



Monthly Newsletter

September, 2015

Successful Bowls USA 2015 Open

Another successful Bowls USA Open came to a close, Saturday, October 3, 2015 with the finals held at Newport Harbor LBC, Newport, California.

The event began with the Opening Ceremony on Saturday, September 26, at Newport LBC. The Bowls USA Board of Directors and Councilors filed onto the green and were introduced by USA Open Chairman, Phil Luth.

Following a welcome to all bowlers, Bowls USA President, Heather Stewart, announced the names of the newest inductees into the Bowls USA Hall of Fame. They include Bob Nunes, SW, Carrie Fossati, SW, Geraldine Smith, SE, John L. Phillips, SE, and Patti Grabowski, SE.

Bowling for men's and women's pairs, singles and fours commenced on Sunday at six different venues:

Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods, Newport, Long Beach, Casta del Sol and Santa Ana. Bowlers from 8 different countries participated, including 80 women and 190 men.

The Crown Plaza Hotel, the host hotel, in Newport, was the site of the Wild West Hoedown held on Wednesday evening. Mert Isaacman and Howard Harris were recognized for their contributions to the Bowls USA Open and SW Division Tournaments respectively.

The Open concluded with the finals on Oct. 3 at Newport Harbor LBC. A large crowd of spectators watched the championship games followed by awarding of medals and a buffet dinner.

Sarasota, Florida will be the host for the Bowls USA Open for 2016 and 2017.



Bowls USA Open Champions

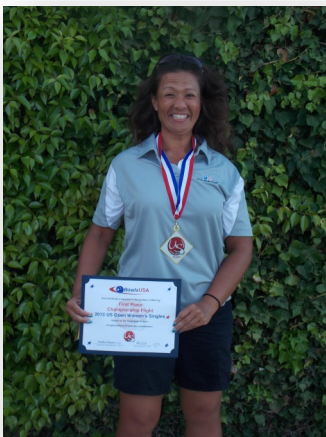
Bowlers of the Tournament



Candy DeFazio, Long Beach, CA, LBC and Scott Roberts, Laguna Beach, CA, LBC, were named
Bowlers of the Tournament

Singles Champions

First Place



Michele Arculli, NE



Scott Roberts, SW

Second Place



Candy DeFazio, SW



Neil Furman, SW

Singles Champions

Third Place



Cheryl Barkovich, SW



Charlie Herbert, SW



Dee McSparran, SW



Brian Trimble, Ireland

Pairs Champions

First Place



Candy DeFazio, SW and Eileen Lancendorfer SW



Bill Brault (shown), SW and Steve Smith, SW



Dee McSparran, SW and Reggie Banares, SC



Matt Bauchiero, SW (shown) and Max Cavender, NW

Second Place

Pairs Champions

Third Place



Christine Ludwig, SW
and Brenda Head, SW



Richard Broad, NW and
Scott Roberts, SW

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Carol Poto, SW and Eva
Lee, SW



Roger Teske, SW, shown and
Leonard Wasserman, SW

Fours Champions

First Place



L-R: Kottia Spangler, SW, Janice Bell, NW, Anne Nunes, SW
and Mary Ann Beath, Canada.



L-R: Keith Donaldson, Steve Halmaj Jr., Steve Halmaj ,
and Frank Vella. All are from Australia.

Fours Champions

Second Place



L-R: Joanne Hedgespeth, Bev Adams, Jean Winfield and Mary Thompson, all from SW.



L-R: Mert Isaacman, SW, Andy Dokter, NED, Theo Ballaart, NED, Michel LaRue, Canada.

Third Place



L-R: Myra Wood, SC, Jackie Tucker, SE, Michele Arculli, NE, Linda Roberts, SW.



L-R: Rudy Uribe, SW, John Williams, SE, Bill Reidy, SW, Victor Green, SW.

Fours Champions

Fourth Place



L-R: Rosemary Finch, Gil Abel, Lynn Haworth and Viv Freeth. All are from New Zealand



L-R: Roger Teske, SW, Tony Baer, SW, Frank Souza, SC and Darrell Jones, SC

For all the Bowls USA Open results go to this page: [2015 Bowls USA Open](#)

Special Thanks to Barbara and Tom Taylor for sharing their photos.

Golden Bias Club

Following the Bowls USA Open, 30 bowlers attended a gathering at Round Table Pizza. On display was the jacket worn by Izzie Forbes on the 1996 USA Team. Bowlers attached bills to the jacket for the benefit of the Golden Bias Club. \$150 was raised.





Letter from the President

Congratulations to all the bowlers who attended the 2015 US Open, held in the Southwest Division. It was wonderful to have competitors from Australia, Canada, England, Holland, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland and Thailand, plus representatives from all of Bowls USA's 7 divisions.

To Phil Luth and his US Open committee, many thanks for your hard work, long hours and attention to making this a fun and exciting event. The party on Friday night, the hoedown, was an event to be remembered! The band was awesome and the dinner delicious!

To the host clubs, Casta del Sol, Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods, Long Beach, Newport and Santa Ana, many thanks to all the volunteer members of your clubs for setting up and taking down the rinks each day, and to the hospitality crews. And thank you to the markers from each club for your participation in this premier event.

To Newport Beach, an additional thank you for hosting both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. The Grand Finals were well attended, and the spectators treated to superb bowling and close games by all the Championship flight winners. Plus the great taco bar, a perfect ending to a perfect week of bowling.

The US Open moves to the Southeast Division, at Sarasota, Florida for 2016 and 2017. This is an exciting opportunity for bowlers to head down to the area, participate in the games and to visit this great part of the country. Daniel Jittu is heading up the US Open committee and is preparing for another great US Open.

Once again, thank you again to the US Open bowlers, for attending this event. The US Open gives us all the chance to enjoy this great sport with friends from around the world!

Heather Stewart
President
Bowls USA.



2015 Bowls USA National Championships

October 20-25, 2015

Long Beach, CA, Lawn Bowling Club



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We look forward to meeting you all in Long Beach, California.

We have supplied **DENNIS** FT610 mowers to Long Beach LBC and Santa Monica LB clubs.

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Photo shows John White at Bannockburn LBC.

We wish safe travels to you all and an enjoyable competition!



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2015 National Championships Players

The Competition Includes 16 Single Players and 32 Pairs Players

DIVISION	WOMEN'S SINGLES	WOMEN'S PAIRS	MEN'S SINGLES	MEN'S PAIRS
Central	Pat Wimmer Milwaukee Lake Park, MN	Anna Witt – Skip Milwaukee Lake Park, MN Rebecca Nguyen – Lead Milwaukee Lake Park, MN	Steve Nelson Milwaukee Lake Park, MN	Bob Schneider – Skip Milwaukee Lake Park, MN Rob Behncke – Lead Milwaukee Lake Park, MN
Northeast	Michele Arculli Essex County, NJ	Frances Shen – Skip Essex County, NJ Veronica Sum – Lead Essex County, NJ	Lew LeCompte Williamsburg, VA	Patrick Duffy – Skip Essex County, NJ Burk Roller – Lead Essex County, NJ
Northwest	Nancy Nishikawa Jefferson Park, WA	Nita Chambers – Skip Jefferson Park, WA Lisa Duffala – Lead Jefferson Park, WA	Jeff Covell Jefferson Park, WA	Andy Klubberud – Skip Jefferson Park, WA Max Cavendar – Lead Jefferson Park, WA
PIMD	Gabrielle Coleman Palo Alto, CA	Ginger Harris – Skip Palo Alto, CA Ann Brillhart – Lead Berkeley, CA	Nick Christensen San Jose, CA	Tom Burnoski – Skip San Jose, CA Daniel Gorelick – Lead 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	Christine Garbett – Skip Lakeland, FL Jackie Williamson – Lead Mount Dora, FL	Bud Ricucci Mount Dora, FL	Al Pellicio – Skip Sarasota, FL Daniel Jittu – Lead Sarasota, FL
Southwest ****	Anne Nunes Newport Beach, CA	Dee McSparran – Skip Long Beach, CA Candy DeFazio – Lead Long Beach, CA	Bill Brault San Diego, CA	Charlie Herbert – Skip Newport Beach, CA Brian Stewart – Lead Newport Beach, CA
Southwest ////	Margi Rambo Santa Anita, CA	Patricia Cronshaw – Skip MacKenzie Park, CA Hildegard Kennedy – Lead MacKenzie Park, CA	Mert Isaacman Newport Beach, CA	Steve Smith San Diego, CA Joe Regan Laguna Beach, CA



Bowls USA 2015 National Championships

October 20-25, Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club, Long Beach, CA



Umpire's Corner

By Melanie Vizenor, National Umpire In Chief

2015

Oct. 5-10 Huntsman Senior Games, St. George, UT
Oct. 20-24 National Championships, Long Beach, CA

2016

Jan. 9-11 Arizona Mixed Rinks, Sun City, AZ
Jan. 12-13 Salisbury Singles, Sun City, AZ
Jan. 14-16 Thomas Zivec Open Pairs, Sun City, AZ
Feb. 6-11 SCD Open, Sun City & Sun City West, AZ
TBD— National Championships, Sun City West, AZ
Nov. 12-19 US Open, Sarasota LBC & Local Clubs

Resources

[World Bowls](#) Official site of World Bowls
www.worldbowls.com

[Inside Bowls](#) The official world magazine
www.insidebowls.com

[Bowls USA](#) Official site of Bowls USA
www.bowlsusa.com

[US Open](#) Official site of U.S. Open of Lawn
www.bowlsusa.us/us_open/2015

[Golden Bias Club](#) Official site of the Golden Bias Club
www.bowlsusa/golden_bias

[PBA](#) Official site of Professional Bowlers Association-
www.professionalbowlsassociation.com/



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.

First, I would like to thank EB Parkell for contributing the articles to the Umpire's Corner for the past several months. Well done and much appreciated. Thank you, EB.

This month's article is going to be very short. With the arrival of the 2015 rule books, I'm sure there are many questions about what's new, what's changed, etc.

To see a comprehensive review of the changes to both the World Bowls laws and our own Domestic Regulations, go to the Bowls USA website and access the Umpires page. There you will find Summary of Changes in Our Domestic Regulations and the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. There is a comprehensive outline of the WB changes (prepared by Bowls England) and a summary of the changes in our Domestic Regulations.

So that you may make changes throughout the 2015 rule book regarding our use of 21 meters instead of 23 meters, here are the page numbers where those changes need to be made:

Page 7, Definition C.12, 25 meters to 23

15, Law 6.1.1, 25 meters to 23

17, Law 10.1.3, 23 meters to 21

23, Law 19.1.4, 20 meters to 18

41, Law 42.2.1, 23 meters to 21

47, Laws 49.12 and 49.13, 25 meters to 23

58, Law 56.5.1, 20 meters to 18

59, Law 56.5.2.4, 20 meters to 18

67, Appendix B.2.1, 25 meters to 23

69, Appendix B.4.1, 25 meters to 23

70, Appendix B.4.2, C, 20 meters to 18

70, Appendix B.4.2, D, 23 meters to 21

70, Appendix B.4.2, F, 25 meters to

All questions are welcomed.

Send them to umpire@bowlsusa.us

Melanie A Vizenor

Bowls USA, National Umpire in Chief

Around the Country

Northeast

Williamsburg Inn LBC, Williamsburg, VA

Submitted by Clyde Haulman

Northeast Division Bowlers Visit Williamsburg

August brought two Northeast Division tournaments to the Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club's green for the first time. The single play downs were held August 8-10. Local bowler Lew LeCompte won the men's and Michele Arculli won the women's. Both will represent the Division at Nationals.

The Northeast Division Open was held August 22-27. Led by members of the Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drum Corps, bowlers from Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia marched on to the green to begin competition. Winners were: Patrick Duffy, Ron Stubling, and Georgina Kelman (Triples); Patrick Duffy and Ron Stubling (Pairs); and Sven Dan Berg (Singles). More information and additional photos are available on the Northeast Division's web site <[www. Bowls northeast.com](http://www.Bowlsnortheast.com)>. On Monday August 24, the Williamsburg Club hosted a potluck dinner at the Williamsburg Community Building for all those attending the Open. Excellent food, wonderful conversation, and good fellowship filled the evening.

Following the Open, the Northeast Division sponsored a Coaching Clinic. Including both classroom and on the green sessions, "certified" coaches Heather Stewart of Laguna Beach, CA, and Jackie Tucker of Pinehurst, NC, conducted the clinic with a focus on how to coach new and experienced bowlers.



Bowlers participating in the Northeast Open

Northeast



Fife & Drum Corps lead bowlers onto the green.



Open Singles Competitors



Heather Stewart, Bowls USA President, at the sign marking the Williamsburg Inn Green

Central

Milwaukee Lake Park

Submitted by Glorianne Mather

The Sydney Steller Tournament is an all-woman event that is held in the beginning of September. Here are results of the 2015 tournament.

1. Pat Wimmer
2. Anna Witt
3. Margie Knitter
4. Min Waite

We are enjoying a wonderful fall.



Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club

Submitted by Marty White

It's coming too quickly! Our last bowling day will be October 29. Then we party! Halloween is our Awards Luncheon and Meeting (costumes optional), to be held at our favorite restaurant, Ferrari's Little Italy.

Awards go to 2nd year player Jackie Bain for the Women's Singles; Jerry Robinson won the Men's Singles with concentration and new turquoise speckled bowls. Marty and Jo White returned as Doubles Champions; and a new category for Cincinnati, Cut-Throat, was hard fought and won by Jack Quick, who is new to our club, but a long-time Florida bowler. Congratulations to all awardees and to everyone who has won at monthly tournaments during the season.

Thank you to Dean Brown and his team from Great Parks of Hamilton county for keeping good rolling grass under our feet and bowls this summer. We've put it to the test with lots of bowlers, both members and guests.

Thank you to our outgoing President, Bill Connor, who has done a great job keeping us on the right bias for 3 years.

We have one more monthly tournament, October 3, after which we will have a Grill Out.

If you are driving to Florida through Cincinnati anytime in October, please stop in.

Visit our website at www.lawnbowling.org and our Face Book page.

Central

Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club



South Central

Submitted by Jackie Tucker

Attention ladies interested in improving your tournament bowling. After the South Central Open in Sun City, AZ, we will be holding a two-day camp.

The camp is open to all women bowlers. We will focus on drills to improve your shot making, strategy of play and some competition via rotating you in different positions. You must be a Bowls USA member. The fee is \$50.00 to cover printing materials and some snacks during breaks.

Friday night we will get together at a local restaurant to share experiences and get to know bowlers from all over the United States. Melanie Vizinor, our Umpire in Chief, will be doing a class on the rules for all who are not umpires presently. Stephen Forrest, Level 3 coach from Canada, will be available for an additional small fee to video and critique your delivery. Approximately \$20 - \$25 per person.

Please contact Heather Stewart at heatherastewar78@gmail.com for an application.

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PIMD

Best Participation in Years!

Submitted by Ginger Harris

The PIMD Women's Singles Tournament was held on September 19 on Sunnyvale LBC's quick rolling green.

This article isn't so much about who won, but more about how our dedicated and forward-thinking division tournament director, Bud Birkenseer, is working to make events more player-friendly and trying to encourage participation.

We all have those members who really enjoy bowling, who can roll a good game with the best of them, but who are initially intimidated or overwhelmed by the word "tournament." Newer entrants are fearful of the thought of playing three longish games in a day when their whole experience thus far has been one 12-14 end club draw game in a day.

How do we encourage new bowlers to give it a go? The old "Try it! You'll like it!" adage seems relevant here, don't you think? But, bowlers seem reluctant to sign on. Bud (and others in the division) have watched tournaments go begging for enough participants to make them worthwhile. What's the answer? There may be several, but Bud latched on to one idea and rolled with it!

The women's singles tournament got a makeover! Three games (OH NO!!) in the day, But, a new format. No more blind luck of the draw where some bowlers just end up - well, let's just say, not having a wonderful day. Instead, a game by game match up using the flight format we all know and love.

Everyone has an opportunity for a win!!! Winners need to bowl their A games every time to keep from making another winner happy! And that's not all. Instead of 18 point games which could go on and on and on. (Been in that happy place?) Bud tried a "12 ends or 12 points, whichever comes first" format for the day.

There was a three-way tie for first after the games, so a 4 end roll-off was played.

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PIMD

Best Participation in Years!

Cont.

After all the games and playoffs were completed, women still got started home before dark and the usual Bay Area rush hour adventure.

Ten women showed up to play! That's more than have entered in years. And what a great day it was! We had women who typically do not travel to "away" games, first-timers, and some who organize their lives around opportunities to bowl.

The green was accommodating, the weather not too oppressive, and the hospitality was friendly as always. Conversation and critiquing between games was positive and supportive. Bud took notes, watched game times, listened to the chatter, and will be totally ready to go for 2016. This kind of adapting in order to get bowlers interested is how we can build participation and encourage their continued skill development.

Oh, and the winner was Reggie Banares who squeezed a bowl into a place that did not look even remotely possible. Her signature move. Congratulations, Reggie!



First Place winner, Reggie Banares and 2nd Place winner, Ginger Harris

Southeast

Mount Dora LBC Starts Bowling Blast for Business

Submitted by Tom Eppich

As noted in last month's issue, the Mount Dora LBC has organized a Fall 2015 Bowling Blast for non-members consisting of employees and customers from local area businesses.

The six Wednesday evening tournaments, which commenced September 30th, have been "sold out". 16 teams, consisting of 75 total non-member participants, will bowl against each other for prizes and a trophy.

Participants include the City Manager, three City Council members, and the owner or lead executive for 50% of the businesses participating in the tournament. Eight sponsor businesses have contributed 25 prizes for winning teams valued at >\$1,000.

On September 30th, participants attended a dinner and then were trained. See attached photos. One of our members has been assigned to each team as their non-playing coach/mentor/cheerleader.

Most teams are wearing their company shirts and company banners will be displayed during games to help promote the businesses. Several teams who didn't have company shirts went out and purchased them and several have provided our member coach with one of their shirts. One of the teams, a local Allstate agency, purchased specially designed towels with the Allstate logo on them - and in a sufficient quantity for most participants to have one - a smart marketing idea on their part!

Actual games commence October 7th for five weeks. We will provide an update and more photos for the November issue.



Bowling Basics

Southeast



Bowling Blast Dinner



Sweet corn for the Bowling Blast dinner



Pinehurst LBC 2015 Club Championship

Submitted by Tilghman Waesche

The 2015 PLBC Club Championship was played September 16-19 and the weather conditions were perfect. After tournament play was completed we had a tie for 1st Place between Al Pelliccio and George Tucker. In order to settle the tie, an additional 21 point game was played. After a hard fought 18 end game, George was victorious and Al took 2nd Place.

Steve Errickson finished 3rd. Also participating in this year's championship tournament were: Dan Delgarn, Dave Kinney, Martha Nilsen, and Margo Pelliccio. Tournament Director Dan Delgarn and other club members had nothing but praise for the excellent bowling conditions provided by PCC.

Thanks to the 15 club members who participated in this year's tournament, seven bowlers and eight markers. We are always looking for new members. Who knows? You could be a future PLBC Club Champion. Win or lose; you'll have a lot of fun and make many new friends. Please stop by anytime and join us.

Southwest

Coronado LBC Hosts Bill Hiscock 2-Bowl Triples

Submitted by Berie Brobe

The Coronado Lawn Bowling Club (CLBC) will host its 3rd Annual Bill Hiscock Two-Bowl Mixed Triples on Saturday, October 17.

This tournament is part of the Southwest Lawn Bowling Association's Men's Division tournament schedule and is named after Coronado resident and Bowls USA Hall of Famer, Bill Hiscock. Interestingly, this is the first year that Bill, himself, will have a chance to compete for the trophy named for him. Last year, Bill was out of town at a family event so the CLBC created a life-sized Cardboard Bill to greet the sixteen teams from southern California lawn bowling clubs. Bill is pictured holding the real trophy alongside Cardboard Bill.

The trophy winners of the 2013 and 2014 Two-Bowl Mixed Triples were three National and former national champions, Steve Smith, Bill Brault and Kim Hieser, who will be trying to defend their two-time championship in this tournament. We always encourage the community to stop by the Green on 7th & D Ave. to see some really high quality bowling and, this time, perhaps to cheer on the tournament's namesake, Bill Hiscock.



Bill Hiscock with his larger-than-life cutout.

Southwest

Coronado LBC 80th Birthday Charity Tournament

Submitted by Berie Brobe



The Coronado Lawn Bowling Club (CLBC) celebrated 80 years of bowling in Coronado and Coronado 125 with a fantastically successful Community Charity Mixed Triples Tournament. Sixteen local novice teams (48 players) squared off to try to win \$1,000, \$500, or \$300 for the charity of their choice.

The event proved once again that Lawn Bowling is a sport for all ages when the 1st Place Team, Sacred Heart Spartans, had one 11-year old and two 14-year olds. The 2nd Place Team, Charlie Papa, was made up of Navy Seals. The 3rd Place Team, Coronado Carpet & Stone was made up of various adult age groups.

All three of these teams won all three of their games thus causing the Tournament Director to factor in winning plus points to break the tie. Honorable mention goes to Team Eddie Grace Arts & Film which also had three wins and just barely lost out to 3rd Place.

Sacred Heart Spartans won the trophy and received the \$1,000 check for Missionary Childhood Association. Team Charlie Papa's \$500 2nd Place prize was for the Navy Seal Foundation. Team Coronado Carpet and Stone's 3rd Place \$300 check was for the Optimist Club of Coronado.

Southwest

Friendly Valley Bowlers Attend Joslyn Mixed Triples

Submitted by Jack Quinn

On Saturday, August 29, 2015, two teams from the Friendly Valley LBC traveled to Holmby Park LBC to participate in the annual Joslyn Mixed Triples tournament held there.

The triples teams of Skip/Vice/Lead were Team "A": George Patton/Melisse Benson/Ron Cox; Team "B": Jerry Staack/Joe Desrocher/Judy Brothers. Accompanying the teams were Roy McAree, and two lovely cheerleaders, Irma Patton and Carol Cox.

Although the FV teams put forth their best effort, it was not sufficient to overcome the ability of the opponents. However, the "B" team did win one of its three games. All participants seemed to enjoy the experience and the outstanding hospitality of the host, Tom Seres and his crew at Holmby Park.



Judy Brothers getting ready to bowl.



George and Irma Patton and Melisse Benson

Southwest

ABC to Host Lam Jong Tournament of Triples

Submitted by Sean McMorris

Alhambra Bowls Club (ABC) invites you to its first Southwest Invitational Tournament in honor of the club's benefactor and valued member, Mrs. Lam Jong, on October 25th.

Mrs. Jong is a resident of Alhambra and advocate of healthy living. During a walk in Almansor Park in 2008 she noticed ABC members enjoying themselves on the green during a game of bowls, so she stopped to watch and inquire about the activity. Mrs. Jong was particularly interested because she saw several elderly people energetically participating in the game and thought that it might be a sport she could take up in her golden years. Mrs. Jong, like many of us lawn bowlers, was hooked once she tried the game. She joined our club shortly thereafter and has been an Alhambra Bowls Club member ever since.

After her introduction to the sport, Mrs. Jong actively participated in bowls for several years, but now just observes the game. These days she enjoys going on walks and playing Mah Jongg in retirement, but she still stops by the club from time to time to watch a game of bowls. The club recently celebrated Mrs. Jong's 93rd birthday in September, and although she is no longer able to lawn bowl, Mrs. Jong still promotes the sport as a healthy and rewarding activity, particularly for the elderly. For this reason, Mrs. Jong has donated generously to ABC over the years. As we are a small club, her donations have kept us afloat and allowed the club to improve its facility and renovate our green. The Lam Jong Tournament of Triples is a way for ABC to say thank you to Mrs. Jong while honoring her life as well as her contributions to our club and the game of bowls.

Thus, we are happy to invite clubs across the Southwest Division to come and participate in what we hope will be an annual tournament to honor Mrs. Lam Jong.

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Southwest

ABC Tournament cont.

There will be three 12 end games, and the top four teams will win prize money if the green is full. Entry is limited to 14 teams, no end rinks will be used, and the club will provide drinks and salads at noon. Our green is rolling better than it has in years and the facility is looking sharp after renovations, so it should be a satisfying day of camaraderie and competitive bowls.



Mrs. Jong celebrating her 93rd birthday at ABC

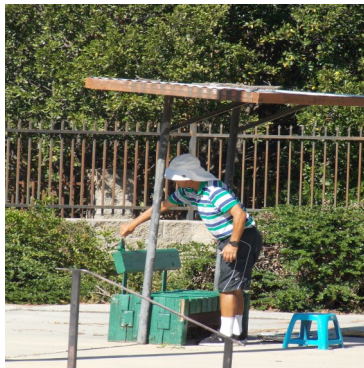
Finally, in addition to Alhambra's awesome bowls club, the San Gabriel Valley is home to some of the best Asian cuisine in Southern California.

So after a fun filled day of bowls, you can treat yourself to a delicious dinner at one of the many critically acclaimed restaurants in and around Alhambra. Just check out Los Angeles Times food critic Jonathan Gold's guides to the tastiest Asian food in L.A. ([Jonathan Gold's best Chinese restaurants in L.A.](#); [Gold's picks for best Chinese food in the San Gabriel Valley](#); [Jonathan Gold's six favorite dumplings](#)).

ABC Prepares Greens & Facility for Tournament



Southwest



ABC Members Celebrate Moon Festival at Greens.



Alhambra Bowls Club members James and Lee Chang entertained family members on the club greens to celebrate the Moon Festival on Sunday, September 27. The family gathered at the green about 5 p.m. to bowl for about an hour and a half.

After bowling, they enjoyed tea and moon cakes while waiting for the moon, the purpose of the celebration. At 7:45 the Blood Moon appeared above the treetops and everyone stopped to watch.

The Moon Festival is one of the most important holidays for Chinese all around the world.