



BowlsUSA

Newsletter

October/November 2016

Bowls USA National Championships

Bowls USA 2016 National Championships were held on October 25-29 at Johnson Lawn Bowling Club in Sun City West, Arizona. Six bowlers from each division, three men and three women, competed in singles and pairs competitions. Ian Camp of CS Trading LLC, was the sponsor. Below are the 2016 winners.



Women's Singles
Champion
Margi Rambo
Southwest Division



Men's Singles
Champion
Scott Roberts
Southwest Division



Pairs Champions **Dee McSparran & Kottia Spangler**
Southwest Division



Pairs Champions **Steve Smith & Bill Brault**
Southwest Division



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Sunshine, Cacti, Great Greens plus friends old and new, all add up to

BOWLS USA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016.

Many thanks go to the committee and members of Johnson Lawn Bowling Club for a great championship, great hospitality and *great weather*.

CS Trading LLC along with its UK principals **DENNIS & SISIS**, were once again pleased to be the major sponsor for this tournament.

Everyone who attended witnessed some excellent bowling with tied and very close scoring games. Congratulations to all the participants and in particular to the winners.

CS Trading LLC held a prize draw for a DENNIS Bray Hand Seed Slotter

and the winner was, **Bill Lee of Rossmoor LBC!**

Congratulations to Bill and we hope to photos of the grounds crew at Rossmoor using the tool.

We now look forward to developing our relationship with **BOWLS USA** and helping in anyway we can to grow the sport, so watch this space we may be visiting a club near you!

Johnson LBC was very kind in that they allowed two very "green" beginners loose on their green. Guy (DENNIS UK) & I enjoyed bowling a few ends under the tutelage of Rodger (The Pirate). We also thank Rodger for taking so many great photos

We anticipate, all things being equal, to being with you again at the 2017 championships.

If you or your club feel we can help in anyway, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail us.

If your club is in the market for a new mower, even if the parks and rec or the local golf course do the maintenance, please let us know we are happy to work with them.

All the best to you all

Sue, Guy and Ian

You would expect me to mention the weather, after all I am an ex pat Brit!



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Pauline DeAssis, Ginger Harris, Janice Bell, Nick Christensen, Marcus Zeino, Bill Lee



Michele Arculli, Frances Shen, Veronica Sum, Sven (Dan) Berg, Patrick Duffy, Burl Roller



Nita Chambers, Nancy Nishikawa, Amy Alesio, Chris Davis, Jeff Covell, Todd Wagers



Sandy Wall, Christine Garbett, Jackie Williamson, Bud Ricucci, Steve Nelson, Jon Peele



Stars: Margi Rambo, Kottia Spangler, Dee McSparran, Scott Roberts, Steve Smith, Bill Brault



Stripes: Rosa Baer, Eva Lee, Candy DeFazio, Robert Busciglio, Jim Olson, Ed Quo

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2016 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

OCT 25-29, SUN CITY WEST, AZ

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Sponsorship & Advertising Opportunities

Johnson Lawn Bowls Club and the City of SC West are pleased to be hosting the Bowls USA 2016 United States National Championships. This prestigious event will be held at the Johnson Bowls Club from October 25 – October 29, 2016. The bowlers come from all over the United States and stay in the area for 7-10 days. While in Sun City West, the bowlers will stay in the hotels, eat and drink in the nearby restaurants and bars, and shop in many stores.

This is an excellent advertising opportunity for your business.

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Merchants can donate a gift item for our raffle instead of running an ad

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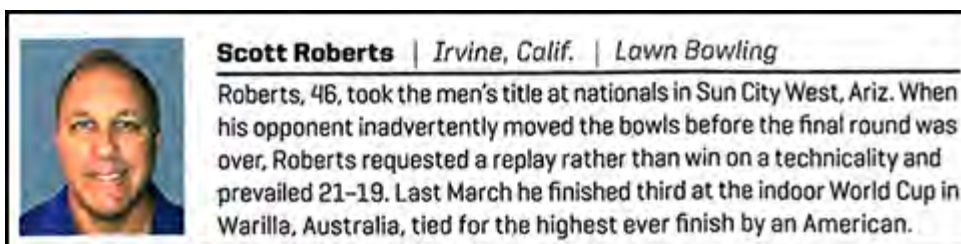
Looking Ahead....

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.

On the News....

Congratulations Scott Roberts!

Sports Illustrated Magazine recognized **Scott Roberts** in its November 21st issue:



The World Singles Champion of Champions

The World Singes Champion of Champions was held November 14-20, 2016 in Queensland, Australia. The U.S. was represented by 2015 National Championship Singles winners **Anne Nunes** and **Bill Brault**.

Happening Now....



World Bowls Championships are going on now at Christ Church, New Zealand, November 29-December 11. This event is only held every four years and considered the Olympics of lawn bowling. You can follow their progress on Scott Robert's blog here: [2016 World Bowls Blog](#)

Team USA Back Row, Left to Right:

James Flower (SW), Phil Dunn (SW), Aaron Zangl, (SW)
Scott Roberts (SW), Charlie Herbert (SW)

Front Row, Left to Right:

Kim Heiser (SW), Michele Arculli (NE), Candy DeFazio (SW),
Janice Bell (NW), Anne Nunes (SW)



And the Winner is....

Congratulations to Russ Leonard from Jefferson Park LBC (Seattle) for his winning slogan for the new Bowls USA website. His winning slogan was announced at the US Open.

"Discover Your Sport... Lawn Bowls"

What About....

What about those Bowl USA Emails?!

So, you got an email that looked like it was from Bowls USA but maybe it was an advertiser, what to do?

Read it? Unsubscribe? Trash it?

Well here's some information that might make that easier to sort out.

Email from Bowls USA will have in the heading: **Bowls USA <news@bowlsusa.us>**

It may be an announcement, a notice, a request, or a news-letter but it only comes from one source, *Bowls USA*. Your membership information is private and will never be shared.

So, read them or trash them but **don't unsubscribe**.

If you unsubscribe you will lose the newsletters and announcements and all the rest, so be careful.

If you unsubscribe by mistake, go to the **Newsletter** section of the website and sign up again.

Pam Edwards

Bowls USA Grants

To all Bowls USA Grantees for 2016

Please email grants@bowlsusa.us with a follow-up report on the success of the project that was funded by one of our grants this year.

Please include pictures if possible. This report is due on December 15th, 2016.

Failure to comply with this report request will mean that your club will not be eligible for grant funding in 2017. Looking forward to hearing all your wonderful news.

2016 Grant Committee

Women's Camp

On February 17th, Friday and 18th, Saturday, 2017, the Women's Developmental Camp will be held at Sun City West. It starts at 9:00 am and finishes at 4:30 pm.

This year we will be featuring position play with case studies, responsibilities of that position and drills to improve your delivery skills. Also included is our Survivor and Don't cross the Line game.

Registration is \$50 and a member of Bowls USA. Any questions, please contact Jackie Tucker or Jan Hargraves. tuckerjackie@icloud.com or mavericktj@roadrunner.com Checks should be made out to Bowls USA.

We look forward to seeing many of you back again. Good bowling!

Jackie Tucker

PBA Coming to SoCal

The Professional Bowls Association (PBA) is coming to California and invites you to join. The three singles tournaments and one pairs will be held April 1-6, 2017, at Laguna Woods. Please contact Frank Souza at frslb1up@cox.net to join in the fun.

The PBA presents an opportunity to play in a World Championship against the best players in the World.

Olympics?

World Bowls Applies for IOC Recognition
World Bowls seeks International Olympic Committee recognition of the sport of Bowls.

[Read about it here.](#)



President's Awards

The Bowls USA Board has awarded the President's Award to the following recipients:

Jackie Tucker

In grateful recognition for her instrumental role and continued involvement in **Bowls USA Coaching Program** and for initiating and presenting the *Annual Skills Camps* in the *South Central Division*.

Veronica Sum

In grateful recognition for her instrumental role and attention to the establishment of our new **Bowls USA website**.

Jim Smeanek

In grateful recognition of outstanding support as **Webmaster of Bowls USA** and for making a significant contribution to the organization.

Sean McMorris

In grateful recognition for being the driving force behind a stellar effort to save **Alhambra Bowls Club**, resulting in saving one green with the promise of multiple upgrades to the present green and clubhouse.

Pam Edwards

In grateful recognition for her instrumental role and attention to the establishment of our new **Bowls USA Website**

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Team USA 2016 Medalists in Gold, Silver & Bronze

By Kottia Spangler

If you've ever wondered what your support for Team USA is doing, or how does it benefit our sport to support Team USA, look no further!

2016 has been an exciting year with medals in three international events, and the team is still vying for more medals at World Bowls right now! The quest is on to add to our resume!

Your support enables BowlsUSA to send the players overseas with uniforms that are stylish and reflect the professionalism of our bowlers. It allows the Golden Bias club to offer financial support for air-fare, meals, and equipment. Support from the Divisions and Clubs, and the Memorial Fund are key to ensuring the Team USA representatives are given every opportunity to be successful and put Lawn Bowls in the USA on the map.

Due to the Team's success in recent years, Team USA is now a formidable opponent at international venues. We no longer "bring up the rear". We are now in the forefront of bowls, and are looking forward to helping lawn bowls attain membership in the World Olympics.

The 2016 record begins in March at Tiger Bowls with a GOLD medal. The team of Aaron Zangle, Grant Shear, Rob Behnche, and Matt Bauchiero were a fantastic fours combination. This event was played at Hong Kong, China.

Soon after (still in March), Scott Roberts earned his BRONZE medal at the World Cup Indoor Singles at Warilla, NSW, Australia.

These efforts were followed by not one, but two SILVER medals at the Dutch Open in the Netherlands in May. First, ladies pairs Kottia Spangler and Dee McSparran. Secondly by the mixed fours team of Kottia Spangler, Dee McSparran, Ron Rollick, and Peter Ritchie.

These are just a few of the outstanding Team USA members who did well in 2016. Other members have competed in the North American Challenge, and the World Bowls. Also, last year the ladies earned a SILVER in fours at the Asia Pacific Games in New Zealand. Your support matters to all the Team USA members. Your support matters to the future of lawn bowls in the USA. Thank you.

Umpires Corner

We've all done it. We're standing in the head, take a step back, and, oops, we move a bowl. It's almost intuitive what to do: we lean over and put the bowl back where it was. Usually, it's no big deal. In fact, seldom does the other team, the non-offending team that has the right to set the bowl back to its former position, say anything more than "Oh. Just put it back where it was" or "That's close enough" and the end continues.

The above situation is very simple: it involves a bowl at rest, its displacement by a player, and its return to its former position. It's quite straightforward and easy to resolve.

Change the word "bowl" to "jack" -- uh-oh, now the offending player's eyes are wide open in disbelief, perhaps somewhat unsure about what to do, and the non-offending team's senses shift into high gear.

In the two examples above, the return of the bowl or jack to its former position is typically done without either team calling for an umpire. The players might not consult the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, either, because they know what to do. And if we're in the first few bowls of an end, the players are more relaxed; if we're in the last couple of bowls of an end, things do tighten up a bit.

So let's up the ante. The next-to-last bowl is delivered, comes to rest holding shot, and at that moment a player, excited about their team now being the holder of shot, does a little jig and displaces two bowls and the jack, changing who has shot and ... and ... and ... "UMPIRE!" cont.

All three scenarios are the same: a player displaces a bowl and/or jack at rest. It's the anxiety level that's different. But the circumstances, and here's the hard part for some players to accept, and the remedy are the same.

Section 2.3 - Bowl and Jack Displacement (see page 31). Law 37 deals with bowl displacement and Law 38 with the jack. For those without a rulebook handy, the pertinent laws say:

37 Bowl displacement

37.1 Bowl displacement by another player

37.1.4 Displacement of a bowl at rest

37.1.4.1 If a bowl at rest or a toucher in the ditch is displaced by a player and it has not disturbed the head after it is displaced, the opposing skip must put the bowl back to its former position.

37.1.4.2 If a bowl at rest or a toucher in the ditch is displaced by a player and it has disturbed the head after it is displaced, the opposing skip must put the bowl back to its former position and replace any part of the head disturbed after the displacement.

38. Jack displacement

38.1 Jack displacement by another player

38.1.3 Displacement of a jack at rest

If a jack at rest within the rink of play is displaced by a player, the opposing skip or opponent in Singles must put the jack back to its former position.

Note: the option of declaring a dead end is not available when a bowl or a jack **at rest** is displaced by a **player**. Read the above-quoted laws again. There is no option for declaring a dead end. It's black and white. There's no ambiguity. And it's probably the worst thing that could ever happen during a game where the stakes are high, it's a tight match, you're in the last end and the unthinkable happens -- you or your teammate turns a winning shot into a nightmare scenario by moving a bowl and/or bowls and the jack, leaving your opponent in the driver's seat. All you can do is watch them as they return the bowl and/or jack to its former position, which they must do.

But wait, the offending team was holding shot when the displacement occurred. So once the head is restored all will be right with the world -- or will it? That will depend on how the non-offending team replaces the head. The bowl is in their court, so to speak. And, let's face it, it is a very tough position for either team to find themselves in.

This is a good segue to rink possession. If you're the team whose bowl just came in for shot and is at rest, where are you supposed to be? If you're playing by the rules, once that bowl came to rest, you relinquished possession of the head to your opponent. So how did your little jig displace the bowls and the jack?

Melanie A Vizenor

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Around the Country



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News from Skytop, PA

We've shut down after a fun season that was highlighted by our hosting the NED Drevitch Pairs which was won by Patrick Duffy and Burl Roller.

We are now focusing on arrangements for the NED August Open which we are excited about hosting with Buck Hill.

Skytop Lodge has embraced Lawn Bowling as a unique amenity for residents and guests and seeks to become THE lawn bowling destination in the country for vacationing bowlers. It is a great place--check it out at: Skytop.com.

We have asked Skytop to offer lawn bowling specials for the Open. The Lodge has agreed to significantly reduced pricing which we will communicate to NED members soon.

We are hopeful that a number of bowlers will want to be "on campus".

We wish our fellow bowlers a great, rejuvenating winter and look forward to seeing some of you at the NED Open next August.



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Wall and Garbett take Silver in Pairs at the Nationals

Christine Garbett (Lakeland) and Sandy Wall (World Parkway) won five out of seven games in the National Championships held in Sun City West at the Johnson Lawn Bowls Club, Arizona, winning the silver in pairs.



Sandy Wall and Christine Garbett

This was Christine's fourth trip to the Nationals and Sandy's second and they were thrilled to achieve this result. The first Southeast Division team to take home a silver since 2007. All the winning teams came from the Southwest Division.

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Williamsburg Retains Trophy With Tie Against Pinehurst LBC

On September 17th and 18th, clubs from Frick Park, Pittsburgh, PA., Asheville, NC. and Williamsburg, VA. met against the Pinehurst LBC to play for the "Four Club Trophy" and associated bragging rights. On day one, Pinehurst playing a round robin against the three other clubs, won nineteen points, Williamsburg twelve, Frick Park eleven and Asheville ten.

Day two was head to head play with Pinehurst against Williamsburg for first and second place. Frick Park and Asheville played for third and fourth place.

Pinehurst came out of the gate in the first round winning two of the three matches. Williamsburg came back in the second round winning two of the three matches to declare a tie. Since Williamsburg had the last match win (back in 2014), they retained the trophy.

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Williamsburg LBC members with the "Four Club Tournament" trophy.



Williamsburg participants: Left to right: Paul Howland, Ray Nugent, Peter Hall, Team Captain Jim Halter, Sissy Hall, Charles Wynder, Club President Jack Edwards, and Ann Wuest.



Pinehurst participants Left to right: Jackie Tucker, Mary Margaret Burnette, James Lewis, Dan Delgarn, George Tucker, Steve & Teresa Erickson. Missing from picture is Tom Kees, Martha Nilsen & Dave Kenny

Southeast Division Revamps Website

WWW.SEDLAWNBOWLS.ORG has a new fresh look. Spearheaded by SED President, Beth Forbes, the website project was a work in progress over the summer months. The site now contains detailed information about all the clubs in the Division, a full calendar of scheduled events and of course, lots of useful information about the sport of lawn bowls.

Special thanks to the website committee, Garry Higgins (webmaster), Steve Nelson and Daniel Jittu.

SED at the U.S. National Championships

The U.S. National Championships was held in Sun City, Arizona on October 25-29. Christine Garbett of Lakeland and Sandy Wall from On Top of the World played in Women's Pairs, Jon Peele played in Men's Pairs with Steve Nelson from Asheville, NC and Jackie Williamson and Bud Ricucci were the Women's and Men's Singles representatives.

They won the right to go to the Championships by winning the SE Division playdowns held at our club in April. Bud compiled a 2-5 record in his fifth U.S. Championships appearance. Jackie won one game in her second appearance and Jon Peele, participating in his first Championships won two games and tied one bowling with Skip Steve Nelson from Asheville, NC.

Christine Garbett and Sandy Wall won the Silver Medal in Women's Pairs with a record of five wins, one loss and one tie. This is the highest finish of a Southeast Division team at the National Championships in recent memory. Congratulations to all six SED players.



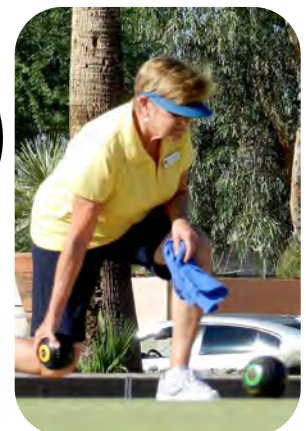
Steve Nelson



Jon Peele



Bud Ricucci



Jackie Williamson

Asheville to Get New Artificial Green

The City of Asheville has agreed to reconstruct the Carrier Park bowling green in 2017. As the green sits in a flood plain, a local engineering firm has been contracted to inspect the flood plain on which the green sets, as well as provide design and bid specifications.

Construction will be from the ground up -- excavation, drainage, and base aggregate laser-leveled to WBB specifications. The carpet supplier and installers will be selected as part of the larger bidding process. The Club has been assured that they will have input all along the way. Construction could begin in mid-March, and if all goes well, Asheville will be bowling on their new green by late in May.

Once completed Asheville is looking forward to hosting a number of tournaments, including the East Coast Challenge, Divisional Playdowns, multi-club events, as well as welcoming international visitors. A group of 60 bowlers from Australia are scheduled to come to Asheville for five days in November 2017 prior to competing in the 2017 US Open in Florida.

Asheville Bowlers Compete at National Championships

Steve Nelson and Jon Peele represented the Southeast Division in the pairs competition at the National Championship tournament in Sun City West, Arizona. Eight regional qualifiers from around the U.S. vied against one another in round robin play. Nelson/Peele competed strongly and finished with a record of two wins, one tie and four losses. Nelson joined the Asheville club in 2016. Peele holds dual membership with Asheville and Mt. Dora, Florida.



Steve Nelson and Jon Peele

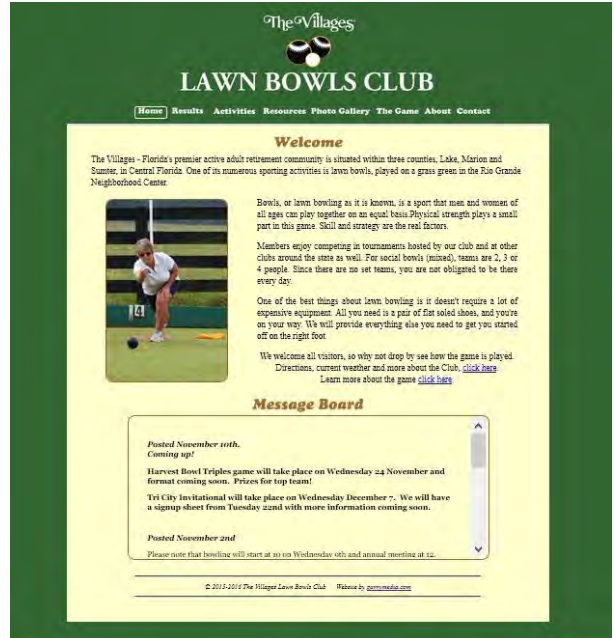
New Asheville Website

The Asheville website has been reconstructed from the ground up. Check it out at www.ashevillelawnbowlingclub.org. Come visit us. We look forward to seeing you on the green.

The Villages Lawn Bowls Club launches Website.

Since it's official formation in the spring of 2014, The Villages Lawn Bowls Club has continued to grow with a steady increase of interest in the sport. The latest enhancement to the Club is a presence on the web with www.thevillageslbc.org.

Besides a lawn bowling resource for those wanting to learn more about the game, the new Villages website increases the amount of information readily available to the members.



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2016 Karlberg Tournament



Dale Robson
Winner of the
tournament.

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This year's Karlberg tournament was very exciting. We had a new double elimination format. Going into the finals, Dave Mosely had not lost any matches and was up against Dale Robson. The first match was won by Dale by a small margin.

Since Dave had not lost previously, they had to play a second, and final match. The second match was more exciting than the first. Dave was ahead going into the tenth and final end, and had two bowls right on the jack. With his last bowl, Dale managed to hit those two bowls leaving his bowl closest to the jack, and winning 7-6.

It seems everyone enjoyed the double elimination format which provided an opportunity for more play. Congratulations to Dale and Dave for a very well played tournament.

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The Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club

The Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club ended the season with a luncheon (also thinly disguised as our Annual Meeting) at one of our favorite local restaurants. Membership this year was an all-time high of 52 ranging in age from 24 – 90. 15 of those were new members. Within 81 scheduled bowling days, there were 913 member bowling days, we hosted 164 "walk on" guests and had 10 groups booked with a total of 197 participants. We had 4 monthly tournaments, several nights that included food, and club championships for Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Doubles and Cut-Throat.

Our green is located at the Little Miami Golf Center, part of Great Parks of Hamilton County. Dean, our wonderful green's keeper, gave a State of the Green report including how he and a security guard saved our green from a lone mole. We congratulate Great Parks on a very successful levy passed on Election Day.

Choice phrases during the season are duly noted and read at the luncheon. For example, "I was bored with my lane so I thought I'd try yours" and "You're his wife – he'll give you a point". We have a rule here in Cincinnati that the losing team for the end rakes. I, Skip for the evening and about to roll my 4th bowl, was reminded by my Lead that he didn't like to rake. Not so subtle – but effective.

We're now waiting for our turn at 10 weeks of Candlepin Bowling after the New Year. A game of skill? Probably not, but it makes us long for the green grass of summer.

Happy Holidays to all. Submitted by Marty White



"Dean's Green"



Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club

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Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling

Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling had its annual meeting on Saturday Nov. 5th, and here is a list of next years elected officers and board members:

President -Rebecca Nguyen
Vice President-Michael Bennett
Secretary-Anna Witt
Treasurer- Margaret Knitter
New Board Member-Min Waite

We also elected two honorary members:
Norma Harrington and Pat Mueller

Our fall clean up day is Saturday the 12th, and that will be it for us until Spring 2017.



Milwaukee Lake Park Chili Bowl

Milwaukee Lake Park Chili Bowl 2016, was held Saturday October 8th. Sixteen members participated in our final club event and the day started with a cool 40 degrees. As the day went on the temperatures rose to 60 degrees and we all enjoyed a wonderful fall day of bowling.

Event coordinator Leif Andresen formed two teams, Chilis Rojas and Chilis Verdes. We all played pairs and singles in the morning and the same in the afternoon.

The team of Chili Verdes came out victorious and split all the winnings. Members of the winning team were Bob Schneider, Jim Grzybowski, Carl Langren, Glorianne Mather, Sue Dropp, Jeanne Kollmeyer, Jeff Carlin-Bartel and Mike Bennett.

Thanks to everyone who brought the chili, sides and desserts. Most of all thanks to Leif who was our event director.



Participants in the Milwaukee Lake Park Chili Bowl



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HOW PORTLAND LBC SPENT THE SUMMER

Under the leadership of Greens Chairman Peter Mauro, bowlers are enjoying play on a much improved green. The club has invested over \$2,000 this year on soil testing, greens aeration, seeding, top dressing, and fertilizing. We are grateful for the \$1,000 grant awarded by Bowls USA that will help continue improvements into next year.

Two barefoot bowling leagues offered fun and informal competition throughout the summer. Many thanks to Gretchen Lambert and Scott Mazariegos for coordinating the Thursday night and Sunday afternoon games. Peter Mauro was the overall winner of the Thursday games based on total points, while the Sunday team of Peter Mauro and Ernie Carlson went undefeated. Over the past few years, barefoot bowling has become a great source for generating new members.

In September eight members of the Canby Community Center visited the club. They had a great time learning about lawn bowling and enjoyed a game. Several of them displayed some real skills and showed interest in learning more.

As our bowling season winds down, we are already making plans for next spring. Be sure to visit us when you are in the Portland area.





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Lawn Bowling Club Poet Laureate? Why Not Two?

By Bob Orser

On January 22, 2016, I was "sworn in" as the new President of the Del Mesa Carmel Lawn Bowling Club in Carmel, California.

My first order of business was to introduce fellow member Gerry Sher as the new (and first in its 47-year-old history) club Poet Laureate, after which he read the first of three delightful lawn bowling poems he has composed for us this year. The Poet Laureate idea doesn't seem so strange to me. After all, lawn bowling's origins go back to jolly old England, and that country may have more famous poets (Wordsworth, Browning, Keats, etc.) per capita than any other country in the world. And even Shakespeare himself has a number of references to lawn bowls—check out Hamlet's famous "Aye, there's the rub."

Many of England's most famous poets were very colorful, and Gerry is quite a character in his own right: a former sportscaster and disc jockey at a radio station in Mississippi, recording artist agent in Boston, public relations executive at world famous Playland-by-the-Sea in San Francisco, sales and management executive at three San Francisco radio stations and one of the 16 Bozos the Clown who were entertaining in the United States in the 1980s.

Besides lawn bowling and writing poems for us, Gerry is founder of a weekly poetry and conversation group for residents here at Del Mesa. Our favorite Gerry Sher lawn bowling club poem is a slightly risqué piece entitled "Love and Lawn Bowling". Ever on his side, his wife Mary thought this poem was a bit too racy for our quiet retirement community and convinced him to "tone it down" a bit. End of story? Not!

In August and out of the blue, Ginger Andreu, a newer member of our club, produced a lovely lawn bowling poem entitled "The Name of the Game". Ginger is best described by Dennis Taylor, local journalist, who writes articles in the Carmel Pine Cone.

Ginger Andreu, a rookie from Virginia Beach, says she was a reluctant recruit at first.

"I looked it up online, read all the rules, and thought 'Ah, it's a little too British for me,'" she said, using a finger to push up the tip of her nose skyward. "But after I tried it, I was hooked."

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Poets, cont.

The Carmel Pine Cone, April 22, 2016

I was immediately confronted with a serious dilemma, possibly the most critical of my first presidential term. Should/could our club have two poet laureates? What's a president to do? As it turns out, there was no conflict at all, as Ginger came to my rescue. She sees herself as a "one poem wonder," so Gerry should never fear. End of story? Not exactly.

We'd love to hear from other lawn bowling clubs who also have a Poet Laureate and/or member poets. If so, please contact me at bob@nonprofitdoctor.com or 707-310-4857. Maybe we could publish a lawn bowling poetry book? Or organize a lawn bowling poetry slam at the next Bowls USA national championships? We're very open to other suggestions.

Love and Lawn Bowling

*We gather on a field of green in uniforms of white
A unique scene of bowlers on our lovely site
The white sphere is thrown and ready for attack
Its gender is unknown ...but we call it Jack
Bowlers bowls try to touch this hermaphrodite
Getting the point is each players delight
Unsurpassed and naked without a thought or care
Jack waits to start the tame ... and the love affair*

Gerry Sher

March, 2016

The Name of the Game

*One day as I drove by a large field of green
I happened upon a curious scene
I stopped and walked over to find people dressed in white
And I must admit it was an impressive site
There seemed to be multiple lanes with people at both ends
And I wondered how they'd ever know who wins
It was all quite confusing, people shifting and rotating around
Taking turns rolling a black ball on the ground
In the middle of each lane there was a small white ball
That seemed to have the attention of all
I hear laughing and cheering and talk of someone named Jack
Then they all walked to change sides and rolled the ball back
Some spoke in code saying bias, too heavy, and vice
And others used hand gestures, like tapping their knee twice
I started to leave and go on my way
When someone came over and convinced me to stay
Everyone gathered for conversation and good cheer
But the best part of all was the snacks, wine and beer
Ever since that day, my life has not been the same
Because "Lawn Bowling", I was told, is the name of the game*

Ginger Andreu,

August, 2016

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Poets, cont.



Gerry Sher



Ginger Andreu

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PIMD Ends 50th Anniversary Year on a High Note

By Ginger Harris, PIMD President

PIMD ended its year-long celebration of 50 years of bowling by re-naming Closing Day as *PIMD Novice Recognition and Closing Day*. This year's event was a "Super Shot" for the division! We ordered blue skies, and we got them. SFLBC did its usual superb hosting duties, welcoming 90 bowlers representing our division's ten clubs. That number, the largest in a number of years, included 16 novices who were playing in their first Closing Day, and who were playing for free that day—one way our division recognizes and supports bowlers who are just getting started playing in tournaments away from their own club events. Each novice also received a commemorative 50th anniversary division pin and a gold Mardi Gras necklace so all veterans could recognize and welcome them to our bowling community. It was exciting to see all three greens in use and bowlers enjoying a day meeting old and new friends. Balloons added to the festive atmosphere. The excitement and camaraderie was evident—people were enjoying themselves!

As the final tournament in our anniversary celebration, division members were looking forward to the drawings from our raffle ticket collection. The 1000 tickets in our birthday bucket represented 1000 members who had played in a division tournament, attended a board meeting, participated in a division coaching session, or taken on hospitality duties at one of our events this year. As bowlers headed off to the greens to play the first of their two games for the day, tickets were drawn by our division head umpire, tournament director and president and matched with one of the 54 prizes that had been donated during the year. Cash prizes, wine, candle collections, gift cards donated by several clubs, restaurant and store gift certificates, a quilt, bowling bags donated by Henselite, certificates for free entry into a 2017 tournament, gift baskets and the grand cash prize donated by our immediate past president, Peter Knopf, were a few of the prizes just waiting to be matched with a lucky winner! And a true novice, Hanna Link from the Oakland LBC, turned out to be the lucky winner of the past president's prize!

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At the end of the day, first, second and third prizes were awarded for each green for the morning and afternoon games - MORE celebration! The ceremony also included presentation of the trophy for our Novice Tournament (held earlier) to Giulia Gallo of Berkeley LBC, a bocce player who has found a whole new ball game to conquer. Then off to the sumptuous spread of delicious treats offered by the hospitality crew of SFLBC. They really outdid themselves to provide a perfect ending for a more than successful bowling year. A BIG thank you goes out to them! On to 2017!

And a reminder that all PIMD division tournaments are open to bowlers from other divisions if they are members of BowlsUSA. Our 2017 schedule will be available on our website by early January. There is lots to do, so come join us for some bowling then stick around for some other sightseeing or visiting. We WELCOME visitors to our friendly Bay Area clubs.



PIMD novices at Closing Day

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Ring the Bell for the Cable Car Classic

By David Hale, PALBC

Again this year the Palo Alto LBC and the San Francisco LBC engaged in a war for the coveted Cable Car trophy. OK, it isn't actually a war. Mostly, it's a fine day of camaraderie and friendly bowling with old pals. But with the winning club getting to hang on to the trophy for the year between battles, this tournament has an extra edge. The location alternates from one club to the other every year, each club hoping to gain some home green advantage. Given the different weather conditions and the roll of the greens, there truly is a difference between one end of the San Francisco Bay and the other. This year, Palo Alto was the host.

As bowlers arrived in the morning, they socialized over coffee, and breakfast bites or rolled a few bowls to get the feel of the green. As usual, it was a good contest, with six teams from each club ready to play mixed triples games, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Cont.

Cable Car Classic, cont.

The morning games were not all closely contested, but the end results were three wins for Palo Alto and three for San Francisco. Thus, nobody would have an advantage going into the afternoon.

After a relaxed lunch, a brown bag affair with a few extras such as potato salad, cookies, chips with guacamole, and lemonade, the teams returned to the green for the final six games. Palo Alto had a couple of new lineups with several morning bowlers dropping out to allow others to bowl in the afternoon. Maybe the change of weather, the newcomers, or whatever Palo Alto slipped into San Francisco's lunch made the difference. As it warmed up in the afternoon, and with Palo Alto players used to the heat, they out-bowled San Francisco, winning four games and tying one, for a final score of Palo Alto 7.5, San Francisco 4.5.

While the scores were tallied after the games, cheese and crackers, artichoke/cream cheese dip and salsa with chips, deli meats, chicken taquitos, and beer and wine were on offer for those contemplating the drive back to San Francisco, courtesy of the Palo Alto Hospitality Committee.

A good day of bowling set the prelude to next year's matchup in San Francisco. Meanwhile, Palo Alto proudly displays the plaque in their clubhouse!



Cable Car Classic

PIMD Novices Step Up to the Mark

By Bud Birkenseer

This year's PIMD Novice Tournament was a hotly contested affair. At the outset on Saturday, there were eight competitors—six women and two men. The format envisaged a two-day event, with the top four from Day 1 going through to a second day round robin. But with 5 of the 8 players tied for 1st Place with a 2-1 win loss record at the end of Saturday, it required a playoff match to determine who would make the cut. Carrie Chiang was able to beat Joy Guy in a close 4-end match, 5 points to 3 points. Cont

On Sunday, three of the four players, managed to end up tied for 1st Place at Carrie's expense, indicative of the quality of the actual play. Using points differential for the order of play in the playoffs put Michelle against Giulia in Match #1 (Giulia won 7 to 2), while Janee waited in the wings. In Match #2 Giulia was again able to outscore her opponent, this time beating Janee by the narrowest of margins, 4 to 3.

Congratulations to Giulia Gallo, of the Berkeley LBC, as this year's Novice Champion. Way to Go Giulia!

A strong field this year, we expect to see these players' names on top of leader boards in the future here in the PIMD



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Gallo, 2016 Novice
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Angel Rocha and Corey Vose

Winners of the SWD Vet Novice Tournament for 2016 at Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club:

Corey Vose (Beverly Hills LBC, Holmby Park LBC) Angel Rocha (Beverly Hills LBC) competed in the final against Phil Dunn and Robert Busciglio. Of note: Corey Vose won this year's tournament as the Vet and the 2015 tournament as the Novice with Scott Roberts as the Vet.

Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club

Submitted by Gary Barnes

After eighteen months of planning, a plethora of emails between the United States and Australia and countless bowls rolled, the Australian Police Championships were played at the Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club on October 21, 2016. Twenty-one Australian Police bowlers competed against a local team of bowlers made up of members of the Laguna Beach Police Department and Laguna Beach Fire Department with support from the Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club

The Australian team arrived at the club aboard a Laguna Beach Trolley. They were welcomed by Heather Stewart, President of Bowls USA and Sheila Conti, President of Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club. Then the teams were welcomed by Chief of Police, Laura Farinella and Fire Chief Jeff La Tendresse.



"The event is unique and the first time that it has ever been held in the United States," stated Sheila Conti, president of the Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club. She noted, "that lawn bowling is a national sport in Australia and the Australian police are excited to play our police and fire fighters. They are brothers in arms until the first jack is rolled out. Our local team has been practicing for months. Everyone is excited to compete against the Australians."

Seven Laguna Beach teams competed against the Australian Police Bowlers in a two bowls triples format.



The first-place team from Australia, Left to Right: Karl Van der Slys - Skip, Phil Dobie - Vice Rob Bellis – Lead Cont.

After the trophies were given out, the Australians asked for a few minutes to say thank you. To everyone's surprise they had trophies and awards of their own to give out. The first award was a framed white Henselite mat thanking Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club for commitment to lawn bowling for the past eighty-five years. The second award was a plaque thanking the Orange County First Responders for their game of bowls. Lt. Larry Brammer representing the Laguna Beach Police Department accepted an award and then it was Zack De John's turn to accept an award on behalf of the Laguna Beach Fire Department. Sheila Conti, President of the Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club was then given a team Australian Police Team shirt.



Sheila Conti accepts the framed Henselite Mat celebrating LBLBC's 85 years of bowling excellence



Zach De John accepts award on behalf of the Laguna Beach Fire Department

At the end of the day there was still time for BBQ, refreshments and spending time with each other.



Oaks North Lawn Bowls Club

Submitted by Georgie Deno

Excerpted from the Palomar Healthsource Magazine and edited by Ronald Neef

For Georgie Deno, quality of life means being active and fit. Regular participation in line dancing, power walking and her favorite, lawn bowling, has always given her great pleasure. However, when knee pain caused her to curtail and eventually stop the activities she loved, the 73-year-old Rancho Bernardo resident was not happy.

"I felt pain almost all the time and it **affected** my activities. I could no longer walk for exercise and the lateral movements in line dancing were just too painful," says Georgie. "Even though lawn bowling was uncomfortable for me, I continued doing it until I no longer could."

Various pain protocols recommended by her rheumatologist failed to offer Georgie the relief she needed to resume her activities. Upon a recommendation from a fellow lawn bowler who had recently undergone knee replacement surgery, Georgie saw Dr. Brad Cohen, M.D., Palomar Health orthopedist.

After examination and consultation, Georgie decided to have two knee replacement procedures. When people told her that she was brave to have two knee replacements, Georgie tells them it was a simple choice. "If I chose not to have the surgery, I would not be able to do the things I like to do. If I had the surgery, I would have to endure some temporary discomfort, but then I would get back to doing what I like," Georgie explains. "The decision was easy."

Deciding to have joint replacement surgery is about quality of life, says Dr. Cohen. "When your quality of life is taken away because of joint pain and you are confined to your home and not doing the things you enjoy, it's a life changer," he says.

Georgie had her first knee replacement surgery last April. Her second one followed **just 10 weeks** later.

About two months after her second knee replacement, Georgie was back on the lawn bowling court in Rancho Bernardo. Last November, she competed in a tournament that required she play three games in one day.



Winning ABC Team: L-R Back row : Tom Ly, Sean McMorris, Joe Yu, Herman Lee Front row, Fan Hung & Alan Ngo

HOLMBY PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB

Councilmember Paul Koretz, visits HPLBC.



Mr. Koretz graciously accepted our invitation and visited our club on Saturday, October 15. He carefully listened to our requests and considered cosponsoring our 90th Anniversary celebration in 2017. He also decided to present our club with a Certificate of Appreciation for being an asset to the City of Los Angeles.

At the end of his visit, he tried our sport and showed amazing ability for a beginner. In fact, he bowled with us for two hours. Then we learned that he was an accomplished 10-pin bowler.



A surprise visit from Julius Cecil (Bator)

Halloween Party at Holmby

We celebrated Halloween on Saturday, October 29. It was a partly cloudy, 70+ degrees day - perfect for bowling! We enjoyed a tasty hot dog lunch prepared by Linda and crew. 32 members came, several of them in costume. Bottles of wine as awards were presented (nominated by a three-member committee) to the following:

'Funniest' = Richard Pozil, 'Most Original' = Louise Peralta, and 'Most Handsome' = Tom Seres

Alhambra Bowls Club Wins Leiberg Trophy

ABC won the Leiberg tournament again on Monday. Two years in a row now. Alhambra competed against the Santa Anita and Pasadena clubs to determine the top club in our district. Alhambra had two triples teams,