers' own itinerary for the long weekend holiday.

For this patriotic event the bowlers came all decked out in their reds, whites and blues (see picture), such a beautiful sight to behold! As in previous years, it was a "guys" vs. "dolls" event, but as usual there were more men than women so the women had to borrow five men for their teams, three who volunteered and two others in a blind draw.

To our great surprise, the weather cooperated this time with lovely refreshing breezes throughout the day. In the 14-ends game, wouldn't you know, even with five men on the women's side, the men still prevailed. But it was all good since the competition was primarily for fun.

And especially since the bowlers were then treated to a delicious BBQ lunch, courtesy of Chef Ed de Assis, who busily grilled those yummy prime beef steaks to their satisfaction, rare, medium or well done, accompanied by refreshing drinks, munchies, salads, beans, etc.—now that's what celebrating is all about: good food, good friends, good weather!

And to top it all off, Chairperson, Mike Ying provided the music which blared loud and clear and brought the dancers to the floor, to the mambos, waltzes, line dances, etc.

It was indeed a great holiday celebration! We have to thank the many helpers who pitched in to make this a memorable 2016 July 4th RLBC event!

We continue to train prospective new bowlers on Mondays and Fridays and we are pleased that to date we have certified six new bowlers into RLBC's ranks, thanks to Ed and Pauline de Assis for their caring and patience in coaching. Some, as we all know, take to the sport like ducks to water while others may need lots of grooming and drilling exercises, but in the end they will almost all become good bowlers, yea!

RLBC also had an Open House in June, and we get prospective new bowlers through the Rossmoor newspapers as well as by word of mouth of neighbors and friends, the best form of marketing. Several more are expected to be upcoming bowlers as they become certified in the coming months; that's how we like it!

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PIMD President's Report

by Ginger Harris

PIMD is well in to the busiest part of our bowling season. Just TRY to find an open weekend!! We are in the midst of our National Championship playdowns (results of the Men's and Women's Pairs reported separately).

Clubs are hosting their own tournaments and social events, and the division is hosting 5 tournaments or invitationals during July and August that are open to all BUSA bowlers from other divisions.

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PIMD President's Report cont.

As we continue to celebrate our 50th anniversary, all bowlers who participate in a division event or club invitational are awarded a raffle ticket for the end of the year celebration at Novice Recognition and Closing Day in October. We have collected 50 prizes, and will be handing them out to lucky winners! A specially designed 50th anniversary commemorative pin and coin are also awarded at each PIMD tournament.

An especially welcome event this summer has been the request by Oakmont Lawn Bowling Club in Santa Rosa to rejoin PIMD after some years' absence. The vote to re-admit was unanimous. Oakmont is already familiar to many PIMD members as the lawn bowling venue for the annual Sonoma Wine Country Senior Games (see separate article). We are extremely glad to have Oakmont back in the family and trust we'll see their members at PIMD tournaments for years to come.



Alhambra Bowls Club Makes the News

News reporters have been posting articles about ABC's fight with the city of Alhambra. Here are three of the links:

[Alhambra Source, July 2016](#)

[Pasadena Star News, July 2016](#)

[Pasadena Star News, July 2016](#)

Keith Birmingham of the Pasadena Star News recently did a photo spread on the Alhambra Bowls Club and it is not only a beautiful depiction of our club, but a fantastic representation of the sport of bowls in America. Please check it out at the link below: [Pasadena Star News](#)



Alhambra Bowls Club



Many of you already know that the Alhambra Bowls Club has been fighting the city of Alhambra to remain open. The Alhambra City Council would like to use Community Development Block Grant money to build a multi-level parking structure in Almansor Park and remove lawn bowling from Alhambra in the process.

ABC has been diligently working to save our greens since we found out about the city's plans in January. Since then, ABC has joined forces with the homeowners in the area, the Emmaus Lutheran Church and School, the Alhambra Democrats, and Grassroots Alhambra to prevent the construction of a parking structure in a residential area and the destruction of our lawn bowling greens. Cont.



Alhambra Bowls Club cont.

To date, we are still unsure about the future of lawn bowling in Alhambra, but we have made some progress and remain hopeful that the City will ultimately reverse course and work with the club to enhance lawn bowling in Alhambra rather than remove the sport from the city.

To that end, much has developed since my update in the May 2016 Bowls USA Newsletter. Since then, the [Pasadena Star News](#) and *Alhambra Source* have published articles about the city's proposed [parking structure](#) and the potential [loss of lawn bowling](#) in Alhambra. In addition, a new City Manager, Mark Yokoyama, took over in May, and thus far, he seems more willing to work with the lawn bowlers to address our concerns than the previous City Manager.

ABC had a meeting with Mr. Yokoyama in June and he said that the city is currently working on new plans for Almansor Park that would include enhancements to the lawn bowling greens. He said the city is considering several potential options for lawn bowling that include but are not limited to rebuilding the current greens or building the club a new green at a different location. However, he would not provide further details and said that he could not make any promises. So, although hopeful, we remain skeptical until the city actually commits to improving the state of lawn bowling in Alhambra.

The new plans will be presented to the public at the July 25th City Council meeting, which we will all be attending. Supposedly, there will be two or three different plans presented. Thank you all for your support. We will keep you posted. Cont.

Alhambra Bowls Club cont.

We do not know if any of them will adequately address our concerns since the City has not allowed the lawn bowlers or other affected parties a voice in how the city should use the \$8,000,000 in CDBG funds it will receive.

Finally, our coalition has sent letters to county, state, and federal representatives and agencies asking for their intervention. We will continue to fight on as our coalition grows. We hope to induce some positive change in the city. Lord knows, it needs it.

Thank you all for your support. We will keep you posted.

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Coronado LBC Celebrates the 4th

Submitted by Berie Grobe



Over 400,000 people come to Coronado, California for the annual 4th of July Parade, the 68th annual and the 6th year in which the Coronado Lawn Bowling Club participated. This year, the CLBC celebrated and show-cased some of their tournament players/ winners.

The CLBC is extremely proud to be home to a number of bowlers who bowl and win on the national and international stage. These current and former winners are truly a part of the Club, not only as tournament bowlers, but as good friends who graciously bowl with the social bowlers and, from time to time, join the Club tournaments as well. Cont.



Coronado LBC Celebrates the 4th



This year's parade entry included Bill Hiscock, Bowls USA Hall of Fame, driven by CLBC President, Bob Grobe in the red car that simulates a bowling green. The next blue car featured current National Singles Men's Champion, Bill Brault and current National Women's Single Champion, Ann Nunes driven by CLBC member, Glenn Ayres, accompanied by wife, Carolyn.

The white car followed with National Champion and U.S. Open contender, Steve Smith, with wife, Melissa, and two children, Logan and Kennedy, driven by CLBC Member, Gloria Cady. An electric cart was also engaged, driven by CLBC Member, Garrett D'Aigle, with Club Members, Luisa DeMarino, Hanna Gaupmann, Maureen Sweeney, and Mary Hunt.

Vice President, Anna Paul, and CLBC Member, Ana Ybarra, carried the Club banner while CLBC Members Ken Hunt and Ed Sweeney tooted the Twilight Open Bowling banner. Cont.

Coronado LBC Celebrates the 4th

Other parade marchers, Bernie Roeder, Kelsey Lind, Berie Grobe, and Bill Killingsworth marched along waving flags and shouting to the crowds while CLBC Member, Jachin Tyrell zipped around taking photos.



The Coronado Lawn Bowling Club sees the 4th of July as one of the best ways to expose our wonderful sport to hundreds of thousands of people. Parade commentators are positioned along the 2-mile parade route and as they announced the accomplishments of our tournament VIP's, there were so many comments such as "wow that is impressive" or "I did not know that lawn bowling had national championships, a hall of fame," etc.





Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club

Submitted by Tom Seres

Our enthusiastic interclub bowling continued during the summer. On June 4, we visited our bowling friends at Oxnard, while on June 25 we drove to Santa Anita LBC for a day of competition and fun.



Bowlers from Holmby Park and Alhambra visiting Santa Anita on June 25.



Santa Monica bowlers visiting Holmby on July 9

On a beautiful Saturday morning, July 9, the friendly bowlers from our sister club, Santa Monica, visited Holmby Park and 36 Holmby members came to participate .
Cont.

Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club cont.

Six triple teams from each club competed in the morning. The matches were evenly fought, both sides winning three games.

After lunch, players from both clubs formed mixed teams selected by blind draw. This created even more relaxed (but good quality) bowling, allowing members from both clubs to chat and get to know each other better. Many novice members were also included in the matches, benefiting from the friendly competition between our clubs.



Ecton Triples - winners: Cecil Bator, Marty Bierman and Linda Lou Vose

On Sunday, July 10, a few Holmby bowlers participated in the Ecton Triples at Oxnard. It was a distinguished gathering. The field of 16 teams included nine players who were members of the past or current US National teams. By smartly focusing at the right moment and bowling consistently well during the day, eventually the trio of 'westsiders' was awarded first prize.

Indeed, it was heartwarming for us to see these bowlers doing so well at Oxnard. Marty Bierman now bowls for Santa Monica, Linda Lou is a dual member at Holmby (BHLBC/Beverly Hills) is her primary club) and Cecil is one of our best bowlers. The unifying feature of this successful trio was that all three of them learned to bowl at HPLBC. We are very proud of our instructors who guided these players in the early stages of their bowling careers and we are delighted that they combined so well in this prestigious competition.



Newport Harbor

Submitted by Ray Norris & Jimmer Wysopal

Spring League, what is it?

The Spring league was created to attract non-retirees to lawn bowling. Doug Lofstrom and I came up with the idea 5 years ago that if we started a lawn bowling league for non-members over a two-month period that some would find the league and lawn bowling so much fun that they would become members of the club. And it's worked as we now have 15 club members who have been in the league and are current members.

The League has grown to seven teams of six players each and each team has two to five as stand-by as substitutes. So if you put all the numbers together, each year through the Spring League some 61 individuals get to experience and enjoy bowls.

This year one was the 5th year for one of the teams in the league, two teams participated for their 4th year, one their second year and two teams were brand new. The teams like the league so much that they recruit new teams through word of mouth.



Newport Harbor

Final Four Championship Results

After playing seven weeks of round robin schedules, the top four teams compete for the League Championship in a final four single-elimination round.

This year Team Fireballs pulled out a great upset over the Arbor Heights LBC, champions of the prior two seasons. Fireballs, seeded 3rd, had tied the Rolling Stones in their 2nd vs. 3rd Final Four game.

To advance to the Championship round, they had the closest bowl to the jack in the tie breaker bowl-off. Meanwhile our Round Robin champs, the Arbor Heights LBC, had no problem in advancing to the Championship by winning their 1st vs. 4th game (the team Wrong Bias had to win a tie breaker in a three team bowl-off to settle the 4th seeding).

So the finals game had highly-rated Arbor Heights versus the underdog Fireballs. In a surprising upset, the Fireballs, in close games, won both sub team games to become 2016 Spring League Champions. CONGRATULATIONS! It was an exciting finish to our 2016 League.



League Spider

For the first time we ended the League with a Spider game. Afterwards, several players came up to say they really enjoyed the Spider round with 42 bowls colliding in reach of the jack. They said it was so much fun that we should have a Spider every week of league play.



Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowling Club

Submitted by Bob Smith

Independence Day Fun Event 2016

45 members and guests of the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Club got together on July 4th to celebrate the Independence Day holiday, have fun and enjoy some good food and friendships. Attire was red, white and blue or anything patriotic. To start the morning, we had a spider roll off. Doug Dow won with his bowl closest to the spider web. Also, it was Doug's birthday so he was enjoying that in addition.



Joe Brown (L) and Doug Dow

Doug is our oldest active bowling. The morning games were either doubles or triples. The winner of the triples was Joe Brown, Gary Beene and Henry Richter, while the doubles was won by Amador Martinez and Carol Smith. Regular scoring for the games was used except touchers were scored in addition. At the end of the morning games a lunch break was called.

Independence Day Fun Event 2016 cont.

We had a delicious lunch of BBQ chicken, baked beans, chile rellenos casserole, salads and dessert. Boy was it good.! The planning for our fun day was largely done by Joe and Gloria Brown. Many thanks to all those that stayed over and helped clean-up and put the club house back together.



Pairs winners: Joe Brown (center) presents to Amador Martinez (L) and Carol Smith (R).



L-R: Joe Brown, Gerry Beene, Henry Richter

Follow - up Results from Open House 2016

This is the first year our club has given a real effort at Open House. We followed an organized plan in preparing and conducting the event this year. Many of our club members got involved and there was a lot of spirit generated in reaching out to get new people interested in lawn bowling. Cont.



Follow up Results from Open House 2016

cont.

On May 7th we had 22 people actually try delivering a few bowls to see if they could do it. Of that number we had 18 sign up for lessons and to this date 16 have completed their lessons and joined the club. In addition, due to the publicity from Open House and word being passed around from some new members we continue to have people come to us asking about lessons. Due to this, there are another 8 to 10 people that we expect to start lessons soon.

Needless to say our club instructors have been kept busy, but we are not complaining. Next year we plan to once again follow this organized plan and hopefully we'll have similar results.

Bob Smith, Oxnard Joslyn LBC

San Diego LBC

Submitted (and overheard) by Melanie A Vizenor

Overheard at the San Diego Lawn Bowling Club on
June 9, 2016, around 3:30 p.m.

A Pedi-cab operator was going by the greens. He had a couple of ladies in his Pedi-cab and apparently he was showing them the sights of the city and found himself by the lawn bowling greens. How sweet!

As he pedaled by, this is what he said: "They bring in busloads of people from the retirement communities so they can entertain themselves for a while."

San Diego LBC cont.

What!? OMG! We really do have an image problem here in the United States. No wonder it's almost impossible to get young people to take up the sport.

Unfortunately, didn't get the name of the Pedi-cab company; otherwise, a quick letter to them would be in order. Just like the club did when the Balboa Park bus tour driver was overheard saying it was a sport for old people. Trust me, that was taken care of right away!

Friendly Valley Lawn Bowls Club

Submitted by Jack Quinn

Drake's Pride Bowling Arm

(Jack Quinn FVLBC – Photos by Jack Quinn)

The Friendly Valley Lawn Bowls Club has purchased two bowling arms produced by *Drake's Pride*. These arms have become a popular aid for those individuals who would either like to continue or start bowling but who have difficulty because of ailments, such as painful ankles, knees, and hips; and neck and spinal inflexibility.

Shown in the following photos. The first one shows BowlsUSA Coach Roy McAree demonstrating the use of the device. It may be seen in the upper left quadrant that the jaws of the device are open in the relaxed state.

By squeezing the two handles together, the jaws close to grasp the bowl. It is relatively simple to manipulate in that respect. After gripping a bowl with the jaws and checking the bowl orientation, one makes a few swings back and forth, and then releases the bowl by relaxing their grip on the upper handle.

Cont.



Coach Roy McAree demonstrating the use of the device.

It will take some practice, of course. Most of the few of us who were willing to try it in front of the crowd of about twenty spectators were at least successful in rolling the bowl several meters, but not necessarily along the intended line. One bowler (not me) did exceptionally well on his second attempt, and rolled it a great distance along the intended line.

Friendly Valley Memorial Day Parade

The Friendly Valley retirement community has had a Memorial Day parade for several years. It was formerly sponsored by the FV Veterans Club but now has a different committee of volunteers. The Veterans Club still conducts the closing ceremony after the parade, which is a memorial service for departed veterans of FV. A roll call of the dead is called, and sadly but inevitably, the list continues to grow.

Various community clubs and many individuals from Friendly Valley participate in the parade. A local high school marching band always participates, as does a local classic auto club. Our lawn bowls club members were quite active in the parade this year, as may be seen in the attached collage.



Coach Roy leading an introductory practice session with the bowling arm device for other members of our club. The trick is to do the release smoothly, along the shot line, without lobbing the bowl. Cont.



Friendly Valley
Memorial Day Parade
30 May 2016
FVLBC did participate.
(Photos by Judy Brothers)



Friendly Valley LBC Memorial Day Picnic

It has been the custom of our club to have a spring picnic on Memorial Day, following the parade and Veteran's service. The club provides fried chicken, but otherwise, it is a pot-luck affair. There were many delicious salads and other side dishes. It was nice under the shade of the large oak tree; but too hot on the green to bowl later. A few snapshots of the party are shown in the collage below.



Southwest Tournament Results

Ralph Ecton Triples, Oxnard LBC, July 10

1st: Marty Bierman, Cecil Bator, Linda Lou Voss

2nd: Scott Roberts, Linda Roberts, Corey Voss

3rd: Phil Dunn, Kay Tong, Grant Shear

Pat Gonzales Mixed Aussie Pairs

Long Beach LBD, July 9

STARS:

1st: Margi Rambo/Marino Tudor

2nd: Anne Nunes/ Bill Brault

3rd: Tony Baer/ Candy DeFazio

STRIPES

1st: Robert Alessi/ Diana Wenzel

2nd: Brenda Head/ Tony Head

3rd: Victor Green/ Doreen Mayo

SWWD Singles Playdowns Results

Stars:

1. Margi Rambo

2. Patricia Cronshaw

3. Kim Heiser

Stripes:

1. Rosa Baer

2. Carol Poto

3. Joanne Hedgespeth

Men's Pairs Playdowns Results

Stars:

1. Steve Smith/ Bill Brault

2. Grant Shear/Barry Hayes

3. Brian Stewart/ Don Stewart

Stripes:

1. Jim Olson/Ed Quo

2. Charlie Herbert/Aaron Zangl

3. James Flowers/Corey Vose

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GBC provided support funds
to Kottia Spangler, Dee McSparran, Ron Rollick and Peter Ritchie
for the Dutch Open competition held in Holland in May.

GBC will provide support funds
to Anne Nunes and Bill Brault to represent Bowls USA
in the World Singles Champion of Champions competition
held in Australia in November.

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Super Shots Club

The Most Shots Possible

Below is a collection of photos of our Super Shot members that have made a score of 9 in a Triples game, or an 8 in either a Pairs or Rinks game. This is a NEW feature of the Super Shots Club. If your team scores an 8 or 9 take moment, snap a team picture and e-mail the image to the Super Shots Director. All the details are included on the latest Super Shots claim form.



A collection of photos from the 2nd Quarter of 2016.

Marcus Zeino and partner Jonathan Hegranes scored their "8" in San Francisco LBC's Men's Championship Pairs Tournament. 4/23/16



Barb Smith and Dean Sasek got their "8" Pill Bowling at Mount Dora LBC in Florida.

June Eva Paciga and Larry Hanks had their perfect "8" in the Morning Bowls - Jitneys at the Clearwater LBC in Florida.



Bob Smith on the left, Denny Ryan and Doris Sneddon in their "whites" looking sharp, after their Perfect "9" at Oxnard-Joslyn LBC in California. Doris smiling at the scoreboard after the game.

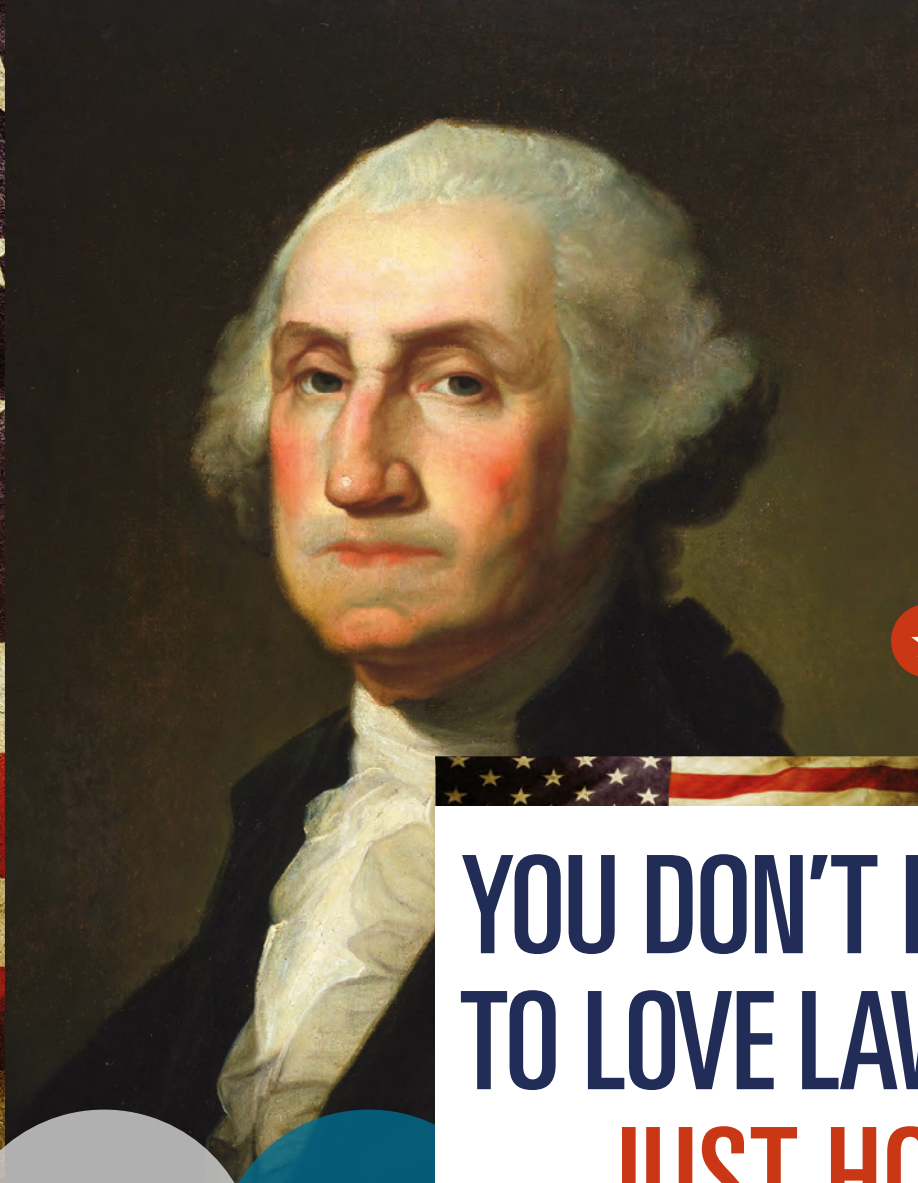


Oxnard-Joslyn LBC's Mixed Triples Tournament had a Perfect "9" scored by Ken Roth (on the left) along with Jerry Heidebrecht and Skipper Sandra Adame.



A collection of camera shy "Big Scorers" from the 2nd Quarter

- Norm Tiernan & Rod Arriaga of San Francisco LBC, SF Men's Championship Pairs 4/23/16
- Myra Wood, Anna Witt, Michelle Arculli & Alice Birkinshaw at Newport Harbor LBC 4/30/16
- Betsy Gill & Ron Maurice at Coronado LBC 6/14/16
- B. Carpenter, S. Weaver & Lou Cohen at Santa Ana LBC, Coast League 6/17/16



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