



Monthly Newsletter

June, 2015

Fernleigh LBC, West Hartford, CT, Designated Historic Place



Fernleigh LBC, Inc., in West Hartford, CT., celebrated its 90th season on the green with an Opening Day celebration. Members were welcomed back by President Leslie Robertson.

The highlight of the day was the unveiling of the plaque designating the club's inclusion in the **Connecticut State Register of Historic Places**. This honor celebrates Fernleigh's place in Connecticut's history. The role of the club in social and recreational history of the state, as well as the architectural significance of the clubhouse and green, were factors in the application process. A tribute to the club was the rapid acceptance by the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism.



Currently, Fernleigh LBC is training almost 20 new people on the green. Two class times are offered with three sessions each. There is another enthusiastic group waiting to take classes. Last year, Fernleigh signed up 14 new members. Lights for night play helps attract working members.



Lucky Wicks

The winner for this quarter's Bowls USA Lucky Wicks drawing is:

Deb Garbe of Santa Monica LBC

Congratulations, Deb!

Last quarter's winner, Laurent Despin received a Bowls USA DVD on coaching, polish & polishing cloth and a \$5 Starbucks card.

Each quarter a Bowls USA member's name is randomly selected to win prizes. The final prize for the year is a new set of bowls!

2015

- July 11-12 Central Division Open Pairs,
Milwaukee LBC, WI
- July 25-30 Pacific Inter-Mountain Division
Open, Rossmoor LBC, CA
- August 8-9 Central Division Open Singles,
Milwaukee, LBC, WI
- August 22-27 Northeast Division Open,
Williamsburg LBC, VA
- Sept. 26– Oct. 3 US Open, Orange County & Long
Beach CA
- October 5-10 Huntsman Senior Games, St.
George, UT
- October 20-25 National Championships, Long
Beach, CA

2016

- Nov. 12-19 US Open, Sarasota LBC & Local Clubs

Resources

- [World Bowls](#) Official site of World Bowls
- [Inside Bowls](#) The official world magazine
- [Bowls USA](#) Official site of Bowls USA
- [US Open](#) Official site of U.S. Open of Lawn Bowls
- [Golden Bias](#) Official site of the Golden Bias Club
- [PBA](#) Official site of Professional Bowlers Association



Got Questions.....

About Bowls USA?

You can find the Bowls USA officers and councilors that represent the different divisions on the [Bowls USA](#) website on this page: [About Bowls USA](#).

Contact your division councilor with any questions or concerns you may have.

Golden Bias Club

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

Support TEAM USA

Golden Bias Club



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

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

Umpire's Corner

By E.B. Parkell

“Well, I declare...”

What I am writing about this month is one of the mistakes or faux pas that players sometimes make. Newer players, who may be unaware of the law pertaining to declaring, most often make this mistake.

I've seen many singles games this past year, either as a marker, opposing player or a spectator. As such, I've seen many games go to the opponent of someone who *should have declared* their last bowl. Instead, the player rolled their last bowl and either moved the jack or promoted the opponent's bowl to give them the point. In at least two of the games, that last bowl gave the opponents the win. In one case, it gave the opponent the tournament.

I'm not immune to doing that myself. In the 2009 National Senior Games, my pair's partner and I were four points ahead of our opponents, which happened to be a strong team from another PIMD club.

With only two or three ends to go, we were holding five points when I stepped onto the mat to roll my last bowl. My partner, Linda, surveyed the head and told me we were holding five and that perhaps we should declare.

Since my first three bowls had gone right to the jack, I stubbornly said, “No, I'm going to try it.” Duh!!! Big mistake. I came in too heavy and gave them at least three shots. Guess who doesn't do that any more! That mistake eventually gave them the game and they went on to earn the gold medal, while we ended up with the silver.

After a tournament is over, I will often ask the player if they knew that they could have ‘declared’ instead of taking a chance on giving a shot away. Most of the time they say they didn't know that. On some occasions they state that they thought they could have made the shot safely. (Sounds like me in 2009, doesn't it???)

LAW 42 DELIVERING THE FINAL BOWL OF AN END

It is not compulsory for the last player to play in any end to deliver the final bowl of the end, but the player should tell the opposing skip or opponent in singles of the decision not to deliver the final bowl before the process of deciding the number of shots scored starts (as described in Law 40.1). This decision is final.

I like this rule because you can save your game and not have to take a chance on giving points away. Long live Law 42.



E.B. Parkell Wins at
Senior Games!

Submitted by David Hale



E.B. Parkell, Double Gold Medal Winner!

Palo Alto LBC dual member and PIMD Head Umpire, E.B. Parkell, won the gold medal in archery at the recent Bay Area Senior Games. She followed that up a couple of weeks later with a gold medal in the Pasadena Senior Games.

E.B. said, “Archery is like lawn bowling, in that, you have good days and bad days and never know which you are going to have at any time.” She seems to be having some pretty good days.

She first took up archery about 20 years ago but didn't have the time to pursue it. She watched some the competition at the National Senior Games when they were held at Stanford University in 2009. That experience renewed her interest in archery although she didn't start again until three years ago.

E.B. used a modern compound bow in the competitions. Although she has a more traditional recurve bow, she likes the technical advantages, or as she says, “bells and whistles” of the compound bow and is more accurate with it.





National Championships

Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club

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2015 National Championships Players

The Competition Includes 16 Single Players and 32 Pairs Players
Winners will be listed as their Division Play-Downs conclude.

DIVISION	WOMEN'S SINGLES	WOMEN'S PAIRS	MEN'S SINGLES	MEN'S PAIRS
Central	August 15 th – 16 th	July 18 th & 19th	August 15 th – 16 th	July 18 th & 19th
Northeast		Frances Shen – Skip Essex, NJ Veronica Sum- Lead Essex, NJ		Partick Duffy – Skip Essex, NJ Burl Roller- Lead Essex, NJ
Northwest	August 22 nd – 29th	July 25 th – 29th	August 22 nd – 29th	July 25 th – 29th
PIMD	July 18 th & 19th	Ginger Harris– Skip Palo Alto, CA Ann Brillhart- Lead Berkley, CA	July 11 th & 12 th , 18 th & 19th	Tom Burnoski – Skip San Jose, CA Daniel Gorelick San Francisco, CA
South Central	Regina Banares Sun City, AZ	Myra Wood – Skip Sun City, AZ Lorraine Hitchcock – Lead Sun City, AZ	Ron Rollick Sun City Grand, AZ	Rodger Green – Skip Sun City, AZ Grant Summers – Lead Sun City, AZ
Southeast	Sandy Wall World Parkway, FL	Jackie Williamson – Skip Mount Dora, FL Christine Garbett – Lead The Villages, FL	Bud Ricucci Mount Dora, FL	Al Pellicio – Skip Sarasota, FL Daniel Jittu – Lead Sarasota, FL
Southwest ****	July 11 th & 12 th , 18 th & 19th	Dee McSparran – Skip Long Beach, CA Candy DeFazio – Lead Long Beach, CA	Bill Brault San Diego, CA	July 11 th & 12 th , 18 th & 19th
South-west ////	July 11 th & 12 th , 18 th & 19th	Patricia Cronshaw – Skip MacKenzie Park, CA Hildegard Kennedy– Lead MacKenzie Park, CA	Mert Isaacman Newport Beach, CA	July 11 th & 12 th , 18 th & 19th

Around the Country

Northeast

Skip Arculli Pairs Held at Essex County LBC

Submitted by Richard Sayer



Skip Arculli bowling in his namesake tournament

The **Skip Arculli Pairs** kicked off the bowling season for the Northeast Division. Held in Essex County LBC, Bloomfield, NJ, the legendary Skip even bowled a couple of games, winning both.

The tournament was won by the powerhouse team of Patrick Duffy and Dunky Farrell. They won in a rain-out that resulted in no playoffs or tie-breakers needed to decide.

Burl and Barb Roller were also undefeated. Last years' winners, Colin Smith and Bob Patterson took fourth.



Northeast

Skip Arculli Pairs Held at Essex County LBC



Northeast

Opening Day at Williamsburg Inn LBC

Williamsburg, Virginia

Submitted by Clyde Haulman



Following a wonderful opening day, the Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club held its first two tournaments of the year in April. Lew LeCompte and Bill Bryant won the Kick-Off Pairs and Brac Bracalente won the Handicap Singles.

Contributing in a small way to sports tourism in Williamsburg, the Williamsburg Invitational Lawn Bowling Tournament was held in May. Hosted by the Williamsburg Inn LB Club, teams from the Frick Park LB Club in Pittsburgh, the Asheville LB Club and the Pinehurst LB Club also competed. Williamsburg defeated Pinehurst to win the championship and Asheville defeated Frick Park for third place.

In August, the Williamsburg Club looks forward to hosting the Northeast Singles Playdowns (August 8-10) and the Northeast Open Tournament (August 22-27). During the Open, a social will be held for all participants on Monday August 24 from 6-9PM at the Williamsburg Community Building. Make your plans now to be in Williamsburg in August.

The Club greatly appreciates the support of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The management of the Williamsburg Inn encourages guest to visit the green which is maintained by the terrific greens keepers of the Golden Horseshoe Golf Course.

A Williamsburg Club member keeps the green each afternoon 3-6PM to welcome visitors and help those who would like to bowl. If you are visiting the Williamsburg area, please stop by to say hello and to bowl with us. The green is located in a lovely setting behind the Williamsburg Inn in downtown Williamsburg.

Northeast

Opening Day at Williamsburg Inn LBC

Williamsburg, Virginia



Winners: (L-R) Brac Bracalente winner of the Handicap Singles. Lew LeCompte and Bill Bryant winners of the



In Memorial

On a sad note, soon after participating in the Williamsburg Invitational, we learned of the tragic deaths of Linda and Jay Alprin of the Pinehurst Club. Members of the Williamsburg club send our condolences to their family and friends.

The lawn bowling community is diminished by their loss.

Northeast

Ron Rock Singles

Submitted by Tee Adams

Patrick Duffy played Brain Drozd for the Ron Rock Singles championship in Wilmington, Delaware. This is an annual Northeast Division of Bowls USA event. You can watch the video here: [Ron Rock Singles](#)

Central

Pot Licker cont.

Also finishing with a record of 4-1 in the round robin format, Carl Landgren and Steve Nelson settled for 2nd place, trailing the winners by a total of 14 plus points. Max Cavender and Jim Cavender claimed third place with a 3-2 record, finishing ahead of Andresen and Grzybowski on plus points. Also competing were Crandall Hays and Buzz Wickmann, and Pat Wimmer and Sue Dropp.

Central

Pot Licker Doubles Tournament

Milwaukee Lake Park LBC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Submitted by Glorianne Mather



The annual Pot Licker tournament fielded 6 pairs teams. Five teams set out to stop a two-year winning streak by Bob Schneider and Rob Behncke. At the end of play on the second day, the Schneider-Behncke duo stood alone at the top. Their record was not unblemished, however, as Leif Andresen and Jim Grzybowski bested the eventual winners by one shot in their matchup.

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Butler Blind Pairs Tournament

Submitted by Glorianne Mather

A beautiful sunny day on the greens with temps in the upper 60s and cool winds during this full day tournament Memorial Day weekend. After announcements were made, we gave thanks for military service to MLPBA member participants Bob Schneider (Air Force), Steve Sedgewick (Army) and Crandall Hays (Navy).

We had twenty bowlers in the Blind Pairs. We welcomed two guest participants (Helen and Alan Carman), who were visiting from the Taieri Bowling Club near Denedin, on the South Island of New Zealand. Accomplished bowler and honorary member, Jerry Mathwig, returned to the greens in fine form, as he continued to impress fellow bowlers with beautiful draw bowling in lead position. Also performing well was Dave Preston, playing in his first bowls tournament as a third year bowler.

The format this year tallied individual scores of leads and skips with wins and net plus points. Four games of eight ends were played by all. After the first random draw, skips and leads were paired based on their rankings for games 2-4.

Cash prizes were awarded for 1st through 5th places.

Pushing through shoulder fatigue from a past rotator cuff surgery, Alice Sedgewick proved her resolve and toughness by going into her final, fourth game in top position for the leads. Cont.

Central

Butler Blind Pairs Tournament cont.

Paired with Skip Mark Mathwig, Alice won again and finished as the only bowler to win all four games and securing 1st place overall.

Bob Schneider also went undefeated for the day, though finished his second game in a tie, spoiled by the bright yellow bowls of talented skip, Crandall Hays.

1. Alice Sedgewick (lead) (4-0)
2. Bob Schneider (skip) (3-1-0)
3. Tom Vanderbilt (lead) (3-1)
4. Pat Wimmer (skip) (3-1)
5. Crandall Hays (skip) (2-1-1)

Thanks to all for helping making this opening 2015 event successful, especially Leif Andresen for his help with computer support and Rebecca Nguyen for her help with preparing the lunch.

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Central Division Open Singles

The Central Division Open Singles tournament is a competitive tournament organized by the Central Division and hosted by MLPLBA. Participants sign up as individuals. There is an entry fee, which goes towards the cash prize that is awarded to the winners. Players earn points based on whether they win/lose and by how much each game. Team USA applicants have the opportunity to earn points based on performance that will be used in the selection process ,

Date: Saturday, August 8 & Sunday, August 9, 2015

Entry fee: \$25/person

Draw Time: 7:30 AM

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Attire: Whites or other uniform

Tournament Director: Anna Witt

Must be a member of Bowls USA or World Bowls.

Sign-up by completing the [2015 CD Open Tournament entry](#) form and submitting it to the Central Division Treasurer/Secretary.

Deadline: Saturday, August 1, 2015

South Central

Greens Restoration in the South Central Division

Submitted by Ron Rollick

In the South Central Division, the bowling is busiest from October thru April, but this doesn't mean that efforts to improve bowling and bowling conditions are not worked on all year round. In Sun City, there are 5 different bowling clubs and for the past few years, 2 of these pre-eminent greens have been Bell and Lakeview. Bell underwent a complete restoration last year and this summer, Lakeview is getting totally remade.

Many of us bowlers, both new and old, have never seen the process of building a green. Most people would not believe the various steps and planning that building a green requires. The following are a series of photos taking us through some of the process.

With good luck, both greens at Lakeview will be ready for the winter bowling season starting in October.



May 12-16 (above photos)

East green soil removal well underway. West green has the sod removed. There was an interesting discovery on the East green. Only 2 or 3 inches of sand on the top. The rest was ordinary dirt. This explains the green not draining last summer after being flooded, mold present and the general lack of good conditions for growing grass. Cont.

South Central

Greens Restoration in the South Central Division



Above photos: East green water exits & travels westward under the parking lot toward the gravel sump. West green exits directly to the gravel sump located under the grass on the west side.

Drain pipe and fittings to be used.



Drains laid in and covered with gravel.



Greens close to final laser leveling.

Northwest

King City LBC, King City, Oregon

Submitted by Stan Halpin

We want bowlers from everywhere in the world to come and visit with us in the Northwest and have some good, friendly bowling fun !

.....and bring the grandchildren along too.





PIMD

Welcome Back Fresno LBC!

Submitted by Ginger Harris

After a hiatus of several years, the PIMD is excited about the return of the Fresno Lawn Bowls Club to our community of bowlers!! A group of enthusiastic members has re-energized the club and has been actively encouraging participation in division events for the past several months. Several members have travelled to social games at Bay Area clubs, and three teams competed in the recent Sonoma Senior Games. We have enjoyed getting to know our newest club's members, and are looking forward to seeing Fresno friends at more division events this season!

Dennis Vartanian, club president, recruiter/motivator and bowls cheerleader, shared some information from long time member, Bob Dodd. The original club was called Fig Garden Lawn Bowls. It started in someone's back yard, and in about 1967 the City of Fresno built a green at Homes Playground. At this time, the club members do all of their own mowing and maintenance with the city helping out to replace worn out backboards. The club has enjoyed a home and away tournament with the Cambria LBC since the early '70's. The trophy is living in Cambria right now, but a date has already been set to bring it home in September! The twenty-one dedicated members have regular draw games and a monthly luncheon at the club. Check out their newsy website to see what they are up to.

A "Welcome Back!" celebration will be held in Fresno later in the season - when we all might have a "free" weekend.

2015 Friendship Games Well Attended

Six of the southern part of the PIMD's clubs host the popular "Friendship Games" on Wednesdays in May and June, with a goal of building our division community and helping division members to get to know each other in social tournament play, ultimately increasing participation in division-wide events. Each club hosts a week, and bowlers have the opportunity to bowl on different greens, meet old and new friends, enjoy a day of social bowling and maybe even walk away with a few dollars in prize money. Cont.

PIMD

Friendship Games cont.

The weekly \$3 entry fee gets each person into two games at each club, a chance to enjoy a brown bag lunch and a chat with others, and - the highlight of the day - an opportunity to be a part of some of the most creative and challenging spiders on record! Steve "Spiderman" Schoenfeld confesses that he "stays awake at night dreaming up spiders I have never done before".

Orange cones with prizes hidden under them, lucky quarters spread out on the green, and the occasional crisp two dollar bills (Don't spend it all in one place!) are sought after before the games begin. Members from our newest club, Fresno, made the 3 hour one-way trip each week and we were thrilled to see them arrive each time!



Friendship Game Attendees

Successful Sonoma Senior Games

During preparations and planning for the fifth year of the Sonoma Senior Games, a committee of energetic lawn bowlers from the Oakmont Village Retirement Community volunteered to organize a competition and become a part of the very successful senior games.

Once the news was shared in the Bay Area, the 16 available spots were quickly snapped up, and the committee members, led by Kathleen Connelly, Tom Turnullo, Frank Gyorgy and Jeff Vanderheyden and supported by the club membership, got to work.

Cont.

PIMD

Sonoma Games cont.

The two days of bowling on their recently refurbished greens, surrounded by beautiful facilities and lovely views in all directions were a treat for all who attended. A closing celebration of athletes held at the Santa Rosa Community College featured a generous sampling of Sonoma County wines and other tasty treats.

After all games were played, two PIMD affiliated teams earned medals for their efforts. The "Bay Area Bowlers" team of Frank Matyskiela (Palo Alto), Bob Schwartz (Palo Alto and a few other clubs as well), and Jim Coor (Berkeley) took gold, and the team of "3 Old Guys from Leisure Town" - Dick Ruddy, Charlie Thorpe and Al Smith - walked away with bronze medals. Those who didn't make it into the finals were able to drown their sorrows in maple syrup and orange juice at the Kiwanis pancake breakfast across the street from the green while making plans for a comeback in 2016!



Enjoying the Kiwanis pancake breakfast after Senior Games



"Leisure Town Old Guys" of Al Smith, Dick Ruddy and Charlie Thorpe, won the Bronze Medal at the Sonoma Senior Games.

PIMD

Sonoma Games cont.

The results are in that the "Bay Area Bowlers", James Corr, Bobbie Sschwartz & Frank Matyskiela, from Berkeley won the Gold Medal. Congratulations!

"Triple Threat" from Oakmont, Tom Ternullo, Jim MacAlistaire & Linda Rubio, gave the Bay Area Bowlers a run for their money, but took the Silver Medal.

The "Oakmont Gladiators", Michael Harris, Greg Goodwin & James Chang, had a great match with "Leisure Town Old Guys", Al Smith, Dick Ruddy & Charlie Thorpe, and our friends from Leisure Town won the Bronze Medal.

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PIMD Open July 25-31

We aren't known as "the fun division" for no good reason! A warm welcome and friendly people await those who make the trek to be a part of our division events. We are committed to providing opportunities to bowl both socially and competitively. Check our division website for information on how to register for the 2015 PIMD Open being held at the Rossmoor LBC, with the Mixed Team Pairs at Oakland. Hope to see you on the green!

Southwest

Diagonal Tournament at Santa Monica LBC

Over 30 bowlers enjoyed a fun day of diagonal bowling at Santa Monica LBC. It is different & difficult! The object is to bowl from diagonal corners with the shortest rink about 25 feet and longest rink about 120 feet.

It was played with blind-draw triples teams, in games of 4 ends of 7 with each end differing in length. A feature of the game was that the losers of one of the ends had to carry all the players' bowls to the next rink on the other side of the green!



Southwest

Friendly Valley LBC

Submitted by Jack Quinn

Friendly Valley Lawn Bowls Club Members Participated in the Pasadena Senior Games

Five members of the Friendly Valley Lawn Bowls Club travelled to Pasadena the morning of Saturday 20 June to participate in the lawn bowling portion of the State Seniors Games.

It turned out to be a nice, hot, sunny day, almost 90 degrees, and no shade. The second game was cut back to 12 ends, with no protests heard from anyone. The Pasadena folks, under the direction of Marc Rich, treated us well. We all survived the day, and each of us won a medal.



photo (l-r): Ron Cox, George Patton, Judy Brothers (club president), Jack Quinn, Roy McAree (club treasurer).



Southwest

Friendly Valley LBC

Submitted by Jack Quinn

Friendly Valley Lawn Bowls Club members participated in the Friendly Valley Memorial Day Parade

The attached collage shows a few snapshots of the Friendly Valley 2015 Memorial Day parade. This is an annual event, and was formerly sponsored by the Veterans Club. This year, another group stepped forward to take on the task. The Veterans Club still conducts the ceremony in the Friendly Valley auditorium after the parade. That includes a roll call of the deceased veterans. The list grows longer each year.

For the parade, we tend to have great support from the local Golden Valley High School with their marching band and ROTC members. We also receive support from the fire department, the classic car club, the fife & drum group, and many, many participants. Even the mayor of Santa Clarita participated (in the blue convertible).

In the attached collage, selected from over fifty photos, a few of our FVLBC members are seen in the center panel. Driving the golf cart with "FVLBC" emblazoned on it, was Ron Cox with wife Carol. Walking ahead and to their right was Barbara Lee (FVLBC Secretary). Walking at their left rear was Roy McAree (FVLBC Treasurer).



In Memorial

By Heather Stewart



Isabella Forbes

Isabella Forbes, affectionately known to lawn bowlers' world over as Izzie and as Aunt Belle to her nephews and nieces, passed away on June 13th.

Izzie's parents introduced her to the game of lawn bowls and in 1957, as a 10 year old, she joined the Essex County Lawn Bowling club in New Jersey. She was the youngest member ever of that club. As a member of Essex County LBC, she served on the Board of Directors for approximately 10 years and became its first woman President in 1979. In the Eastern Division (as it was known prior to renaming Northeast Division) she held the offices and duties of Club representative, Treasurer, Councilor to AWLBA and President of the Division and also served as the division Games Chairperson for over 10 years.

Izzie talked fondly of bowling with her Dad as his lead and how alongside games' chairpersons at both the club and the Eastern division, the foundation was laid to her encyclopedic knowledge of draws and tournaments. Izzie introduced her nephews and nieces to the game and according to Lowell, her oldest nephew, when he bowled as her lead, he could always rely on Aunt Belle to improve on his shots. His words were "Aunt Belle will take care of that!"

Izzie was extremely proud of her Scottish heritage and references and acknowledgments to this continually popped up - did you know that she had her own set of bagpipes and had the privilege of leading the players onto the green at the first US Championships, held at Buck Hill Falls in PA?

For those of you who were fortunate to be the recipient of her annual shortbread gift at Christmas time, she followed her Mum's recipe. When Izzie adopted her West Highland white terrier, (commonly known as the Westie, a Scottish breed of dog with a distinctive white coat) she asked for help in naming this pup. The name chosen from those suggested, was Bridie. (A Scottish Gaelic name.) Just a hint, her password to a tournament spreadsheet, was Bridie!

Izzie's USA bowling record includes representation for the Eastern/Northeast Division at the United States Championships 12 times between 1982 and 1999 before work commitment necessitated her locating to Long Beach, CA and the Southwest Division.

As a member of the US team, she competed at World Bowls in Melbourne, Australia in 1985, and Ayr, Scotland in 1992. Played at the Pacific Rim games in Fiji in 1989 and served as manager for US teams bowling in World Bowls in Leamington Spa, England and the Pacific Rim Games in Moama, Australia in 2001.

Izzie represented both the Eastern division and the Southwest Division as a Councilor to the National organization, A.W.L.B.A. and then once merged, U.S.L.B.A. She served two terms as President of U.S.L.B.A. and was the International representative for Bowls USA at World Bowls.

Moving to Southwest Division in 1999, Izzie joined Long Beach Lawn bowling club and in 2000, Jean MacAulay, President of Southwest Division at that time, asked Izzie to take on the role of Tournament chairperson, which she did. During the past 16 years, Izzie has been part of the SWD organizing committees for both National Championships and US Open events and multiple other tournaments on the SWD tournament schedule.

The many offices and chairmanships of multiple committees for both divisions and national organizations, held over the years of her participation in this great sport, are an indication of Izzie's passion for our game. She was a great advocate for the game and a loyal and supportive friend.

I for one, thank her for imparting but a small part of her knowledge of our game and am going to miss her.

A Celebration of Life is planned to be held at the Vet-Novice Mixed Triples tournament on November 14th at Long Beach LBC.

Southwest

Spring League brings new faces to Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club

By Ray Norris and Jane Wood

Have you seen the action at the Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club on a Tuesday evening? That's when the Spring League, initiated by Ray Norris, gets together. They meet for 8 weeks throughout May and June at about 6 pm with loads of gourmet food. At 6:30 on the dot, they are all in their teams on the green, ready for a serious game of lawn bowling. You will see a lot of faces you haven't seen before. Spring League was introduced four years ago to provide a lawn bowling experience for people in the working age demographic. They would not have to commit to an annual Club membership but rather, would join in a team based, fun activity that involved their friends and would last only for a couple of months, similar to a summer soft ball league.

Each team pays an entry fee and must register a minimum of 6 players, and hopefully 2 or 3 substitutes. This year, as in previous years, there are 6 registered teams. Five are repeat teams from last year. This year's teams have some creative names- Rolling Stones, Cheap Seats Rollers, Arbor Heights LBC, Wrong Bias, Fire Balls and ROCCTEAKP or Orange County Circle of Trust Elite, Awesome, Kickass People. In total, some 55 to 60 people will participate in the League over the two months of play. Since it's initiation, 12 Spring League players have joined the club, and 8 are current members.

For league play, each team splits itself into an A and a B team of 3 people. The League format is to play two short, six end games in a round robin each evening. Results from each evening are kept and in the last week, the top four teams play in a BCS (Bowls Championship Series), a single elimination tournament. The bottom two teams play in the NIT or Not Invited There game. Believe me, these groups may only bowl for 2 months in the year but they enjoy their bowling and there is stiff competition for first place. After all, first place is the top of the league!



A Gourmet group with a bowling problem

Southwest

Ladies Day At Holmby LBC

By Micky Alexnader

Another successful and fun day with friends in a beautiful setting. The greens were set up for us by Cecil and John and there was a delightful array of breakfast goodies to entice us.

Cheryl helped by putting out the score cards and chips for drawing the vices and leads so that I had time to finalize the games we enjoyed in the morning - there are always last minute changes to make.

We rang the bell to get everyone's attention so that welcoming remarks could be made. There were a few first time attendees to Ladies Day, even though some had been bowling for a while. We're glad they could join us and hopefully they had such a good time, they will join us again!

Cheryl and Shirley made the announcement regarding Izzie Forbes' passing and we had a Moment of Silence in her memory.

There were no trial ends - we just got to it! While everyone was visiting and enjoying lunch and the delicious food provided by the hospitality group, led by Linda, the winners were determined and they were-

1st place - Catherine Uribe, Joy Wang and Louise Peralta

2nd place - (three way tie!)

Jo Ann LaFrenais, Bobbie Johnson & Ilca

Moskos

Linda Burton and Valerie Seres

Cheryl Barkovich and Mary Shear

The afternoon games got started, post haste, and the winners were:

1st place - Catherine Uribe and Nelia Joya

2nd place - Shirley Price, Valerie Seres and Dorothy Kilger

3rd place - Cheryl Barkovich and Cecelia Tong



An Old Man's Last Wish...

By William Reidy

Deanna Amos, Australia Accredited Coach to coach USA women in November



After 22 years of playing Pennant Squash, my body was telling me to find a gentler sport to play. I decided to try Lawn Bowls and have been involved in the game for many years since that day as Player, Club President and Board Member, Australia Accredited Presenter & Assessor of Coached Courses, Bowls SA Senior Women's State Selector, Bowls SA Coaches Committee, Writing Articles for Bowls SA Magazine, and Accredited Head Club Coach. I have coached at International, State and Club levels.

While I have enjoyed all the above positions in Lawn Bowls over the years, coaching has become my strongest passion. I get enormous pleasure in helping other players improve their game from a beginner through to top level players that these days I seem to put more time into coaching than playing.

I am currently a member at the Port Noarlunga Bowling Club as their Head Development/Skills Coach to both men and women bowlers and am a Mentor to their five newly accredited coaches.

I am the proud recipient of Bowls SA "2014-2015 Coach of the Year" award for South Australia.

In 2011 I met the men and women of Team USA at the Asia Pacific Championships in my home town of Adelaide, South Australia, and served as Coach for the women's team.

Since then I have enjoyed visits to Southern California in 2012 & 2013 and while there got to meet many wonderful people involved in lawn bowls through some Bowls Drills Clinics I was asked to run. I hope to return in the future.

I look forward to this coming November to serve as Coach to Dee McSparran for the World Singles Champion of Champions competition in Queensland, Australia, and to working with the women's Team USA as Head Coach for the 2015 Asia Pacific Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand.

There was an OLD MAN tall and lean...,
About his bowling he was very keen...
All day long you could find him practicing on the
bowling green.

In the hot sun all day he would toil.
As he covered his face with some kind of suntan oil..
Then he started rolling his bowl on the soil...

Now, and then he would sit down on the bench at the
end of the rink to rest...
He thought of all his competitive bowling days,when his
game was at It's best
In those days his bowls could do nothing wrong,
Days when his body was young, and strong...

Now his bowling days were almost over, but he kept on
trying...
He had won many tournaments, a champion in the past..,
But there was no denying..
That his heath was failing him at last...

His body was weary, and tired...
All his old gentlemen partners had already retired,
from the game he loved so much,and he was slowly los-
ing his desire..

All of his draw shots kept falling short,and his drive shots
was way off line.
And his heads, and the kitty were hard to fine...

Now days you can find the OLD MAN sitting on the end
of the rink..
Watching a game of bowls...and plenty of time to think...
Thinking of the days gone by, and wishing he could have
just one more roll..

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A Lawn Bowlers Lament

Too heavy, too short,
Too narrow, too wide,
I think this is fun,
But where can I hide.
My team's doing well,
we've got three on the jack,
It's my turn to bowl,
there's no going back.
I'm now on the mat,
and ready to roll,
We need one more point,
so here goes my bowl.
It's looking just right,
as it approaches the head,
but moving the jack is what I so dread.
The result is now clear,
and just what I fear,
the score is still three,
but no longer for me.

by Jordan Austin

