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<u>SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</u>	
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	SINGLES October 27-29

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SINGLES: Name _____
PAIRS: Skip _____
 Lead _____
RINKS: Skip _____
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NEED FOR PAIRS: ONE TRIPLES: ONE TWO RINKS: ONE TWO THREE



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Jack Phillips

This past New Year's Eve, I watched the ball come down with feelings of anticipation as I realized my term of office as President of ALBA was starting. I am looking forward to working with all of you to promote our sport.

Before we look to the future I would like to express my thanks to R. Gil Stephan, Jr. and Virginia Marlar for their leadership of ALBA and AWLBA over the past two years.

We have all been deluged by warnings of the Y2K problem. I believe we in both ALBA and AWLBA face a challenging task to keep lawn bowls viable into the next millennium. I will be working closely with the new president of AWLBA, Rita Hurley, to position our organizations to face the next millennium.

I am sure it comes as no surprise to anyone if I say that our most pressing problem is membership. We need to work hard to get new members and to retain our current members. We have made some substantial progress in the last two years in developing new clubs and in bringing some former clubs back into the fold, but there is much, much more to be done.

Most of you are aware that we are looking at the possibility of merging ALBA and AWLBA. I support this effort and feel that we need to "re-invent" our organizations, without losing the traditional values of lawn bowls, if we are going to be able to effectively deal with the challenges of the next century.

I am looking forward to visiting each of our divisions during my term of office and hope to meet as many of you as possible.

Good bowling to all.

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ON THE COVER: Walt Disney made this statement in an interview circa 1962. Even today, few bowlers are unaware of Disney's indelible presence in the world of Bowls. Observed one writer: "A member of the Beverly Hills and Smoke Tree Ranch lawn bowling clubs in California, Walt Disney, an expert bowler, was a well-known figure on the greens where he entered into the fellowship which characterizes those who are devoted to the pastime."

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Letters to the Editor

I DON'T GET IT!

I did not receive my last two issues of the magazine. How'cum everyone else gets their BOWLS except me? Why hasn't our magazine been forwarded to our Summer address?

Three Subscribers

ED: More than 500 people did not receive their Summer issue of BOWLS Magazine!

Most of the 500 were "snowbirds!" Others, for the most part, were individuals whose address had changed, but the Magazine was never notified.

We don't know where you are unless you tell us! "Permit rate" mail—most magazines—doesn't follow you when you change your address unless you make special provisions with your departing post office—and probably not even then.

The post office does not automatically ship undelivered magazines back to the sender. It deposits them in the trash. YOU don't receive the magazine, and WE don't know you didn't receive it until you notify us.

"Return To Sender" (us) does not apply to permit rate mail unless specifically requested and a fee is paid for each piece of returned mail. For the Summer issue, responding to inquiries about "not getting my last issue," we posted a special "return requested" notice on the back cover. Back came 500-plus magazines, for which we were required to pay a return fee, per magazine. When we were able to hunt down correct addresses for many of the returned copies, we now paid postage a third time for delivery of the same magazine!

No. It doesn't make sense. Particularly, when timely "change of address notices" can be sent to the Circulation Manager by one of several sources. The favored way: the subscriber/member tells his/her club secretary, who informs his/her Division secretary, who notifies the BOWLS Circulation Manager. For nearly forty years, that's been the preferred routine. But, the process begins with the member/subscriber. Less formal, the member/subscriber can simply send a change of address notice to the Circulation Manager. Who and where information appears on page 3.

Quite a few snowbirds have their magazines mailed to their club (instead of

residence) address. This way they can readily pick up their copy when they're in town and, when they're away, (a) have the club hold the magazine(s) until their return, or (b) have the club forward the magazine(s) to them.

If your situation is more complex, our new Circulation Manager Nancy Stanek will make every effort to work with you.

ON GUARD!

Our large group recently enjoyed a tour of clubs in the State of Florida, visiting the Lakeland, Sarasota and Sun City bowling clubs. The cordial welcome we received at all the clubs was tremendous, and new friendships formed.

Our Association looks forward to the World Police Games in 2001 in Indianapolis, although at this time, we think, they will not be putting Bowls on the list of competitions. We are constantly pressuring them to do so. Perhaps you could suggest the nearest bowls greens to their 2001 venue.

There are too many to mention individually who made our Florida tour go so smoothly, but we say thank you one and all, especially to Doris Morris.

Vic Jones

English Prison Service Bowls Assoc.

Chelmsford, England

ED: LBCs in Chicago and Rockford, Ill., might work. Contact: Contact ALBA President Jack Phillips for detailed information. His address is found at the top of the right hand column on this page.

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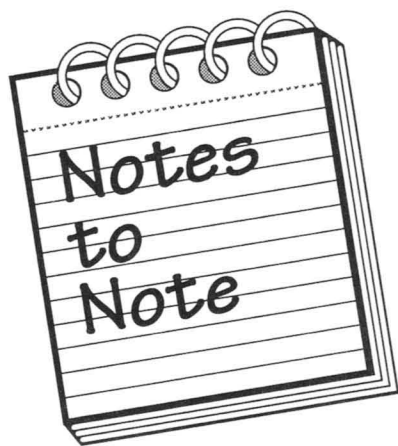
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OLDEST LAWN BOWL UNEARTHED

The 1998 Massachusetts Historical Newsletter of the Commonwealth Museum reports:

"One of the Colonial sites excavated by archaeologists (in Boston) uncovered an unusual, somewhat enigmatic wooden ball...about 4.75" wide and 3.25" thick. It easily fits in the palm of a hand. It is made of oak, and appears to have been turned on a lathe...and decorated on both of the flatter sides with two pairs of incised, concentric circles.

"Following up on a theory that the ball was used in a bowling game, contacts were made with experts on the subject of bowling greens, lawn bowling and the history of bowling. (The) curator of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in St. Louis confirmed that the ball was a lawn bowling ball (sic)...is the oldest known bowling ball in the New World, dating back between 1660-1716...and that it was most likely for the game known as 'Belgian Cheese.'

"However," suggests the Newsletter, "in Puritan Boston, lawn bowling was frowned upon, and, in fact, was against a law passed in 1650. The discovery of the ball suggests that the game might have been played by Katherine Nanny (the assumed owner), her sons or successive husbands in spite of the ban."

ED: BELGIAN CHEESE?! Apologies to the submitter of this item, but we cannot locate your name.

PLACING THE MAT

According to Jimmy Davidson, writing in *Bowls International Magazine* (11/98):

"In singles, if I won the toss, as I grew in experience, I always gave the jack to my opponent. I believe, rightly or wrongly, that any disadvantage would be more than outweighed by two factors:

"First, that I would have the last bowl and last 'bite of the cherry'; and second, that I was telling my opponent that I was prepared to play at his choice of length, whatever it was. Oneupsmanship?

"(Later in the match) if my opponent took the mat up the green and delivered it too short, or into the ditch, I always used to take the mat further up the green; or if that was not possible, leave it where it was to take my turn at delivering the jack.

"Now that is positive onupsmanship—or onedownsmanship, if you lose the end!

"It's common practice these days for those trailing in a match to take the mat up the green.

"One player I took special notice of in the past in relation to mat length was Willie Wood (Scottish world champion). He always made small changes to mat length. A yard or so variation from the previous length did not advertise the change, but it had its effect.

"He knew he made the change and made the adjustment. It seemed to catch the opponent pretty often."

WHATSIT MEAN?

Anyone familiar with "The Laws of the Game" (the lawn bowling rule book) is acquainted with the term: "Controlling Body". It does not refer to your mother-in-law. It means:

The "body" having immediate control of conditions under which a match or tournament is played." The order of authority in the United States is as follows:

1. The WBB or IWBB (the men's and women's international federations).

2. ALBA/AWLBA (the U.S. national bowling authorities).

3. Regional Divisions within ALBA/AWLBA.

4. a) The club on whose green the match is played.

b) The event Director(s), if a tournament.

NANCY STANEK BOWLS CIRCULATION MGR.

Nancy Stanek has been named Circulation Manager for *BOWLS Magazine*. Stanek, a member of the Hermosa Beach LBC and a resident of Lomita, CA, succeeds Patsy Morgan, who retires following three years at the position.

The Circulation Manager maintains the Magazine's computerized subscriber/ mailing list—including changes of address—coordinating the distribution of each issue with the mailing facility.

Prior to Morgan's tenure, Bill Todd served as Circulation Manager for 20 years.

JAWS GOES OLYMPIC

From the *Los Angeles Times* sports section:

"What's next for the already crowded Olympic schedule?

"How about 'fin swimming', an obscure sport being proposed for the 2004 Athens Games.

"Fin swimmers stick both feet in a single rubber-and-fiberglass mono-fin up to 22 inches wide. They clasp hands together in front and propel themselves through the water with undulating thrust of the fin."

ED: Must be a lot of countries with a national fin swimming team! If we could just come up with a format for beach bowling....

BIG BUCKS FOR BOWLS

The World Bowls Tour (WBT) has secured a four-year World Indoor Bowls Championship package for £1.3 million (not \$\$\$) with Potters Leisure Resort in England. The hefty deal parallels the signing of a three year pact with BBC-TV, which calls for broadcast of the World Indoors and International Open through 2002.

Another event, the new David Bryant Cup—UK vs the rest of the world—will also be held at Potters.

The World Indoor will be a three-week event that will offer a prize purse of £163,000.



Arizona Hosts 458 Entrants

1998 NATIONAL OPEN

By Howard Goodnough & Ed Ditore

The combined American Lawn Bowls Association and American Women's Lawn Bowls Association National Open Tournament was hosted by the So. Central Division October 31–November 6, and supported by the lawn bowling clubs in and around the Sun Cities area. 252 men and 206 women entrants, including bowlers from eight different countries, made it the second largest national tournament in recent history.

For the first time in the '90s, United States bowlers won all three of the men's events. U.S. women fared nearly as well, capturing two of three championships.

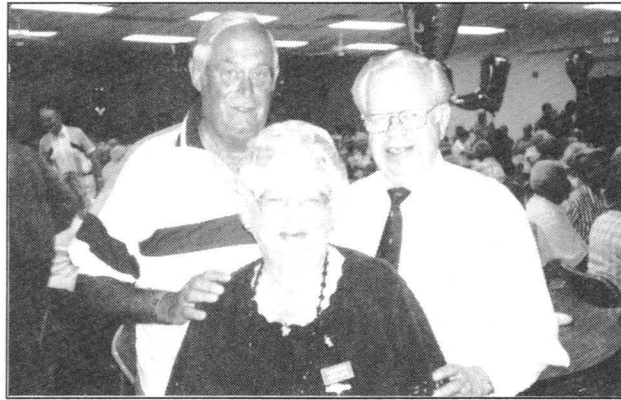
"Bowlers of the Tournament" honors went to Heather Stewart (Orange County, CA) and three men who tied for the honor: Ivan Hyland (Coto DeCaza, CA), Merton Isaacman (Irvine, CA), and Tom Stirrat (Sun City West, AZ).

The Open "social calendar"—presided over by Jean Haigler

and her hard working committee—including a "welcoming" cocktail party hosted by the Del Webb Corporation, and an awards cocktail gala hosted by local realtor Ken Meade. In between, there was a pizza-pleasing "Halloween Pumpkin Patch Party", featuring costumed guests, and a tasty "Southwestern Barbeque", with country music and a "yee-ha" noisy crowd.

The nine clubs who generously made use of their greens for the Open were: Bell, Fairway, Lakeview, Mountain View, Oakmont, Paradise Park, Pueblo El Mirage, Sun City Grande and Sun City West.

R. Gil Stephan, Jr. was Men's Tournament Director, while Charlotte O'Keefe handled the women's Tournament Director's chores. Both had the volunteer services of large numbers of local bowlers, who ably handled all elements of the huge event, particularly the choices of donuts at each playing venue every morning.



AWLBA President Virginia Marlar, center, with ALBA President Gil Stephan, left, and Sun Cities super-realtor Ken Meade, who sponsored the National Open Awards Presentations Gala.

MEN'S RESULTS

SINGLES

Championship

1. Tom Stirrat (So. Central) 93
2. Ed Quo (Southwest) 47
3. Neil Furman (Southwest) 31
4. David Anderson (Canada) 14

2nd Flight

1. Graham Jarvis (Canada) 14
2. Hugh Branston (Canada) 9

3rd Flight

1. Jack Lucey (Eastern) 16
2. Bob Nunes (Southwest) 8

4th Flight

1. Mert Isaacman (Southwest)
2. Ken Degenhardt (Central)

5th Flight

1. Michael Siddall (Southwest)
2. George Whitelaw, Sr. (Southeast)

6th Flight

1. Danny Ho (Canada)
2. Lyall Adams (Canada)

7th Flight

1. Devan Wilkie (Canada)
2. Bob Copley (So. Central)

PAIRS*

Championship

1. Mert Isaacman/Ivan Hyland (SWD) 81
2. Ted Waterson/Steve Santana (Can) 40
3. Ron Wood/Brian McCartney (Can) 27

4. Bob Labron/Bill Urquhart (SCD) 14

2nd Flight

1. Jack Phillips/Frank Koenig (CD/PIMD) 16
2. William Hartley/Colin Broome (Spain) 8

3rd Flight

1. Stephen Wood/Cam Smith (Can) 14
2. Robin Goldman/Steve Bezan (ED/Can) 7

4th Flight

1. Roddy Macdonald/Devan Wilkie (Can)
2. German Santana/Grant Clegg (Can)

5th Flight

1. Tom Stirrat/Gordon Shieck (SCD)
2. Michael Sanderson/Hiren Bhartu (Can/Fiji)

6th Flight

1. Chris Stadnyk/Ryan Stadnyk (Can)
2. Lionel Thom/Frank Souza (SWD/PIMD)

7th Flight

1. William Nuttall/Robert Shaw (Spain)
2. John McBain/Ken Truckenbrod (SCD)

TRIPLES*

Championship

1. J. Behling/C. Salisbury/S. Meyerowitz 65 (SCD/SWD)
2. E. Waterston/D. Anderson/H. Branston 34 (Canada)

3. G. Jarvis/G. Ralston, Sr./B. Lingeman 23 (Can/SCD)

4. C. Stadnyk/R. Stadnyk/B. Falconer 12 (Canada)

2nd Flight

1. N. Furman/M. Ashton-Phillips/M. Siddall (SWD) 14
2. P. Fagan/J. Zinna/H. Finlay (SWD/CD) 7

3rd Flight

1. M. Isaacman/I. Hyland/B. Pickup (SWD) 12
2. B. McCartney/S. Wood/R. Wood (Canada) 6

4th Flight

1. A. Mortenson/R. Compton/B. Padget (SWD)
2. J. Grabowski/P. Bucklin/R. Mulvaney (SED/ED)

5th Flight

1. G. Santana/G. Clegg/S. Santana (Canada)
2. B. Hiscock/G. Lockhart/M. Overton (SWD/PIMD)

6th Flight

1. J. Lucey/T. McLaughlin/F. Koenig (ED/PIMD)
2. M. Lafond/L. Mathieu/P. Dial (ED/SCD)

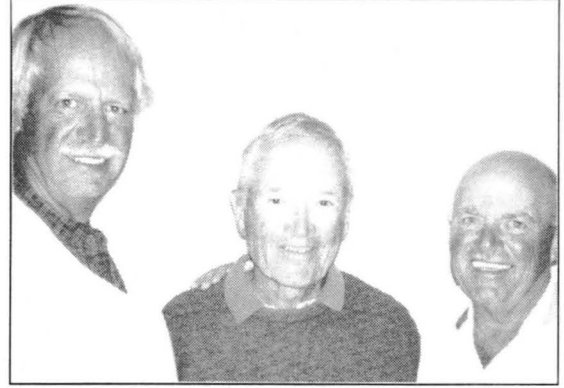




Men's 1998 Singles champion and "Co-Player of the Tournament," Tom Stirrat.



Men's Pairs champions and "Co-Players of the Tournament," Mert Isaacman, left, and Ivan Hyland.



'98 Open Triples titlests, (l-r) Jack Behling, Champ Salisbury and Simon Meyerowitz.



So. Cal.'s Heather Stewart, women's Open Singles champion and Ladies "Player of the Tournament".



Canadians Jackie Hogan, left, and Helen Culley won the Women's Open Pairs.



Champion Rinks foursome: (l-r) Dottie Panacek, Mary DeLisle, Kottia Spangler and Katy Stone, all from Southern California.

WOMEN'S RESULTS

SINGLES

Championship Flight

- 1. Heather Stewart (Southwest)
- 2. Christine Adams (Canada)
- 3. Selina Jarvis (Canada)
- 4. Helen Wright (Canada)

2nd Flight

- 1. Lynn McElroy (Canada)
- 2. Evelvn Keener (So. Central)

3rd Flight

- 1. Anne Barber (Southwest)
- 2. Mary DeLisle (Southwest)

4th Flight

- 1. Margaret Fettes (Canada)
- 2. Muriel Rackliff (Southeast)

5th Flight

- 1. Jean Roney (Canada)
- 2. Rosemary Waldie (Canada)

6th Flight

- 1. Rosina Toal (Canada)
- 2. Clem Grant (Canada)

7th Flight

- 1. Gerry Hermanussen (So. Central)
- 2. Jean Fox (Spain)

PAIRS*

Championship

- 1. Helen Culley/Jackie Hogan (Canada)
- 2. Muriel Rackliff/Mandy Smith (SED)

- 3. Laura Dewald/Harriette Pituley (Canada)
- 4. Helen Wright/Yvonne Bridgman (Canada)

2nd Flight

- 1. Anne Barber/Maryna Hyland (SWD)
- 2. Marian Clark/Marjorie Mitchell (Canada)

3rd Flight

- 1. Jean Roney/Selina Jarvis (Canada)
- 2. R. Waldie/J. VanDonselaar (Canada)

4th Flight

- 1. Betty Walker/Lynn McElroy (Canada)
- 2. Cecelia Gillespie/Merle Ackerman (Canada)

5th Flight

- 1. Dot Morrision/Leah Close (SCD)
- 2. Jan MacNaughton/Joan Garwood (Canada)

6th Flight

- 1. Patricia Dance/Jean Fox (Spain)
- 2. Kottia Spangler/Dottie Panacek (SWD)

7th Flight

- 1. Ann Howland/Betty Ackerman (SCD)
- 2. Marion Compton/Terry Horan (SWD/Canada)

RINKS*

Championship

- 1. Spangler/DeLisle/Panacek/Stone (SWD)

- 2. Barber/H. Stewart/Sistad/Hyland (SWD)
- 3. Roney/Gillespie/Jarvis/Ackerman (Canada)
- 4. Culley/Wright/Hogan/Glenn (Canada)

2nd Flight

- 1. Waldie/Earl/VanDonselaar/Mathie (Canada)
- 2. D. Stewart/Harrington/Webster/Rihela (SCD/Canada)

3rd Flight

- 1. Toal/Fettes/Marshall/Adams (Canada)
- 2. Keener/Howland/Smuylan/Leibbrandt (SCD)

4th Flight

- 1. Grabowski/Roller/Luba/Saladin (SED/CD)
- 2. Blum/Henrich/Bernash/Fossati (SWD)

5th Flight

- 1. M. Wood/Said/Haws/West (NWD)
- 2. Compton/Torvid/Burkholder/Trask (SWD)

6th Flight

- 1. Nuttall/Dance/Fox/Shaw (Spain)
- 2. Harrison/Defoe/Schober/Miller (Canada)

*skip listed first



ALBA HALL OF FAME ELECTS 15!

By Ed Ditore

"Save the past for the future. Every future needs a past on which to build itself and to define itself."#

Fifteen past and present members of the American Lawn Bowls Association have been elected as inaugural honorees to the ALBA Hall of Fame. The appointments are made in

recognition and commemoration of special and unusual contributions to the lawn bowls community in the United States. Elections were made by a Council-appointed Hall of Fame select committee representing all U.S. Divisions.

Inaugural honorees are:

ORVILLE ARTIST. National Open "Triple Crown" winner—Open Singles champion in 1986, 1987, Pairs 1981, 1984, Triples in 1983. National Open "Bowler of the Tournament" in 1987. Appeared in seven U.S. Championships events 1977-88—won U.S. Singles in 1977, Pairs 1988. Member of USA World Bowls Team in 1984. Represented U.S. at first two Pacific (Rim) Championships in 1985, 1987. California-born, bowling since 1972, and active at several Northern California clubs, including Leisure Town (Vacaville), Berkeley, and Rossmoor (Walnut Creek).

FERRELL BURTON, JR. Editor of BOWLS Magazine 1978-92, Editor Emeritus 1992-present. Secretary-Treasurer of ALBA 1976-82. Creator of bowls-related publications including the *ALBA Almanac* and *Directory of Clubs in the United States*, and publisher of such staples as *"Laws of the Game"*. During one period, he was at the same time: ALBA National Secretary-Treasurer, ALBA Memorial Foundation Treasurer, Editor of BOWLS Magazine, President of Santa Monica (CA) LBC, SW Division Councilor, and SWD Correspondent to BOWLS Magazine. Elected ALBA Honorary Life Member in September, 1987. Began bowling in 1974, and his club memberships have included the Santa Monica, Holmby Park and Beverly Hills (CA) LBCs.

JAMES CANDELET.* President of ALBA 1970-72, he participated in 14 United States Championships, winning seven U.S. titles—Singles 1961, 1966, 1971, 1980; Pairs 1959, 1968, 1983. Had six National Open victories—Triples 1964, 1971, 1975, 1976, 1982; Pairs 1970. He skipped every event. A member of the USA World Bowls Championships teams of 1966 (the first World Bowls), 1972 (Pairs silver medalist), 1976 (tied for 4th in Triples), 1980 (team manager), 1984 (took ill after two Pairs matches, while partner Skip Arculli and his replacement went on to win gold medal). President ALBA Eastern Division in 1959, ED Councilor 1964-1984. Began bowls at age 12 in St. Petersburg, FL. Pawtucket and Providence (RI) primary clubs.

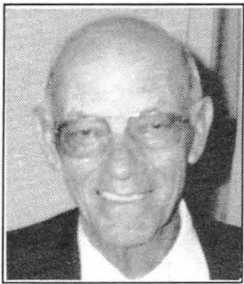
HAROLD L. ESCH. ALBA President 1958-60, he was the U.S. "Bowler of the Decade" (Pilcher Trophy) in 1960s, and runner-up in 1970s and 1980s. Recipient of the W.G. Bill Hay "Bowler of the Year" Award in 1974. National Open "Triple Crown" winner—Singles in 1958 and 1976; Pairs 1963, 1969, 1975, 1987; Triples 1974, 1975. Three times National Open "Bowler of the Tournament"—1975, 1976, 1980. Representing the Southeast Division 16 times in the U.S. Championships, he won U.S. Pairs 1962 and 1967; Singles runner-up three times. Member of USA World Bowls teams 1966 (the first) and 1976; manager of 1988 team. Manager of 1987 USA Pacific Championships team. Southeast Division Councilor for 35 years, beginning 1956. Elected ALBA Honorary Life President in 1992. Currently ALBA National Historian. Southeast Division Secretary-Treasurer 1950-94. International Bowling Board (IBB) secretary-treasurer 1982-84.

Published monthly ALBA newsletter (forerunner to BOWLS Magazine) 1950-60. Compiled and published "Lawn Bowling Handbook" in 1947. Milwaukee-born, he began bowling in 1935 in Orlando, FL. Affiliations include Orlando and Mount Dora LBCs.

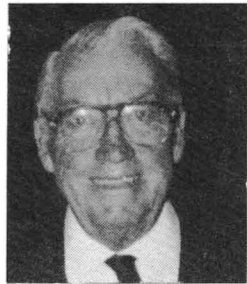
RICHARD FOLKINS.* ALBA President 1976-77, he holds more championship honors than any other American bowler in history. National Open "Triple Crown" winner—Singles in 1950, 1954, 1957, 1980; Pairs 1950, 1952, 1954, 1957, 1977; Rinks 1950, 1954, 1962; Triples 1962 (only year both rinks and triples played), 1973. "Bowler of the (Open) Tournament" 1950, 1952, 1954, 1957, 1962. Won United States Championships Singles in 1976, 1977, 1979; Pairs 1974, 1975. 1970s "Bowler of the Decade" (Pilcher Trophy). Skipped gold medal USA Triples team at 1972 World Bowls Championships, and silver medal Pairs team at 1976 World Bowls. Member of 1980 U.S. World Bowls team. Represented U.S. frequently in international competitions. ALBA SWD Councilor for nine years. President of the SW Division. Member of ALBA's Rules Committee 1969-77. Affiliated with various SWD clubs, including Arroyo Seco and Casta Del Sol LBCs.

DR. EDGAR HALEY.* Known as "The Greens Doctor", Dr. Haley dedicated more than three decades to research and development of "championship" bowling greens. He authored and published two primary reference works: "Construction of a Lawn Bowls Green" (the "Yellow Book") and "Maintenance of the Lawn Bowling Green" (the "Green Book"). At his own initiative, curiosity and expense, Haley began a scholarly journey in 1962 that resulted in development of the contemporary sand-based bowling green, as well as the suitable tools and routines for its maintenance. He invented the "Greensplaner" and built every unit. Haley constructed a four-rink green on his Escondido (CA) estate to test and prove his theories. The green (and active LBC) closed shortly before his death in 1998. Bowls was his father's game, and he (and brother Rupert) learned to play as youngsters at the Brentwood Park private green in West Los Angeles. The green was forerunner of the Santa Monica LBC, of which the Haley's were founding members. They were also long-time members of the Beverly Hills LBC. Dr. Haley was elected ALBA Honorary Life Member in 1992.

ARTHUR HARTLEY. Won the National Open Singles championship in 1940-41, 1946, 1960, 1965. Won U.S. Championships Pairs in 1965, and was U.S. Singles runner-up four times. Member of the 1966 USA World Bowls team (first World Bowls), placing fourth in Singles. National Open Marl Singles champion 1947, 1951, 1955, 1957-58, 1962, and winner of the Southeast Singles title seven times between 1947-62; Pairs three times. Hartley developed a "concept" lawn bowl manufactured by Brunswick-Balke-Collender in Chicago, and a synthetic bowling surface, still used successfully by many Florida clubs. His clubs of record include the Chicago, Clearwater and old Los



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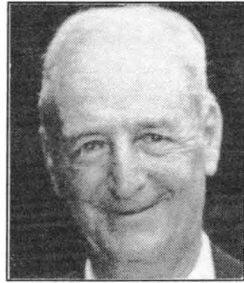
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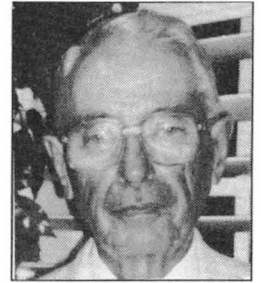
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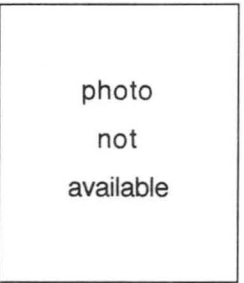
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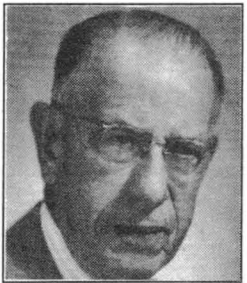
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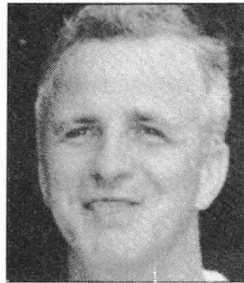
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Angeles LBCs.

WILLIAM G. "BILL" HAY.* President of ALBA 1946-51, in 1962 he was the first (of two) Americans to serve as President of the International Bowling Board (IBB). Hay was United States delegate to the IBB for ten years. ALBA elected him an Honorary Life President in 1953. His many years as a national radio personality (announcer on "Amos & Andy", et als) put him in the position of spokesman for the Association on numerous occasions; and his tenure of 24 years on the ALBA Council (as a SWD representative), is the second longest service on the Association's governing assembly. His home club was Beverly Hills.

Hall of Fame Elections

- # Hall of Fame elections are annual.
- # Submissions of candidates must be received no later than August 1 to receive consideration for current year.
- # Anyone can submit a candidate(s), but all submissions should include as much support information as possible. Candidate submissions should be sent to: Harold Esch, ALBA Hall of Fame, P.O. 1231, Mount Dora, FL 32757.
- # The Hall of Fame electoral committee, established by the ALBA Council, consists of the seven Division Presidents (or their nominee) and three at-large members.
- # The Committee convenes during the National Open Tournament.

LARRY R. HENNINGS.* One of two Americans elected President of the International Bowling Board (IBB), he headed the international bowls federation 1982-84. A U.S. IBB delegate for many years. From 1958-70, Hennings was an ALBA Councilor representing the Northwest Division, and during 1962-64, served as President of ALBA. Upon his retirement from the Council, he was elected an Honorary Life President of the association. In 1962, Hennings chaired the Century 21 Worlds Fair National Open Tournament in Seattle, WA, only the third international bowls event ever held on U.S. soil. In 1984, he was chairman of the Aberdeen, Scotland World Bowls Jury of Appeal. Hennings, a lawyer, authored the charter for the ALBA Memorial Foundation/Middleton Fund. His home clubs were in the Seattle area.

BERT MACWILLIAMS. ALBA President 1980-82, he has won five United States Championships: Singles 1976, 1979, 1983; Pairs 1989, 1991. His 20 appearances in the U.S. Championships rank first all-time (tie). Represented the Central Division four times in Pairs and six times in Singles; the Southeast Division once in Singles and nine times in Pairs. Member of 1980, 1984, 1988 USA World Bowls teams. Served on the ALBA Council ten years, beginning 1974. Central Division President for two terms. Cleveland-born, bowled since 1964 at the East Cleveland (OH) LBC, then Clearwater (FL).

DR. FRANK W. MCGUIRE.* Chairman of the ALBA organizational meeting held July 27, 1915, in Buffalo, New York, Dr.

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HALL OF FAME

McGuire was elected the first President of the new American Lawn Bowls Association, serving until 1919. He was the first President of the Meadow Lawn Bowling Club, organized June, 1909, fore-runner of the Buffalo LBC. In 1916, Dr. McGuire, organized the first recorded international event held in the U.S., attracting 92 U.S. and Canadian rinks teams. He skipped the National Open championship rinks team in 1921 (fourth year of the Open).

NEIL MCINNES. Winner of more combined U.S. Championship/National Open titles than any other American lawn bowler. In 18 U.S. appearances, he owns three Singles victories—1972, 1982, 1990—and seven Pairs championships—1972, 1974–75, 1980–81, 1985, 1998. He is the only player to win the U.S. Singles and Pairs in the same year (1972). A National Open “Triple Crown” winner—Singles in 1977 and 1991, Pairs 1971 & 1993, Triples 1993. Member of four USA World Bowls teams—1976, 1980, 1984, 1988—winning a Pairs silver medal (w/Dick Folkins) in 1976. Represented U.S. in multiple international events. “Bowler of the Year” 1972, 1973. “Bowler of the Decade” 1980s. Glasgow-born, learned bowls in 1958 in Australia before joining Hermosa Beach (CA) LBC, then Arroyo Seco and Pasadena LBCs.

CHARLES P. MIDDLETON.* Instrumental in the formation of many clubs in the Northwest Division. His \$100,000 gift to ALBA established the ALBA Memorial Foundation. President of ALBA 1956-58, and elected Honorary Life President. Chaired special committee that proposed and delineated the United States

Championships program. Northwest Division Councilor 1954-66. Established indoor bowling at Life Care Retirement Facility in Seattle. Bowled at Seattle (WA) clubs.

WILLIAM MILLER. Triples gold medalist at 1972 World Bowls Championships in Worthing, England (w/Dick Folkins & Clive Forrester). Fourth all-time in U.S. Championships appearances, representing Central or Southeast Division 17 times between 1958-1990—six Singles, eleven Pairs. Won U.S. Championships Pairs in 1971. Won National Open Triples in 1979, Pairs in 1982. ALBA President 1972-74, serving as Central Division Councilor for ten years; Southeast Division Councilor 1975-79. President of Central Division. Scotland-born, came to U.S. in 1928, joined Gary (IN) LBC in 1937. Clearwater (FL) LBC home club since mid-'70s.

WILLIS “BILL” TEWKSBURY.* Dominant U.S. Championships Singles player 1957-69. His twenty U.S. Championships appearances rank #1 (tie) all-time. Won U.S. Singles titles 1958-59, 1963-64, 1967, 1969. Won U.S. Championships Pairs in 1970. Won National Open Pairs title in 1976. Member 1972 USA World Bowls team, winning silver medal (w/Jim Candelet) in Pairs. U.S. “Bowler of the Year” in 1970. Member of Orlando and Clearwater LBCs. Bill Passed away January 9, 1999.

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Director John Houston, addressing the U.S. Senate on the subject of film preservation.

* Deceased



ALBA has made membership its number one priority and the effort seems to have reached the grass roots level at many Lawn Bowling Clubs. We've had calls from clubs that

need help with training new bowlers and clubs that would like to have their Instructors and Coaches brought up to date. There has been a constant demand for the lawn bowling poster developed by the Southwest Division, and it is available via SWD secretary, Jim Graham, for \$.45 each (forty-five cents). Jim can be reached at 460 Links Drive. Nipomo, CA 93444, or e-mail at: Lawnbowl1@aol.com

Our Web Site www.BowlsAmerica.org is being “hit” on from all directions and the compliments keep coming in.

There's a new listing of lawn bowling clubs that will be going out to all the clubs in the Sunbelt. We hope that this year some of you will take your bowls home with you and participate with a club close by. Why not stop at Hot Springs, Arkansas or Denver, Colorado as you head north?

Now there are five places where a lawn bowler can pay for time on a green. Edina and Minneapolis in Minnesota, Mt. Hood, OR, Grandview, WA, and Camillus, NY. The Minneapolis Club has joined ALBA and looks forward to supplying some top-notch bowlers within the next couple of years. We hope to sponsor a seminar at the other facilities next Spring so that they too can become a part of ALBA.

The PIMD committee to study dropouts has reported back and I'll be pleased to send each of you a copy of that report if you send me a stamped envelope (see address below). The num-

The Membership Trail

By Frank Ransome
ALBA Membership Chairman

ber one reason listed was “personality conflicts between new and established bowlers.” This ranged from new bowlers being unwilling to take advice, to new bowlers not being able to

get advice.

Here in the PIMD we've come up with a short course called: “Etiquette and Tactics,” that is directed toward the new bowler who wishes to know more about the sport and perhaps be a better tournament bowler. This has been offered to the clubs and so far six sessions have been completed. It is hard to change some of the bad habits we all get into, but we should try. I know how difficult it is for a coach to impart the correct procedures to a new bowler and how easy it is for that new bowler to forget everything he's learned when he plays in the draw.

ALBA has come up with another positive step forward. Each of the Divisions has been asked to contribute at least one dollar per male member towards a fund that can only be used to enhance or increase membership. This will give us a way to send out information and supply materials to clubs who don't have the money to pay for them. We know that we can't buy new members, but it will be so much easier to find them if we have a few dollars to spend looking. So far the Divisions have accepted the challenge and the fund is growing. One Division not only made its contribution to ALBA, but has also started an in-house Division fund for the same purpose. The National Secretary-Treasurer, who will reimburse out of pocket expenses, will administer the ALBA fund.

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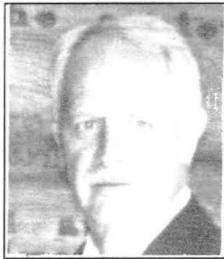
U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

The 1999 United States National Team is announced by Jim Graham, Chairman of the National Team Selectors Committee. Committee members are: Bill Farrell, Bill Robertson, John Stewart and Champ Salisbury.

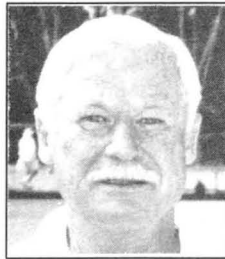
In 1999, the United States will send men's and women's teams to the North American Challenge in Canada, September 4-7, and the Asia-Pacific Games in Malaysia, September 21-30. Men's team for the NAC are: Ashton-Phillips, Isaacman, Quo, Siddall and Stearn. To the A-P Games in Kuala Lumpur: Behling, Ho, McArthur, Pickup and Stirrat. Women's selections for these events are found on the Women's Pages.



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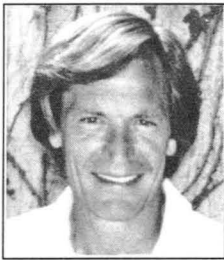
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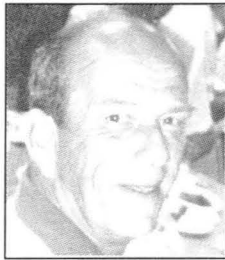
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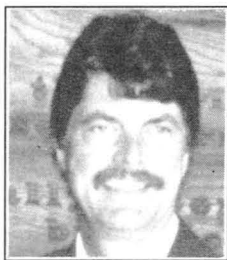
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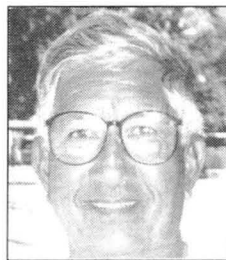
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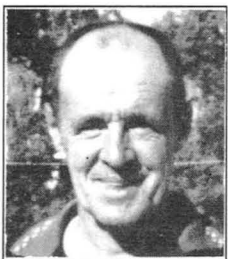
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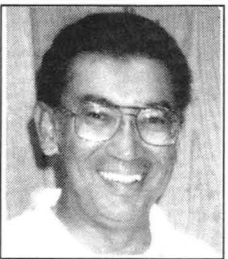
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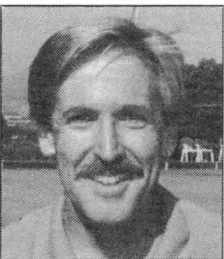
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The general meeting of the World Bowls Board was held September 10 (98) in Kuala Lumpur, during the Commonwealth Games. The WBB is the international federation for the sport of Bowls.

Primary items of business:

Amalgamation of Bowls Associations

WBB President Gerald Turner's grand design to create a World Bowls Tour out of the WBB, WIBC, IWBB, PBA, equipment manufacturers and bowls journalists is facing a rocky future, despite heroic efforts on the President's part. A number of impediments:

- Australia's decision to introduce its own version of "Laws of the Game".
- The intransigence of IWBB (International Women's Bowling Board) officers, who greatly distrust any association "dominated" by men.
- The WIBC (World Indoor Bowling Council) is lukewarm to giving up sole control over their prestige events and TV rights.
- The PBA (Professional Bowlers Association) players are making demands for larger purses and distrust "badge men".
- The manufacturers can't agree on the surface for a testing table.

Further meetings will be held. They will not be pleasant.

Laws of the Game

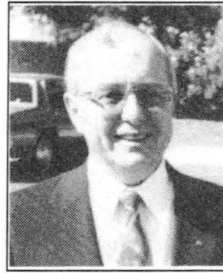
A constitutional amendment was approved to appoint or elect three delegates to a Joint Laws of the Game Committee. The joint Committee consists of three delegates from each association: WBB, IWBB and WIBC. A national authority may adopt its own laws, but such laws must be first approved by the WBB.

Bowls Testing

A By-Law was approved concerning the licensing of bowls testers. (*Such an amendment has no force in the U.S. as the only known tester refuses to get a license and pay the fee.*)

WORLD BOWLS REPORT

By Jim Copeland
ALBA Senior Delegate



But Section 20(d) of WBB Laws provides:

"Any member national authority may make its own arrangements for the testing of bowls, and such bowls shall be valid for play in all matches controlled by that authority."

Membership

The United States no longer has 4,000 paid male members and is now an Associate WBB member. One U.S. division official filed an inquiry asking if the U.S. can have two separate male associations and both be affiliated with WBB. The reply was negative.

World Bowls 2000 (World Championships)

Place:: Marks Park, Johannesburg, SA
Time: Opening Ceremony, Friday, March 31, 2000
Format: Pairs and Triples, 2 games per day, first week
 Finals: Triples—April 7
 Pairs—April 8
 Singles and Rinks, 2 games per day, second week
 Finals: Rinks—April 14
 Singles—April 15

Banquet: Saturday, April 15, 2000

Qualification: 24 Teams:

16 Seeded teams based upon 1996 World Bowls

8 Qualifiers:

5 from Asia/Pacific Games

2 from Africa Championships

1 Brazil, Spain or third place Africa (playoff)

Placing: In each event there will be two sections of twelve. The top two teams in each section will qualify for medals, but only the first place teams will playoff for gold and silver. No other playoffs.

Future: Scotland in 2004.

New Zealand interested in 2008.

Colored Bowls

WBB voted to grant a request from Thomas Taylor, Ltd. to produce bowls in colors other than black and brown. But a national authority may voted to limit bowls to black and brown in competitions under its authority. Tom Miller has samples in USA.

Drug Testing

WBB Vice-President Jan Armstrong has developed a booklet: "Doping Control in Bowling." Many of the drugs taken by older men, such as beta blockers, are suspect, although a medical exception clause is being worked out.

Olympics

Inasmuch as the sport of bowls is played in fewer countries than the minimum required by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), no progress has been made.

James Copeland
Senior WBB Delegate, ALBA

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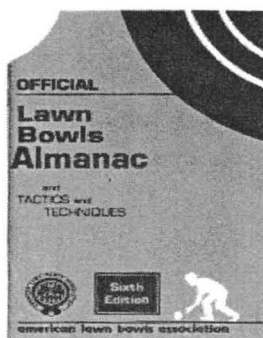
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The third lesson starts with the class rolling jacks back and forth to warm up and to give you and the coaches a chance to review with each bowler what he or she is doing right or wrong. This time we ask the recruits to bowl in order. #2 follow #1 and then #3, just as if we were bowling a triples game. The Instructor should advise the trainees to: "Watch what the person on the mat does and then do better. Watch his feet, watch him step, watch his release, watch his follow through and listen to your coach." This is the beginning of being a bowler. Step on the mat, align your feet, look at your skip, release the bowl and follow through. Then step to the right, pick up your bowl and take a position behind the bowler on the mat so that you can observe his delivery and the grass he takes. If we taught no more than that we'd speed the games up and make it more interesting for everyone.

The trainees are taught to roll short and long jacks by varying the swing of their arms and the length of their steps. The Instructor constantly reminds them to hold the jack at the end of the fingers with the thumb on top.

Now we can take a short break and teach how the jack is centered. There are as many ways to signal your Skip, but certain criteria must be met to keep the Skip happy. Always use your entire hand, not fingers, always hold the hands away from the body never in front of your face. Always show how far the jack must be moved to the right or the left by holding your hands that far apart on the right or the left. Don't be cute. There are times and places that being cute is a drawback.

Let's announce that we're going to have a short game. Choose up sides for pairs or triples matches and go through the entire routine. Flip a coin, go first or second, set the mat 6'6" roll and center the jack. Don't bother with designated leads, seconds, and skips. Let a coach stand in the head and signal which side the bowl should be rolled and where he wants it to stop. We know that the new bowler won't be able to do these things, but he or she must get accustomed to what will happen in a game.

Our Instructor should never stop talking about team sport and team responsibilities. Never harangue the class, just talk about the duties of the Skip and how important it will be to get the bowls somewhere close to the spot that the Skip indicates. The Instructor can talk about how important it is to be able to roll the jack to the Skip's feet and why a Skip wants a long or a short jack. What we're doing is building a feeling in our class that they are starting

up a ladder that will be fun to climb.

During the third lesson we don't pay any attention to the score except to applaud a particularly good shot and call encouragement to each bowler as they take the mat. This is the time in the lessons to insist that the recruit look to his Skip for instructions. I will go as far as to stop a bowl that is not rolled on the hand that I have called for. Did that in a match once and was rightly called for interference. It is the most frustrating thing to have a lead or second ignore directions for whatever reason. They call the Skip the "DIRECTOR" and your class should learn this right away.

Lawn Bowling is a team sport. The Seconds become Seconds and graduate to being a Skip when they have demonstrated leadership qualities to go along with their skills. Please don't let your class assume that becoming a Second is a natural step after so many weeks or months of bowling.

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1998 ALBA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

ALBA Officers and National Council meet once a year to discuss, tend to and plan the business of the Association. The 1998 Annual Meeting was held October 29-30 in Sun City, AZ, preceding the annual National Open Tournament. The following is a "brief" of the minutes of this two-day meeting. A complete set of minutes, including full reports and exhibits, prepared by the ALBA National Secretary-Treasurer, is available from your Division secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by ALBA President R. Gil Stephan, Jr.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in the memory of lawn bowlers who passed on during the year past.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were: Kenneth Degenhardt & John Phillips, Central Division; John Lucey & Colin Smith, Eastern Division; Edward Pina & George West, Northwest Division; Murray Brunt & Francisco Souza, Pacific Inter-Mountain Division; Douglas McArthur & Lindsay Towns, South-Central Division; Eugene Goodwin & Joseph Grabowski, Southeast Division; Michael Ashton-Phillips & Jim Graham, Southwest Division; R. Gil Stephan, Jr., President; Woodruff Ogden, Secretary/Treasurer. A quorum was declared present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved/seconded/resolved that reading of minutes of previous meeting (Irvine, CA, 1997) be dispensed with and accepted as written.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ALBA CONSTITUTION

- Pacific Inter-Mountain Division proposed an amendment that would allow non-U.S. citizens to be members of ALBA's National Team under certain circumstances. The motion was defeated.
- Central Division proposed an amendment that red-lines boundaries of the Central and Eastern Divisions. Details and reasons for the change were included in a written exhibit. Unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gil Stephan presented an oral report in addition to his written report. Among his comments was the feeling that, through the efforts of ALBA's Membership, we were seeing strong indications of reversing our decline in membership.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Woody Ogden submitted a financial report for 1999. It was discussed and approved. In comments, he felt that the newly established ALBA website, which he developed and maintains, was contributing greatly to publicizing the association. For this reason, he would like to devote his entire efforts to developing the site and that 1999 would be his last year as Secretary-Treasurer.

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION TREASURER

Jack Phillips submitted a financial report. He stated that investments of the Foundation realized nearly 15% return during 1998.

WORLD BOWLS BOARD REPORT

Senior Delegate Jim Copeland distributed a written report. (See page 12.)

Reports from Standing Committees NATIONAL UMPIRE

John Stewart read his written report. He also presented a recommendation for a change in the Rules and Regulations of the United States Championships, mainly: "a contestant must reside within the Division 90 days prior to the Championships, rather than 90 days prior to the Playdowns." Recommendations unanimously accepted.

U. S. CHAMPIONSHIPS DIRECTOR

1998 U.S. Championship Director George West submitted a detailed report on 1998 tournament, along with a financial report. President Stephan presented George and (host) Jefferson Park Lawn Bowls Club a commemoration plaque on behalf of the ALBA.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Gene Goodwin reported the 1999 U.S. Championships would be held at the Long Beach (CA) Lawn Bowling Club, September 24-29 (later changed to Oct. 16-21). The 1999 National Open Tournament scheduled for October 2-8 (later changed to Oct. 23-28) in the Southwest Division (Orange County). Recommendations for U.S. Championships dates: year 2000 at Sun City Center, FL, and 2001 at Buck Hill Falls, PA were accepted. Recommendation that 2002 U.S. Championships be held at Rossmoor LBC in Walnut Creek, CA, was accepted. All site approvals were unanimous.

BOWLS MAGAZINE

Editor Joseph Siegman submitted written and financial reports. He stressed need for more diligence by club and division secretaries in reporting changes of address. Magazine has approximately 5,200 subscribers and 10,000 readers.

MARKETING & PROMOTION

Michael Ashton-Phillips distributed his committee report, including financial information.

1998 NATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

Director Gil Stephan reported statistics for 1998 men's tournament entries: 160 Singles, 208 Pairs, 216 Triples. Entries include 51 from Canada and 19 from other countries. Gil advised that 1998 would be his last year as National Open Tournament Director. A successor was not announced, but inasmuch as the next five Open events will be held in the Southwest Division, the new Director will be named by that Division. It was unanimously approved that the National Open entry fees will be increased to \$40 per event (from \$30), with \$10 of the fee allocated to the ALBA Foundation.

NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE

Coordinator Ed Quo and Adele Patterson (neither present) provided a written proposal outlining suggested procedure for future NAC events. It was recommended that the North American Challenge be held only on even numbered years; but, that Canada be notified that if they wish the NAC to be held annually, we are prepared to accommodate their preference.

INSTRUCTION & COACHING

Frank Ransome presented a written report. He stressed the importance of every Division having an instruction chairman and that

they utilize the ALBA approved syllabi. There are no instruction chairmen in the Eastern, Northwest and South Central Divisions.

MEMBERSHIP

Frank Ransome presented a written report. He spoke of discovering lawn bowling clubs we didn't know existed, and stressed membership as our #1 priority. He suggested a \$1 contribution from each Division per member to be placed in a special fund for new membership promotion. Suggested another approach would be to request a donation from each Division without regard to membership numbers. President Stephan instructed 1st V.P. Phillips to send a letter (drafted by Ransome) to each Division Secretary requesting an appropriate donation.

NATIONAL TEAM SELECTORS

Jim Graham submitted a written report, which Council discussed. NTS Committee met formally following the Council meeting. (National team selections appear on page 11.)

HALL OF FAME

Chairman Harold Esch (not present) submitted a written report regarding the HOF election process, defining members of the election committee: the seven Division presidents (or nominees) and three at large members—Bill Miller, Champ Salisbury and Joe Siegman. The election committee met formally between Council meetings, made their elections (see pages 6-7), and the Council formally approved the elected charter honorees during its final session. Councilor Lucey volunteered to research the possibility of locating the Hall of Fame and historical memorabilia at Buck Hills Falls. A Hall of Fame budget of \$500 per year was established.

Unfinished Business

FUND RAISING & CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

The committee had nothing to report and planned no further activity. President Stephan declared the committee disbanded. Joe Siegman offered to chair a Corporate Sponsorship Committee, with members of his own choosing. President Stephan appointed Joe chairman of the newly formed committee. Joe advised the committee would include: Frank Ransome, Jack Lucey, Sam DeLisle, Gene Goodwin, Champ Salisbury and Michael Ashton-Phillips.

MERGER STUDY COMMISSION

Gene Goodwin submitted a written report regarding a possible ALBA-AWLBA merger, which included results of a survey that was circulated through Divisions to the individual clubs. Council voted to move forward with recommendations suggested in the report, only later to learn that AWLBA, at its concurrent meeting, had taken no action on the merger question. Council, at Commission Chairman Goodwin's motion approved submission of the ALBA-AWLBA Merger Report to each Division Board for comments by January 15, 1999; and that results of these Division Board comments be published.

CLUB REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Committee studying this concern maintains that it is the business of the Divisions to determine requirements for membership in the ALBA. It also feels that provision should be made for membership-

at-large for individuals who may not necessarily be affiliated with a particular club, but who would like to support the efforts of the ALBA. The Committee recommends that no specific action be taken at this time because of the pending merger between ALBA and AWLBA.

OLYMPICS

President Stephan stated that the ALBA has supported the desire for lawn bowling to become an Olympic sport for many years. Michael Ashton-Phillips explained that Australia made a presentation to the International Olympic Committee that was turned down.

WBB DELEGATE ON NTS

It was proposed that the WBB Senior Delegate be designated an ex-officio member of the National Team Selectors. The proposal was denied. It was proposed that WBB Senior Delegate be invited to submit a written advisory to NTS. Motion passed.

NATIONAL TEAM RECOGNITION

A maximum of \$600 shall be provided annually to make plaques and pins to be awarded to members of the United States National Team members.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

President Stephan explained that since we have no guidelines for bestowing ALBA Honorary Life Membership or Life President honors, he has appointed a committee consisting of all living ALBA Past Presidents to propose guidelines on to how this should be handled. Serving on this committee will be: Joe Grabowski, Bill Farrell, Bill Miller, Bert MacWilliams, Champ Salisbury and, as of Jan. 1, 1999, Gil Stephan.

Other Business

EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Unanimously resolved that the *BOWLS Magazine* Editor, *BOWLS* Circulation Manager and National Secretary-Treasurer be reimbursed for expenses in 1999, as they were in 1998.

PRO FORMA BUDGET

Woody Ogden presented a written 1999 Pro Forma Budget, and noted minor alterations made during the course of the Council meetings. An amended budget was unanimously approved.

FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Ray Turman was elected to represent the Southeast Division and Jack Lucey

the Eastern Division on the ALBA Memorial Foundation Board.

WBB DELEGATES

Jim Copeland and Doug McArthur were re-elected senior and junior WBB delegates, respectively.

NTS MEMBERS

The Nominating Committee nominated (incumbent) Jim Graham and Jim Webster for three-year terms as National Team Selectors. John Stewart was nominated from the floor. Graham and Stewart were elected.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee nominated: Jack Phillips as President; Jack Lucey, 1st Vice-President; Gene Goodwin, 2nd Vice-President; Woody Ogden, Secretary-Treasurer. Slate automatically elected.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council the meeting was adjourned at 11:43, Friday, October 30.

Respectfully submitted,
Woodruff Ogden, Secretary-Treasurer



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY	6-11	ALBA	SOUTH CENTRAL OPEN	Sun City West, AZ
MARCH	6-12	ALBA AWLBA	SOUTHEAST OPEN	Clearwater, FL Lakeland, FL
	20	AWLBA ALBA	CALIFORNIA 4"s CALIFORNIA STATE TRIPLES	Newport Harbor, CA Long Beach, CA
	22-April 3	AWLBA	ATLANTIC RIM GAMES	Cape Town, So. Africa
APRIL	17-18	ALBA	CALIF (SW) STATE RINKS	Santa Barbara, CA
	24-29	ALBA AWLBA	SOUTHWEST OPEN	Riverside, CA Long Beach, CA
MAY	29-31	ALBA AWLBA	NORTHWEST OPEN	Portland, OR
JULY	31-Aug 5	ALBA AWLBA	EASTERN OPEN	Buck Hills Falls, PA
AUGUST	7-12	ALBA AWLBA	CENTRAL OPEN	Pittsburgh, PA
	14-20	ALBA AWLBA	NORTHWEST OPEN	Seattle, WA
SEPTEMBER	4-7	ALBA AWLBA	NO. AMERICAN CHALLENGE (Canada vs USA)	TBA, Canada
	11-17	ALBA AWLBA	PACIFIC INTER-MTN OPEN	S.F. Bay Area, CA
	21-30	ALBA AWLBA	ASIA-PACIFIC GAMES	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
OCTOBER	16-21	ALBA AWLBA	U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS	Long Beach, CA
	23-28	ALBA AWLBA	NATIONAL OPEN	Orange County, CA
MARCH	8-29, 2000	AWLBA	WORLD BOWLS	Moama, Australia

To list your tournament, contact Shirley Cam, 1625 Skycrest Dr. #25, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. E-mail: shircam@silcon.com



WOMEN'S PAGES



ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT

A new year and a new leader for the AWLBA. We welcome Rita Hurley as our new president. Rita has been involved in lawn bowling for quite some time and can be seen at all the major tournaments. Rita has been very active in the Central Division and also in the AWLBA. For the past several years she has been our liaison with the ALBA, on the National Tournament Committee and a member of the committee working on the merger with ALBA. We hope to obtain a profile of Rita so we can better acquaint you with her and learn what goals she has in mind for her administration. Meantime, we are happy to greet her and wish her well in her new position.

FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year to all our members and we hope it will be a good one for all of you. Our goal this year is to make our pages interesting as well as informative. But, we would like your help. Are there areas of lawn bowling you would like to explore? The National Council meetings, for instance? Would you like to know what proposals were presented and accepted by the Council? Would you like a brief profile on the women who are representing the USA in the various international competitions? Want some humor? Ladies, these are your pages. Please help us fill them with items you would like to read.

NEXT DEADLINE MARCH 26.

Winnie Eberle,
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AWLBA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The Memorial Foundation Board held its annual meeting on November 1 (98), in Arizona, and welcomed two new members, Peggy Salisbury (South Central Division) and Linda McDougall (Eastern Division). Linda was elected president for the coming year, Dorothy Bell Vice-President, and Beverly Phillips Treasurer. Directors Linda McDougall, Jan Wessel and Shirley Cam will serve as the Grant (formerly Scholarship) Committee.

Thanks to those who recently made donations: South Central Division in memory of Theresa Day; Beverly Phillips in memory of Ann Beckley and Stella Dunsworth; and Mary Scott in memory of Cecelia Brown.

Request for funds should be sent to Linda McDougall at: 242 Placid Avenue, Stratford, CT 06497. Send contributions to Beverly Phillips, 7434 Richland Manor Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Beverly Phillips, Treasurer

REVIEW & SELECTION COMMITTEE

The past few months have been busy for this committee. We had a coaching clinic for the roster applicants (had several new participants) and managers that applied immediately following the National Open in November (98). The coaching clinic was very successful. We had a great volunteer, Peter Fish, who helped coach the applicants. The roster applicants, managers who applied and the selectors all benefited from his coaching techniques.

One of the great pleasures of this committee is to report the following teams and managers chosen to represent the USA in 1999:

Going to Cape Town, South Africa for the Atlantic Rim Games in March are: Anne Cherney, Mary DeLisle, Evelyn Keener, Heather Stewart and Katy Stone. Charlotte O'Keefe is Manager.

The Asian-Pacific Championships team (Malaysia in September): Regina Banares, Anne Cherney, Kottia Spangler, Dora Stewart and Irene Webster. Jean Haigler is Manager.

North American Challenge—Joining Manager Jean Haigler will be: Linda McDougall, Jeanne McLaughlin, Lois Saladin, Dora Stewart and Heather Stewart. We have not yet received information regarding dates or place for this event.

The Committee and I would like to wish all the U.S.A. teams success and good bowling. Go get 'em, ladies!

Cy Stephan

1998 AWLBA NATIONAL OPEN

It's over! The 1998 National Open is now something of the past, except for memories. A big "thank you" to all of you that came and enjoyed.

Championship winners were:

"Player of the Tournament" and Singles Champion, Heather Stewart

Pairs Champions—Helen Culley and Jackie Hogan



Fours Champions (l-r) Kottia Spangler, Kathy Stone, Dotie Panacek and Mary DeLisle.

Congratulations! You were up against a lot of tough competition and came out winners. (See complete results on pages 8-9.)

Charlotte O'Keefe

**TO: THE ATLANTIC RIM TEAM
& CHARLOTTE O'KEEFE
THE ASIAN PACIFIC TEAM &
JEAN HAIGLER**

**THE NORTH AMERICAN
CHALLENGE TEAM & JEAN HAIGLER**
Congratulations to you all. We, the Review and Selection Committee, have done our job and have faith in you. "Go for it, Girls."

Thank you for your cards.

Mary Scott

Review & Selection Committee, ED

CENTRAL DIVISION

By Beverly Phillips

The bowling greens have been closed for the winter, but we are making plans for next season. The AWLBA Central Division Open will be held in Pittsburgh, August 7-12, followed by the playdowns. For entry forms, contact: Eileen Luba, Division Secretary, at 427 Dorseyville Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15215.

Congratulations to Rita Hurley, from the Westland Club, who is our newly elected president of AWLBA. Also congratulations to Lois Saladin, from Pittsburgh's Frick Park Club, who will be on the USA Women's team at the North American Challenge. Eileen Luba, of Frick Park, is also on the National Team Roster.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

By Adele Patterson

Almost 100 bowlers—men and women—met at Rossmoor on Saturday, November 14, to complete the 1998 season with our Closing Day tournament. Mother Nature cooperated with sunny skies, Secure Horizons provided the lunch, and the bowlers contributed good spirits.

Prizes were awarded to the top five teams on each of two greens. Many bowlers went home with their pockets jingling! In morning matches, Paul Regoli, Rennie Banetto and Bob Hanson took top honors on green #1; Dick Love, Russ Weeks and Felice Santos took home the big money on green #2. In the afternoon, Bill McConachie, Bob Harbeson and Jerry Knott were the big winners on green #1, with Woody Ogden, Bernard Santos and her Lee taking top honors on green #2. Now we can look forward to Opening Day in March!

Marie Klos was elected President of the PIM Division at the December annual meeting. Serving with her will be: Ann Maron, as 1st vice-president; Sandy Henderson, 2nd vice-president; Shirley Lyon, Secretary; and Polly Obendorf, treasurer. Adele Patterson was elected AWLBA Councilor. We all want

to thank the outgoing officers, especially Faith Bittner, who served as treasurer many years.

Our new president, Marie Klos, is well-qualified to take over the office. Marie worked as an accountant and executive secretary for 42 years. She and her husband, Marion, came to California in 1972 from Chicago. At retirement in 1990, they moved to Rossmoor and soon took up lawn bowling. She has been active in both the local and division ever since. In addition to being our president this year, she will also serve as the administrator of the Rossmoor Computer Club, which has about 2000 members. An awesome lady!

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

By Jean Haigler

Now that the 1998 National Open is behind, we are devoting ourselves to the New Year and our normal activities. We had election of officers: Phyllis Sullivan, President; Ann Howland, Vice President; Marion Schaeffer, Secretary; Roberta Lane, Treasurer; with Cy Stephan and Jean Haigler, Councilors, and Charlotte O'Keefe Alternate Councilor.

Our Division Open will begin February 6th on the Sun City area greens. We will have a joint pizza party with the men the first evening of the tournament. Our Division Playdowns will be held in March, as well as our President's Fives. Along with the other tournaments at the club level, etc., it promises to be a busy season.

In March our USA team will be leaving for Capetown, So. Africa and the Atlantic Rim Games. Charlotte O'Keefe will be going not only as manager of the team, but also as a delegate to the IWBB Council meeting. Evelyn Keener will be going as a member of the team. We wish all of the team **GOOD LUCK!**

We hope to see some of you at the various tournaments scheduled for our area. You are all welcome at any time!

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

By Eileen Love

The Southeast Division met in Lakeland, FL in November and passed some changes to our By-Laws and Constitution. We then elected new officers.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our retiring President, Frida Mixson, who served for the past two years. She did a super job and we are very grateful to her and her Board. We also would like to thank Ann Wood, who served as Secretary and Tournament Director, and, of course, Virginia Varjian, who has been our Treasurer for the past eight years. They worked very hard and deserve our gratitude and appreciation for a job **WELL DONE.**

The newly elected officers for 1999:

Eileen Love, President; Barbara Roller, 1st Vice-President; Joyce Schindler 2nd Vice-President; Councilors Patti Grabowski and Barbara Roller; Marianne Turman, Secretary; Treasurer Virginia Varjian; Muriel Rackliff, Head of Review and Selection Committee; and Jeanne McLaughlin, Head Umpire.

The Southeast Division Open Tournament will be held in Lakeland, March 6-12, and AWLBA's Mixed Triples on March 13. Entries went out in December. Hope to see you there.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

By Winnie Eberle

A Christmas luncheon brought the past year's activities of the Southwest Division to a close. The day began with a game of bowls at Santa Ana and the luncheon followed at the Groves. A large number attended the festive occasion, which was followed by a silent auction organized by Mary Jane Henrich and her committee.

At our October meeting, the officers for 1999 were elected. President-Heather Stewart, Vice President-Paula Bellone, Secretary-Patsy Morgan, Treasurer-Grace Blum, and Junior Councilor -Anita Delfs.

Ladies Days are always well-attended as the women enjoy playing at other clubs. And our days at Pomona and Pasadena were no exception. Alice Lawrence, with the assistance of Marion Compton, kept the activities well in hand. A number of our women participated in the Nationals in Arizona with some success.

The Ina Jackson 5-Star was played at Santa Ana. The team of Marion Compton, Joan Wignall, Floy Torvid and Terry Higgins, from Santa Anita, won the tournament. The Long Beach team of Edna Schmidt, Pat Gonzales, Ginny Grovert, Rose Marie De Rosa and Liz Fowler placed second.

The Win Eberle Mixed Pairs was played at Santa Anita and Long Beach. This event was sponsored by Win Eberle and Barbara McCowan. Winners at Santa Anita on green #1 were: Gene Plunkett and Joan Wignall, with Jim and Eileen Donohue placing second. On green #2: Ted and Teresa Viser were first, with Bill MacFarland and Nancy Trask second. At Long Beach on green #1: Mert Isaacman and Anne Barber were the winners, with Ed Quo and Katy Stone second. On green #2: Mario Galletta and Margaret Rodman won, with Clair Ott and Evelyn Tiel second. The trophy went to Mario Galletta and Margaret Rodman, who had the highest score of three victories and a plus 24.

We commend our Tournament Chairman, Peg McCutcheon, for a job well done this year. Now we are looking forward to an active and productive 1999.

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Super Shots Club

7 SHOTS PAIRS

- Chicago, IL Willye Tillman & Charlean Smith 9-10
Seattle, WA Chuck Caddey & Marg Caddey 8-21
Santa Cruz, CA Stephen G. Cooper & Desmond Woodhouse 10-13
Santa Cruz, CA Stephen G. Cooper & Tristan Cooper 10-18
Williamsburg, VA Al Miller & Earl Levitt 10-17
Williamsburg, VA Joan Miller & Mary Hopke 10-17
Williamsburg, VA Jack Edwards & Edith Edwards 10-17
Los Angeles, CA Brian Studwell & Alan Goodnoff 8-8
Los Angeles, CA George Alpern & Margie Nock 10-31
Phoenix, AZ Bob Padgett & Jim Obrock 11-17
Sun City, CA Evelyn Tiel & Boyd Jordan 11-17
Santa Maria, CA Bill Macdonald & Lee Shell 4-18
Santa Maria, CA Bill Macdonald & Gwyn Beatty 1-23
Santa Barbara, CA Donna Long & Jo Ann Wayne 11-18
Santa Barbara, CA Hugh Finlay & Joe Quinn 11-1

8 SHOTS PAIRS

- Santa Barbara, CA Anna Vankoppen & Ed Guarino 10-13
Santa Barbara, CA Chuck Baker & Florence Beelen 10-31
Alhambra, CA Dale Pierce & Mary Jane Henrich 12-12
Santa Cruz, CA Stephen G. Cooper & Bob Jackson 12-10
Santa Ana, CA Doug Horwood & Jim Singleton 12-10
Pinehurst, NC Dick Fortman & Mildred McIntosh 12-7
Santa Barbara, CA Donna Long & Ellen Voorhees 12-7
Pomona, CA Ed Ramirez & Carole Hilliard 12-9

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

- Santa Barbara, CA Duane Aasted, Natalie Martinez, Jerry Voorhees 10-9
Hemet, CA Bob Sinclair, Greg Lill, Don Bierce 10-9
Santa Barbara, CA Duane Aasted, Marge Querfurth, Kermit Williams 10-5
Leisure World, CA SW Division Ladies Day Barb McCowen, Alice Lawrence, Ida Connor (Hemet, CA.) 9-16
Silver Springs, MD (Leisure World LBC) Roy Rosfeld, Bernice Tuller, Peter Geran 9/23
Santa Ana, CA Jerry Frank, Hugh Hughes, Connie Frank 10-3
Santa Maria, CA Bill Macdonald, Jim Cooper, Herb Wilson 8-12
Santa Maria, CA Bill Macdonald, Marton Seifert, Herb Wilson 9-18
Santa Maria, CA Seymour Hersh, Bill Macdonald, Herb Wilson 10-13
Santa Maria, CA Bill Macdonald, Clark Skadden, John James 11-18

Sun City, CA Harry Johnson, Don Fawley, Ed Malinowski 11-22

Los Angeles, CA Phyllis Hopkins, Joe Waldorf, Charlie Jamm 12-8

Santa Maria, CA Bill Macdonald, Jim Cooper, Gene Willard 12-2

Santa Maria, CA Bill Macdonald, Mary Dineen, John Maines 12-4

Hemet, CA Wen Mowery, Raymond Harrow, La Dene Mowery 12-11

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Williamsburg, VA Lee West, Joan Proper, Laura Rosfeld
Santa Maria, CA Bill Macdonald, Ray Dunn, K.C. Agrelius 11-4

Santa Barbara, CA Joe Quinn, Armie Elkin, Dick Singer 11-16

Sun City, AZ John Toal, Joe Molletta, Bill Smulyan 11-2
Oakland, CA Tom Burnoski, Mary Frederico, Walt Gohl 11-12

Tournament Players Super Shots Club

7 SHOTS PAIRS

Pasadena, CA *Petit Pairs Tournament* Raul Perez & Doris Sneddon 10-15

Sun City, AZ *Sun City Mixed Doubles Tournament* Betty Ackerman & Harry Howland

Sun City, AZ *National Open Tournament* P. Dial & J Hillman 11-5

Sun City, AZ *National Open Tournament* Bob Ayotte & Harry Berry 11-7

Sun City West, AZ *West Side Food Bank Charity Tournament* Al Burdick & Nita Burdick 11-21

Sun City West, AZ *West Side Food Bank Charity Tournament* Marty Schans & Annette Schans 11-21

Pomona, CA *Pomona Open Pairs Tournament* Peg McCutcheon & Charlene Erickson 11-7

Sun City West, AZ *National Open Tournament* Myra Wood & Donna West 11-2

ONE 7 SHOT AND ONE 8 SHOT IN DIFFERENT ENDS IN THE SAME PAIRS GAME.

W. Hartford, CN *Marie Manners Memorial Pairs* Bob Fickley & Helen Fickley 9-12

8 SHOTS PAIRS

Hemet, CA *Oldlympics 1998* Kathy Bremer & Bob Hill 10-5

Chicago, IL *Mayor Daley's Senior Games* Willye Tillman & Charlean Smith 9-10

TWO 7 SHOTS IN DIFFERENT ENDS IN ONE TRIPLES GAME

Oxnard, CA *Oxnard Invitational Fun Tournament* Harry Saperstein, Doris Sneddon, Raul Perez 9-3

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

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LAKELAND

By June O'Leary

First vice-president Wes Hague has had to assume our club presidency because of severe illness suffered by Doug Johnson, the elected president. June O'Leary took on the job of first vice-president, and Gene DeWitt became second vice-president.

We opened our season this Fall bowling against the visiting British Prison Guards Lawn Bowling Club, which also paid bowling visits to Sun City Center and Sarasota. The visitors were extremely competent bowlers and good sports, who now have many new friends and admirers here in Lakeland.

Because the falling Canadian dollar has discouraged the annual migration of many of our Canadian members, who make up 95 percent of our membership, we are making special efforts to attract more local members to our club.

DAYTONA BEACH

By Jack Gilbert

We welcome new members George Bailey, Ginnie and Don Pierson, and Isabel and Dave Wilson. But at least 10 of our Canadian members will not be with us this season because of unfavorable currency exchange rates and an increase in supplemental health insurance premiums.

Seven of our members, including three first-year bowlers, came home with cash prizes from the Mayme's Mixer tournament at DeLand, in November.

With a bequest from a deceased club member, we have bought ten new bowls retrievers, new sprinkler heads, two new brushes, and a used-rider lawn mower that we have converted into a vehicle for towing our roller.

Our skips in the North Central Florida League this season are Jean Henderson, Bruce Boadwin, Bill Wiswell, Chris Praties and Geoff Headley.

DELRAY BEACH

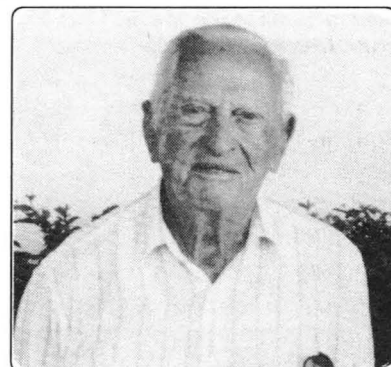
By Dick Nelken

The Delray Beach LBC held a 100th birthday party on December 8th for dedicated member Paul Lavitt, who bowls six days a week and walks two miles every day.

While it is great for our club to have a Paul Lavitt to show off one of the benefits of lawn bowling, we are losing too many members, like Dan Feese, Angie Marcia and Martha Stafford, who passed away recently. That's why the club has begun a vigorous recruiting program. Wish us well!

Two of our younger members, Neil and Eleanor Sloane, finished second at the Holiday Bowl at Mount Dora, bowling with skip Lynn Stokes, a former Delray Beach bowler who moved to Sun City Center FL last year,

and Diann Thrush of the Suncoasters-Sun City Center (see separate Holiday Bowl article in this section).



100 candles for Delray Beach's Paul Lavitt, who bowls six days a week and walks two miles daily!

CLEARWATER

By May Blair

What an honor for our club! Four of our members have been elected among the first 15 to the ALBA Hall of Fame. They are: Arthur Hartley, Bill Tewksbury, Bill Miller and Bert MacWilliams

Our club tournaments are underway for this season, and several champions have already been crowned. Marion Wall has repeated as our Ladies Singles champ for this year, with Cecilia Noble the runner-up. In the 4321 Singles, Joan Barker was tops among the women and Walter Robertson among the men, while Marion Wall and Ron Jones settled for runners-up. In our annual Snobowl (a real misnomer this year!), the team of Lindsay Blair (skip), Mae Cochrane and Mike Davis were the big winners.

We again hosted the SE-AWLBA Mixed Pairs tournament in November. Five teams among the 44 entered won all three of their games, so the prizes were based on plus-points. The Clearwater teams of Don and Cathy Stephan, Howard Adkins and Joan Barker, Bill Farrell and Eleanor Calder, and Ron and Lou Ann Mulvaney finished one-two-three-four, while Burl and Barbara Roller, of Mount Dora, came in fifth.

If you check the results of the Mount Dora Holiday Bowl elsewhere in this SE section, you will note that three of the seven top teams were from our club. Congratulations, Ed Evans, Norm Welsh and Bill Farrell! In addition to Clearwater victories on the rinks, our Bert MacWilliams won a new set of bowls in a drawing for Holiday Bowl participants.

Thanks to our greenskeeper, George Scott, and all the volunteers who help him for getting our Rubico rinks in A-One condition!

Sad to report the passing of Bill Tewksbury on Jan. 9 of the new year. Hew was 94.

FLEET LANDING

By Helen Utley

New club officers for 1999 are: Ken McCracken, president; Ed Bell, vice-president; Alma Lingham, secretary; and Niomi Kigerl, treasurer.

Four of our members visited the Mount Dora Holiday Bowl as observers and returned home with 12 sets of used bowls, donated by the Mount Dora club and their rinkskeeper Jim Hadley—who had squirreled away 12 sets cast aside by Mount Dora members "for a rainy day" that finally came! We will put the old bowls to good use, exposing the game to non-bowlers in our community of retired military, and hopefully gaining new members.

PEBBLE BEACH

(Sun City Center, FL)

By Cliff Bailey

Mike Rogus is the new Pebble Beach Club president. Also elected were Charlie Schwallie, vice-president and Mike Prach, secretary-treasurer.

Appointed delegates to SE-ALBA were: Cliff Bailey, Dick Owens and John Meksa, with John Shanklin as alternate.

In the Grass League, our Sun City women bowlers defeated their counterparts from Lakeland and Sarasota in the opening round of play for this season.

KINGS POINT

By Judy Scheel

Del Bettridge, Sun City Center greenskeeper, took over care and maintenance of the Kings Point green in December, giving us hope that we will soon have a tournament-level surface.

In a "Triples 24" tournament held last May 30 and again on Oct. 31, Judy Scheel was one of three who tied for first in the October game, while Martha Schaeffer won in May.

Glen Baumann was the winning lead in our November Flight tournament. Glen also deserves thanks for instructing new bowlers.

Judy Scheel has been elected '99 club president.

MOUNT DORA'S HOLIDAY BOWL

By Gene Goodwin

Ron Buck, of the DuPont-Wilmington, DE and Sarasota, FL clubs, teamed with two women from Sarasota, Pauline Blastorah and Helen Cane, and a man from Mount Dora, Wayne Menne, to win the Edgerton Fours at the Mount Dora Holiday Bowl December 4-6.



Holiday Bowl champions: (l-r) Helen Cane, Wayne Menne, Pauline Blastorah and skip, Ron Buck.

The foursome won all five of their games, including the finals against runners-up Lynn Stokes, of Pebble Beach-Sun City Center FL, who competed this year with Neil and Eleanor Sloane, Delray Beach, and Diann Thrush, of the Suncoasters.

Although a grumble could be heard here and there, the game of Mixed Fours (Rinks) seemed to go down well with Holiday Bowl '98 participants. This tournament got rave reviews the first two years it was played, but the game then was the more popular Mixed Triples. Nevertheless, Mount Dora sponsors decided to try Fours to increase participation on its 14 hard-surface rinks, from 84 to 112 bowlers. They also decided to name the Fours in honor of Dick Edgerton, a Mount Dora civic leader whose family played a major role in the birth of the Mount Dora club in 1928.

All of the entry fees, totaling \$2,800, went in prizes to the seven top teams. The four winning players also received special plaques and will have their names engraved on the Gentleman's Trophy, honoring Mount Dora's Harold L. Esch, recently named to the ALBA Hall of Fame. Other winners besides the Buck's and Stokes' teams were:

Third: Ed Evans, Ken & Mary Roberts, Mary McKay (Clearwater)

Fourth: Sam Drevitch, Bill & Joan Broad, June Clouart (Clearwater)

Fifth: Norm & Noreen Welsh (Clearwater) and Evelyn Sartain and Bill Swartzlander (Mount Dora) *Sixth:* Mike Maneilly, Ed Ceiga, Kit Olmstead, Lela McHenry (Mount Dora)

Seventh: Bill Farrell, Bill Stevenson, Eleanor Calder, Mary Holdcroft (Clearwater)

Note that all twenty bowlers on the teams finishing third through seventh come from clubs with hard-surface or "Har-Tru" rinks. That's true also of one player on the winning team, Menne, and the Delray Beach couple on the runners-up team.

Judy Wintsch managed the 1998 Holiday Bowl, with help from her husband, Herb, and from: Burl and Barbara Roller, Ed Ceiga, Jim Hadley, Harold Esch, Jeri McMillan and Gene Goodwin, all from Mount Dora, and Russ Tees of Clearwater.

DELAND

By Pat McCann

Mayme wasn't here in November, but we went on with Mayme's Mixer without her. The "mixer" is a tournament named after Mayme Bateman, a club member since 1965 and long-time games director, who had a fall in October that prevented her return from Canada in time for her mixer.

In Mayme's Mixer, the 48 entrants from DeLand, Mount Dora and Daytona Beach, bowled as leads, vice-skips or skips for three eight-

end games. Although they kept to their positions throughout, they had different teammates and opponents each game (by draw), earning whatever points their team scored in each game.

When it was all over, the big winner among the skips was Bruce McPeek, of Mount Dora, with Bill Bish, Mount Dora, the runner-up.

In the only club tournament completed this Fall, Harry Miller, Jim Buckland and Betty Esty captured the Mixed Triples crown.

Nearly 50 members and guests attended our

MOUNT DORA

By Gene Goodwin

With four club tournaments done and 11 to go, the Mount Dora club continues to provide maximum opportunity for its bowlers, new and old, to compete. Winners and runners-up will be awarded their club trophies this year at a grand bowling picnic on April 11th, celebrating the founding of the club in 1928.

Trophy winners so far are:

Mr. and Mrs. Doubles—1. Lois and Fred Lindley, 2. Dick and Pat Myren
Mixed Triples—1. Harold Esch, Jim DeFraine, Ann Boeckh, 2. Bill Forbes, Dick Tucker, Bonnie Bish

4321 Singles—1. Herb Wintsch, 2. Gene Goodwin.

One other tournament, called Bill's Game, awards cash prizes in lieu of club trophies. Its top winner this Fall was Rudy Broeker.

Ten new members graduated from our Fall class for beginning lawn bowlers. Additional classes were scheduled for January and March.

A benefit triples tournament, with a \$10 entry fee, raised \$965 that was turned over to the club treasurer for capital improvements.

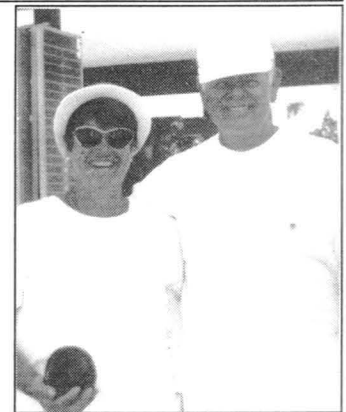
Orlando's withdrawal from the North Central Florida League last year resulted in two new teams from Mount Dora for a total of ten, playing in two squads. Then Harold Esch's resignation as an NCFL Skip opened up a third vacancy. The three new skips are: Evelyn Sartain, Lois Lindley and Bruce McPeek. Continuing as NCFL skips for Mount Dora are: Herb Wintsch, Mike Maneilly, Bill Swartzlander, Burl Roller, Maxine Hall, Dick Myren and Gene Goodwin.

One of our honorary members who has been in the club 36 years, Monroe Dickinson, died this Fall at the age of 97. He has been inactive about eight years.



Above: Mixed Triples winners at Mount Dora: (l-r) Jim DeFraine (a one-year bowler), Ann Boeckh (11-year bowler), and Harold L. Esch, a bowler for more than 60 years!

Below: Mount Dora's Mr. and Mrs. Doubles winners Lois and Fred Lindley. Lois is the club social activities director and Fred runs the club store.



Christmas party this year. We have seven new members, six having transferred from the Orlando Club that dissolved last Spring. Lillian Jost is the seventh new member. We hope that weekly articles being submitted to the local press by Dick Humbert will help us attract more new bowlers.

In the North Central Florida League this season, the DeLand teams are being skipped by Esther Sincerbox, Steve Labchuk, Jim Coles, Harry Miller and Virginia Houck.

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BUCK HILL FALLS

(Pennsylvania)

By Ken Norris

Just before ending the season in September, the Buck Hill Falls Lawn Bowling Club held its annual business meeting, electing a slightly changed slate of officers and continuing its efforts to gain the 2001 national championships.

Despite preparing to move out of the Buck Hills Falls area, Robert Gates has agreed to serve and was elected to one more year as President of the club. Also re-elected were Treasurer Marie Fischer and Secretary Jeanne McLaughlin.

In the start of a change of leadership, however, Jeffery Freeland was elected to the position of Vice-President, replacing Ernest Voros.

In other action, the club voted to continue to seek the 2001 U.S. Championships. After gaining a commitment by the management of the Buck Hill Falls Company to continue the current relationship with the lawn bowling club through at least the year 2001, the club voted to accept the U.S. Championships, if offered. The club hosted the 1997 championships. Bob Gates is spearheading the club's efforts to gain the tournament.

GREENWICH

(Connecticut)

By Frances Novak

Late fall bowling was good in this unusually warm season. Couldn't believe our luck in extending our skills.

In early fall, when our Northeast division clubs usually finish for the year, we elected new officers:

President and Treasurer—Bill Ely
1st VP and Publicity—Frances Novak
2nd VP, Clubhouse and Grounds—Jules Wagner
Activities—John Schinto
Bowling Teachers—Loring Webber, Bill Ely, Kelly Keith, John Schinto
Waiting now anxiously for an early spring.

THISTLE

(West Hartford, CT)

By Joan Wood

Thistle had a very successful bowling season in 1998. So successful, in fact, that as of this writing (mid-December) we are still enjoying bowling with as many as a dozen members coming out each game day! If the weather holds, we are hoping for a New Year's Day tournament.

In September, we hosted eighteen bowlers from Britain who were touring the East coast. Since we were one of the first stops on their tour, some of them were still dealing with lost luggage. Even so, we all enjoyed a wonderful day of bowling and a buffet picnic lunch.

Thistle's final third Sunday tournament of the year was held in late September. Winners of this event were: 1. Sandy & Bernie Hughes, 2. Nick Francis & John Rowson, 3. Parsons Swain & Bud Bruce.

Our Annual Meeting was held October 21. At this meeting, three members were made Lifetime Honorary Member for their years of service to the club. Honored were: Carol Hartigan, Bill Hayes and Annetta Willey. Carol and Annetta were the two bowlers who held the club together in its lean years, when they were the *only* members! The following officers were elected for the 1999 season:

President—John Ferguson
Vice-President—Joan Wood
Secretary/Treasurer—Joan Wood
Asst. Sec/Treas.—Sandy Hughes

Following the meeting we enjoyed a barbecue hosted by Ward Francis and Wheeler Smith, and an afternoon of bowling.

CUNNINGHAM

(Milton, MA)

By Sam Drevitch

Another successful season has ended and this writer is now enjoying sunny (hot!) Florida. We ended with a Closing Scramble, which was enhanced by the participation of many Slater Park members.

It is just a wonderful relationship that we have our friends from the Slater Park Club in Rhode Island. We coordinate our schedules so that almost every weekend we can bowl together.

We were pleased that the Eastern Division Board approved our hosting the Dakers Triples at Cunningham. Dave and Alex Dakers were members of Cunningham for many years and it was only befitting, now that our green is in championship condition, that this major tournament be held at Cunningham.

For those clubs looking for used equipment, I highly recommend the Turf Equipment Warehouse, in Orlando, FL. Their phone: 1-800-892-2354 or Fax 407-977-2036. We recently purchased a used Toro Mower at a very reasonable price.

FERNLEIGH

(West Hartford, CT)

By Ken Richardson

Our 75th Anniversary season ended upbeat on October 23 at an Annual Luncheon Meeting, with 56 members attending.

Rita O'Brien, who began the year as Membership Chair, successfully ushering in many new members, ended the year by becoming our new President. Other new officers are: George Babic, vice-president; Bill Teasdale, 2nd vice-president; Irene Woods, secretary; Jan Schemerhorn, assistant secretary; Gene Knorr, treasurer; and Alex Croxwell, assistant treasurer. Also, Rita and George Babic were presented with the President's Award for their service to the Club over the years.

Several late summer-early autumn activities highlighted our 75th year:

In August, the annual Kay Boker event was won by Bill Teasdale & Flo Webers. Ed Wood & Gene Knorr were second, Gil Eddins & Ken Richardson third. On the next weekend, the Novice Tournament winners were Ray Carlson and Ellen Boyne.

Two sets of mixed doubles were held, one in July, the other in August. The first was won by Gil Eddins & Flo Webers, the second by Bill Teasdale and Flo Webers. The Monday night doubles, extending throughout the summer, was won by John McNeil & John Rowson.

The British arrived in late September with 39 bowlers from the Costa Blanca Bowling Club in Spain. All rinks were busy with mixed doubles. Ten ends were bowled before a buffet luncheon, prepared by Rita and her committee. Only four ends were played after lunch inasmuch as our visitors, on a tight schedule, were headed for Vermont and New England's glorious fall foliage. Before leaving, they presented us with a beautiful floral arrangement and a club banner.

"Bowlympics" was held in October, with Ray Carlson winning the Kitty Corner nearest the jack and Ken Richardson accumulating the most points of the day. Frank Stolzenberg won the club singles championship. He also teamed with Virginia Burnap to capture the doubles title.

Our playing season ended on October 17 with our Annual Memorial Tournament, remembering our departed members: Harriet Roy, Douglas Proctor and Arthur Thomas. The winners were Ward Francis and Frank Mastranardi, 2. Frank Stolzenberg and Ed Fuert, 3. Otto Dunninger and Bob Lunden.

FOR THE RECORD

The featured box on page 19 in the Fall (previous) issue of *BOWLS* titled: "Central Division Women's Events" should have read "Eastern Division Women's Events," and situated on the Eastern Division pages.

EASTERN DIVISION

WILLIAMSBURG INN*By Susan Berg*

In September, the club hosted Leisure World and organized a tournament where the teams were comprised of members of both clubs, emphasizing the social nature of the game while providing an opportunity to learn from the more seasoned skips. In October, Williamsburg hosted Pinehurst LBC. Unfortunately, rain on the second day caused the Pinehurst team to decide to go home and end the tournament early. Since they were leading by one game at the end of the first day, they were awarded the trophy. Both tournaments featured the traditional Saturday evening reception at the Kingspoint Clubhouse.

Two major club tournaments were held in October and November. The Alden Eaton Memorial Doubles Tournament was held October 17-18, with ten teams competing. New members Cathy and Ed Reynolds won the trophy.

On November 7-8, the Ray Townsend Memorial Singles was held. After a second day of play in bitterly cold weather, there remained two bowlers tied for first place. A few days later, John McDowell captured the title, beating Anthony Le Compte, a second-generation bowler whose father is a previous winner.

SLATER PARK

(Pawtucket, RI)

By Ed Kenney

Not much to write about when the bowling green is put to rest for the winter.

The last two tournaments of the season were the Candelet Men's Pairs and Ray Sayer Day. Bob Sayer and Pete Stojek were the winners of the Candelet Men's Pairs, while Bill Miller and his daughter, Judy Mazzadra, along with Paul Motta, took home the win on Ray Sayer Day.

After we closed our green, my wife Shirley and I took a trip to Chatham, Cape Cod, with George Zvanelich, Yvonne Balthazard, Ken Birch and his wife Connie. We spent the day bowling with Fred and Bonnie Howarth, Sheldon Ripley, and other members of the Chase Park Lawn Bowling Club. This was our first time bowling on sand. We found it to be both challenging and enjoyable.

So far our winter has been very mild. There has not been any snow to cover our green, but the cold winds and frosty mornings keep us looking forward to the spring and a new season of bowling.

From the Northeast, we wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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Make a Donation to
The ALBA Foundation

(See page 41 for details)

This past spring, for the first time ever, the club instituted a competitive ladder. Approximately, fifteen bowlers signed up. The season ended with Dan Berg, Bill Holcombe and Jack Edwards in first, second and third place, respectively.

Club members also participated in the U.S. Open held in Phoenix this year. Dan Berg, Robin Goldman, and Ed Reynolds competed, with Robin Goldman's doubles team finishing in second place of the third flight.

On December 1, the annual dinner meeting was held at the Fort Magruder Inn. The club elected the following slate of officers for the next year: President, Bill Holcombe; Tournament Directors and Assistant Vice Presidents, John McDowell, Tom Miller, and Joann Proper; Secretary, Edith Edwards; and Treasurer, Tom Miller. In response to a request from members, Pauline Van der Spuy gave a presentation on bowling etiquette.

The best news, however, has been saved for last. Bill Holcombe announced that weather permitting, club members would be able to bowl during the winter months. The Director of Recreation at the Williamsburg Inn is responsible for this unexpected gift. Now, members can take advantage of good weather days and continue to play.

ESSEX COUNTY

(Bloomfield, NJ)

By George J. Schick

The Essex club asked me to open with Best Wishes for the recent Holiday Season and a healthy start for all in 1999.

Club President, Colin Smith, and Executive Committee member, Skippy Arculli, met this fall with Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Daniel Salvante and his staff to plan major renovations for our green. The work will begin March 1st, and we expect the green will be available for play around May 1.

In early spring, our Executive Committee will be meeting with local area clubs to determine if their green can be available for early season play by Essex members should the renovation work be delayed.

Our club will host its general membership meeting on Saturday, April 24th, and the following members have been nominated to serve as our 1999 Executive Committee:

*President—Colin Smith**Vice-President—Bob Urquhart**Secretary—George Schick**Treasurer—Lorraine Urquhart**Directors—Skippy Arculli, Duncan Farrell, Joyce Fitzgerald, Debbie Smith, Nancy Stroud.*

Our club bowls daily May 15-October 31. The Essex green is located in Bloomfield's Watsessing Park, at the corners of Glenwood and Maolis Avenues. If you plan to visit our area during the season, please call George Schick at (732) 381-2027, to arrange a match.

DUPONT

(Wilmington, DL)

By Shirley Straw

This season, we didn't get rained out for our traditional Founders Day Tournament. In these games, women are always the skips. The winning skip was Pat Flynn, with Jim Michael as her vice skip and Dick Schiefelbein as her lead. Their names go on the trophy donated by Marge and Ed Hein.

Ann Connolly successfully defended her DPCC Women's Singles title, winning again.

We were pleased to host a British touring group of 22 bowlers on our green in September. They brought out the best in us. The outcome was six games to six. Point scores were: Dupont 55, Brits 54. How close can you get?

We had a new event on our green early in October (still great bowling weather). The Delaware Senior Olympics included lawn bowling for the first time, thanks to the persistent promotion by our Jack Montigney. Results:

Mixed Pairs (ages 50-69)

Gold—Elise van Zyl and Jim Michael

Silver—Ron Buck and Pat Flynn

Bronze—Bob and Peggy Lang

Mixed Pairs (70+)

Gold—Jack and Sally Montigney

Silver—Ken and Mary Roberts

Bronze—Jim Flynn and Ruth Reichert

Two of our members, Ron Buck and Jack Montigney, entered the ALBA Open played in Arizona during November.

New officers for 1999 were elected at our Fall business meeting:

President—Bob Lang

Vice President—Jack Montigney

Secretary—Ann Connolly

Treasurer—Pat Flynn

HAMILTON

(New Jersey)

By Bob Stewart

We ended a successful season with our eighteenth annual awards luncheon, attended by forty bowlers and guests. Our honored guest was the Mayor of Hamilton Township, Jack Rafferty.

In September, we hosted twenty-two bowlers from England. As a result of the work of the township in setting up tables, chairs, etc., and Cathy Stevenson and her committee of helpers who prepared all the food and drinks, it was a great day. Especially, as it was our first time ever to host a visiting club. My personal thanks to all members who participated.

We sent a team of four to Skytop L.B.C., Poconos, PA to help out in a game against the Brits, who now live in Spain. Everyone had a good time.

Two of our bowlers, George and Joyce Smith, moved to Bradenton, Florida. Our loss is Sarasota's gain.

Our current officers were re-elected for 1999, with thanks for a job well done.

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FLINT

By Jeane Giesy

The Flint bowlers had good bowling to the end of October. Our greensman then did all the necessary processes to prepare the greens so they will be ready for bowling in the spring.

Many of the members go to warmer climates for the winter and bowl there. Some of those remaining in Flint are trying carpet bowling.

As always, one of the projects will be to get new members. How do you tell them about the game that we all find so rewarding? A remark by Walt Disney, a pioneer in bowling, bears repeating:

"There is a certain camaraderie among lawn bowlers not found in any other sport. It is excellent exercise, does not take a whole day of time, and good sportsmanship is always present. Millions of Americans, not just a few thousand, should be on the green. For once a person becomes a member of a club and gets on the green, he will find that his future will be filled with untold pleasures and many added years."

PITTSBURGH FRICK PARK

By James C. Cunningham

We survived the winter solstice and holiday season and lo and behold, we see that the days are growing longer once again and there are hopes for lawn bowling again soon!

Our annual Groundhog dinner party was held on February 2, which gave us a chance to see our members again and talk over those close games that we should have won last year. We are also making plans for a great 1999 season, including the Central Division Tournament, which will be held here August 7.

We are proud of our members participation in the National Open last year. Jack Phillips (and partner) finished first in the Pairs 2nd Flight, and Eileen Luba and Lois Saladin were part of the rinks team (with Patti Grabowski and Barb Roller) that won the 4th Flight.

Winners of our Tuesday League's second half were the following:

CHICAGO LAKESIDE

By Patricia Brown LeNoble

We closed our 1998 season with an Awards Luncheon at the clubhouse on October 31st, with 25 members and guests. Each one of us received a nice gift from Lorrie Michael for coming to celebrate not only our distinguished list of tournament winners, but to give all of us a Halloween treat.

Our tables were decorated with the usual 'black and orange' theme of the day, and our catered buffet held food that certainly tempted our palates. We have been bringing you up to date in previous issues on our games, so there are five events to be reported on.

Mixed Pairs found Charlean Smith and Jorn Clark in the winners circle, followed by Evelyn Clark and Cal Wright. Novice winners were: Roby Fisk, with his father, Dick Fisk, in 2nd place for the men. The Women's Novice saw Marilyn Daane as winner, with Leslie Fisk placing second. Next, we were engulfed in the Australian Pairs, and found our winners to be Olive Young and John LeNoble, with Evelyn Clark and Lou Young closing in.

The on-going Ladder was won by John Clark, followed by Cal Wright and David Murray. And John Clark also won the Challenge Match, with Evelyn Clark breathing down his neck. Congratulations to these and to all our winners this season. We have nothing but praise for our Games Chairman, Bill Nakagawa.

Again, we are indebted to Willye Tillman for getting Lawn Bowling into the Chicago Senior Olympic Games. She did an outstanding job as our President.

Our 1999 officers are: President, Don Sneddon; Vice-President, Dolly Rix; Secretary, Cal Wright; and Treasurer, Olive Young.

Blue Jays—Lois Saladin and Jack Lingafelt
Cardinals—Jim Cunningham and Pat McNamara

Winners of our Wednesday League's second half were:

Nighthawks—Ann Hofer, Donna Pekar and Esther Dugoni

Whip-poor-wills—Jim Cunningham, Greta Troy and Charlotte Lang

Our officers and board members for the coming year are:

President—Lois Saladin

Vice-President—George (Bud) Fickley

Secretary—Mary LaVerne Dimmick

Treasurer—Patricia Goetz

Board Members—Ralph Hofer, Randy

Ober, Greta Troy, Eileen Luba, Jack

Phillips, Jim Cunningham

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FOREST HILL

(East Cleveland)

By Jean Sinzinger

The big news is: WE HAVE CHANGED OUR NAME!

Used to be East Cleveland Lawn Bowling Club. We are now Forest Hill Lawn Bowling Club. Same address, same great group of people, but a club with a new name—one that reflects the historic park where we are situated.

Had a wonderful awards banquet to end the season of outdoor bowling. The following is a list of tournament winners for 1998:

Bode Pairs—Bob Novak and Ina Fleming

Clucas Singles—Bob Novak

Tennyson Pairs—Ina Fleming and Isabella Templeton

Walton Pairs—Bob Walton and Tom Basler

Bruce Pairs—Beatrice Tennyson and Jean Sinzinger

Seger/Templeton Pairs—Ralph Sinzinger and Isabella Templeton

Basler 4-3-2-1—Liz Duncan and Alan Eisenmann

Duncan Trophy—Bob Novak

Indoor bowling started November 5 and will continue thru March. It has been very well attended by a lot of enthusiastic players. Ed McTernan is the games chairman for the season. It is a real kick to be lawn bowling while the snow is flying!

MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK

By Buzz Althoen

Milwaukee Lake Park finally won back the Rockford Cup in September, after an absence of five years. The cup is quite beautiful and will be displayed in Milwaukee for at least another year.

Our fences are repaired thanks to the concerted efforts of Dan Matthews, who has pushed for this during the past two years. They look very nice, but the main thing is that they are much safer for all involved.

We have signs installed noting the greens are used ONLY for lawn bowling, since we had a rather persistent group of nasty local folks who thought they could use our greens for bocci ball and dent the greens at will.

Our annual meeting was held November 21 at the Milwaukee West Club, where we had a fine luncheon and elected the following officers for 1999 and directors for a term of three years:

President—Pat Mueller, Vice President—Bill Harrington, Secretary—Buzz Althoen, Treasurer—Bud Davis, Directors—Inga Harwick and Charles Stone.

Dan Matthews was presented with a plaque for his fine service as president over the past two years.

CENTRAL DIVISION

WESTLAND

By Joey Dunn

Greetings from Westland. We had a few bowlers on the green November 28th and 29th. But, being Michigan, this was the end of our bowling season.

We had five of our club members participating in Arizona recently. No prizes, but all had a good time.

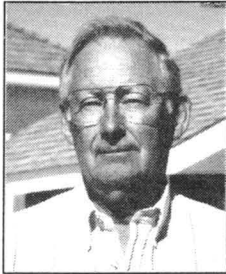
Our club is very proud of one of our members on being President of AWLBA for 1999. Congratulations Rita Hurley! We wish you all the best.

Come next spring, it would be nice to have our members participate as much as possible. If any bowlers are heading North in '99, come pay Westland a visit. A good place to be and visit.

Stay healthy and good bowling!

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Tournaments come, tournaments go. Some are quickly forgotten, while others remain as pleasant memories. The National Open Tournaments held in Arizona this past November, hosted by the South Central Division and supported by lawn bowling clubs in and around the Sun Cities area, are certain to remain a pleasant memory for all 458 participants (and, for many, their accompanying spouses).

Wonderful weather (except for the Opening Ceremony), great facilities, thorough preparations and great hospitality brought out skillful bowling and challenging championship matches. (see full results on page 5).

Though the Opening Ceremony, including the dedication of Sun City Grand's new lawn bowling facility, had to be hastily moved indoors, all went extremely well thanks to Del Webb's contribution of employees and auditorium, and the improvising by Charlotte O'Keefe and her helpers. The rain that forced the ceremonies to be moved inside was, in fact, replaced by sunshine before the program began. After the parading of colors and opening remarks, the 400 attendees had time to view the beautiful homes and grounds of Sun City Grand while strolling to the Del Webb-sponsored cocktail party.

OTHER HAPPENINGS...The "Welcome Back Get-Together Tournament" drew 104 entrants. The one-day event was split into A.M. and P.M. groups, with bowlers coming from all over the "Valley of Sun". Another successful Bob Lane production.

"Dollar Monday" continues to draw big turn-outs Mondays, 12:30 PM, at the Lakeview Bowling Greens in Sun City. Bowling, refreshments and a real good time for a just a "buck"!

LEISURE WORLD

(Mesa, AZ)

By Ruth Filbin

New officers for 1999 are Betty Dudgeon-President, Joe Kelly-Vice President, Ruth Filbin-Secretary, Bob Anderson, Treasurer.

Our annual November dinner and entertainment was enjoyed by all and a prelude to a busy season of lawn bowling. The L.W. Memorial Open Triples is scheduled for February 27-28. East Valley Mixed Triples, hosted by Silveridge this year, will be February 13-14.

Visitations are scheduled with Monte Vista, Ahwatukee, Silveridge and Venture Out through March, along with our own club tournaments.

Betty Dudgeon, Ruth Filbin, Joe Kelly, Carl Dude and Norm Desautels journeyed to Sun City in November for their "Welcome-Back" lawn bowling and party at Lakeview. Leon Sullivan and crew who worked on this event did a great job. It was a truly fun day and we all came home "winners"!

Our entrants in the Simms Mixed Pairs tournament November 28-29 were: Betty & Don Dudgeon, Jane & Ralph Bednarek, George Davey, Joe Kelly, Barb Elliot, Russ Thorndyke, Verna & Wray Roth, Ruth Filbin and Norm Desautels. Verna & Wray won the Third Flight, with Ruth & Norm second in the Third Flight.

Martha Clemons, a long-standing and devoted bowler of our club, passed away in August. She will be remembered and missed by all of us.

In Memoriam
Martha Clemons
Harold Dobson

AHWATUKEE

By Jim Obrock

The winter season has begun and the snow-birds have returned. This season we have scheduled home and away visitations with Monte Vista, Leisure World, and Silver Ridge & Venture Out R.V. Parks. We are trying to schedule visitations with Paradise & El Mirage R.V. Parks, Sun City, Sun City West and Sun City Grand.

November 12-13 kicked off our 98-99 season with a two-day tournament and fun games that ended with a social dance-party. Prizes were awarded to the winners and steak and drinks were consumed.

Art McMaster, Don Simmons, Jim

SUN CITY WEST

By Howard Goodnough

Night bowling in November & December. Are you nuts?

It is possible in Arizona, but it can be cold. But, except for a couple of Monday nights, bowlers survived the FALL NIGHT LEAGUE. (Our biggest "drop-out" for make-up games came from PACKER FANS and Monday night football!)

Because night bowling is possible and desirable in the hot times of the year our green's lighting system is being examined for possible up-grading and improvement. As of this writing the report is being studied for feasibility.

New lightweight rakes have been purchased and, after a period of bowlers' adjustment, they are working well. New rake holders and score boards are also being planned.

Thirty members of our club actively bowled in the National Open Championships and many more volunteered as markers and hosts. The Club is proud of them all.

New bowler instruction classes, lead by Millie and Ed Shaffer, started January 11th.

Dale Bjorklun and Howard Goodnough co-hosted an ALBA/AWLBA "Hot Toddy Bowl" December 10th. It featured hot coffee toddies, hot cider, cheese snacks, pay-off bowling and lots of good fellowship. We went away with warmth and a glow.

1999 Club officers are: President-Gordon Shieck, V.P. Buster Hollands, Sec/Treas.-Howard Goodnough, Directors-Bill Smulyan Rod Huberty, Len Sams and Past-President Mary Terrill.

Obrock and Bob Padgett participated in the National Open held in the Sun Cities in early November. A few wins were gained and some losses, but a great time with great people.

Our green continues to be the slowest in the valley. Reason: we oversee with winter rye. We need a "green's expert" to help us explain to our Recreation Center how to maintain a lawn bowling green. HELP!

ED: ALBA provides greens maintenance help, FREE! Ask either or both of your Division Councilors (Lindsay Towns/Doug McArthur) or Division officers to direct you to the right persons.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

SOUTH CENTRAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our division still has a "work-in-progress": the increasing of our membership. Thanks mainly to Leon Sullivan, from 173 we can now count 200 members. Exact figures will be available next month.

We look forward to another boost with the addition of a new club in Sun City Grand. Our Councilors attended an organizational meeting in December, which attracted 47 potential bowlers through the efforts of Bob and Rosemary Nelson.

One final note: We suddenly realized that Gil Stephan had just lost his job with the ALBA, so we elected him President of the South Central Division for 1999. Assisting Gil will be the following Board Members: First Vice-President, Tony Appollo; 2nd Vice-President, Ron Gilmour; Secretary-Treasurer, John Stewart; Councilors Doug McArthur and Lindsay Towns.

We are in great hands!

Champ Salisbury

(outgoing) President, South Central Division

PUEBLO EL MIRAGE

By Ronald Gilmour

Pueblo El Mirage RV Resort Park helped host the 1998 National Open Tournament and we all enjoyed being part of it.

Several club members entered but didn't fare so well. We played well against some world class bowlers and did get occasional wins, but failed to get in the money. All the bowlers we met from around the world were very friendly. It's part of what makes Lawn Bowling such a great activity. Our ALBA Mondays at Lakeview greens in Sun City are getting more popular and fun every year. Also ALBA put on a "welcome back party", with morning and afternoon bowling followed by a hamburger cookout and refreshments. Great fun for all. We hope to see more of this type of activity.

PARADISE

By Tony Appollo

Paradise LBC is happy to report the success of having the National Open Tournament at our green for a total of four days, with 96 contestants playing at our green.

All of our hard, tedious work throughout the summer paid off. We heard nothing but good things about the condition of our green from all the players.

I would like to personally thank R. Gil Stephan for considering using our facilities.

I would also like to thank all the people

who volunteered to be markers, as well as the many others who were so gracious in volunteering their time ordering lunches, making and serving coffee, refreshments and whatever else was asked of them.

It was a great experience for our club bowlers to witness this level of competition.

Myself? I thoroughly enjoyed playing in the tournament and meeting fellow bowlers from different parts of our own country and those from other parts of the world. Let's hope we can hold another National Open here in our area in the near future.

We are at the beginning of another busy season for our club. We have had a few "Fun Days" and also home and away visitations with other local clubs.

At our recent annual membership meeting the following were elected to office for year 1999: President, Dick Roth; Vice-President, Jim Thaden; Treasurer, Rene Bochar; Secretary, Nita Burdick; Directors, Tony Appollo and Mellie Leng; Past President Director, Marty Schans.

We look forward to a great season with these fellow bowlers taking us to the year 2000.

NIELS KRAGH PAIRS

Results of the 1998 South Central Division Niels Kragh Pairs Tournament, featuring 24 entries:

Championship Flight

1. Tom Stirrat & Gordon Shieck
2. Jack Behling & John Stewart
3. Carl Dude & Wray Roth
4. Bill Lingeman & Leon Sullivan

2nd Flight

1. Doug McArthur & Champ Salisbury
2. Bert Haws & Ernie Horman

3rd Flight

1. Leo Lalemand & Harry Berry
2. Boy Ayotte & Larry Bohammer

4th Flight

1. John McBain & Bill Williams

2. Warren Simon & Dan Pupillo



MONTE VISTA

By Grace Said

The 1998 Simms-sponsored Mixed Pairs had a maximum number of players. This annual open event is held the weekend after Thanksgiving. Tournament Chairman Alex Marshall reports the following winners:

1st Flight

1. Pat Harrison & Malcom McDonald
2. Jack & Donna Behling
3. Bob Tess & Bernie Schultz
4. Ed Atkinson & Grace Said

2nd Flight

1. John & Dora Stewart
2. George & Donna West

3rd Flight

1. Wray & Verna Roth
2. Norm Desautels & R. Filbin

4th Flight

1. Champ & Peggy Salisbury
2. Morry Briggs & Anna Schopff

5th Flight

1. Ken & Marge Labelle
2. Jim & Sue Doby

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SPOKANE

By John Marchi

The 1998 year was a successful one for the club, and it was largely due to President Lowell Brooks' efforts. He was ably assisted by a great set of officers, board members and committee chairmen. The whole chapter really dove into the Lawn Bowling theme and voted 100% to wearing whites every day of play, rather than just for tournaments.

As of July 15 we had lighting at the green for the first time since startup in 1981. It was great to be able to get out of the 90-100° heat, and a few part-time working members were able to bowl more often. It is hoped that the lights will attract younger adults who have to work.

We hosted the inaugural Spokane Senior Games, and with good results. Entrants were required to take free lessons at the green from our club instructors before they could play. The Senior Games committee did a super job of advertising the training sessions and the tourney on the radio, TV and in newspapers. The two training sessions were held in June prior to the tourney. The entrants were divided into "Novices" and "Experienced". Senior Games results:

Novices—1. Bob Williams, 2. Al Stuart, 3. Rich Gaffey

Experienced—1. Bob Miller, 2. Lowell Brooks, 3. Betty Brooks

All but one of the Senior Games entrants ended up joining our club. Others joined in succeeding weeks, giving us an increase of over 20%.

Our regular club event winners were:
Singles—1. Lowell Brooks, 2. Dave Robb,

KING CITY

(Oregon)

By Ed Otte

Heavy and continuous rains brought an abrupt end to our bowling season, but our green has never been greener!

On December 2nd, five of our bowlers visited Willamette View Manor (on the east side of Portland's Willamette River) and had their first experience at bowling on an indoor carpeted green. The rinks were only 70-feet in length and the speed and bias of the bowls were quite different from our lush grass green. We hope to arrange a return visit to King City during the 1999 season.

We are saddened by the death of Anita

McElvain. Anita was the president of our club for many years and taught many of us how to lawn bowl. Among her many achievements was the expansion of our bowling green to tournament size. She will be forever in our memories.

At our annual meeting in October, the following officers were elected for the new year: Bill Barker, president; Rosie Stunkard, vice-president; Herb Rooper, treasurer; Ruth Edwards, secretary; Joe Gionet and Dolores Jeffcoat, members at large.

Our next social gathering will be a catered dinner in January. Unfortunately, we'll have to wait a while longer before we can commence our new bowling season.

In Memoriam

Anita McElvain

WOODLAND PARK

(Seattle)

By Roy Scully

To paraphrase Garrison Keillor, who says, "It's been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon": It's been a quiet month at Woodland Park. The greens are as green as can be, but they are also as wet as they can be. Thus, no bowling.

The new slate of officers elected to serve for 1999 are: President, Robert Walker; Vice-president, June Seely; Secretary, Nan Gruber; and Treasurer, Rett Fyfe—three lovely ladies and one fine gentleman.

We have one minor crime to report that didn't make the local headlines, so we will publicize it nationally! Some scofflaws took the trouble to break a large window to gain access to our clubhouse. It is located in a rather secluded area so they were unobserved. All they could find to steal was a jar of quarters collected from the members to pay for a cup of coffee. Don't think they will bother to come back soon.

We had a very successful Christmas party. Lots of good food, good socializing, good caroling, and excellent entertainment. One of the highlights was a saxophone and piano duet presented by two of our junior members, Drew Bailey and Andy Hanson. These young fellows are talented musicians and darned good bowlers.

When good weather arrives, there will probably be more to report from Lake Wobegon, and certainly much more from our own Woodland Park.

3. Bob Miller, 4. Marian Wertz

Pairs—1. L. Brooks/M. Speakman, 2. B. Brooks/J. Marchi, 3. B. Miller/R. Gaffey, 4. O. Kissin/Dick Malone

Triples—1. L. Brooks/B. Williams/R./Gaffey, 2. D. Robb/D. Ware/D. Nakielny, 3. B. Brooks/J. Wren/C. Foster, 4. O. Kissin/M. Wertz/A. Stuart

NOTE: Lowell Brooks placed first in every event, thereby winning the All-Events Trophy.

Derek Ware, Dean Ferraby, Bob Miller, and Dave Robb (with two local ladies) were runners-up in the "B" division of Penticon B.C. Invitational Mixed Triples in early August.

On December 8, the club held its annual potluck luncheon at Spokane Cascade Park at the invitation of Elvena and Jack Tam, who had been long-time members of the club. Emcee Bob Miller ran the bingo game and regaled the group with his experience at the National Open, where he initially entered the Women's Tourney in error, instead of the men's section. Incoming Pres., Dave Robb, presented Lowell Brooks with a spanking new bowling bag.

1999 Spokane officers are: President-Dave Robb, Vice-President-Al Stuart, Secretary-Olivia Kissin, Treasurer-Bob Williams. Board members are: Gerry Honn, Marianne Speakman, Derek Ware, Charlene Foster and Lowell Brooks.

Many thanks to outgoing Board Member Wally Eastwood and Pres. Brooks. Dave Robb will also serve as 1st V.P. for the Northwest Division.

JEFFERSON PARK

(Seattle)

By Hugh Ramsay

Fresh from being involved in the '98 U.S. Championships, Jefferson Park had its annual meeting and elected a new slate of officers. Chuck Caddey is now President, ably assisted on the Board by Al Taylor, Carl Buckley, Ernie Horman, Ed Pina and Howard Syder. Dorothy Bell is our Treasurer and Kay Ramsey is Secretary. Ex-officio Mario Pereira will assume the vital post of liaison with the City's Parks Dept.

An important activity at present is the club's petition for 501 C-

3 status. Marge Caddey and Tom Nast have been doing yeoman's duty in preparing all the data required by the petition. Resolutions for 1999 include promoting an active program for youth bowling and improving skills in all facets and strategies of the sport.

Traditional events wound down the activity on the greens—Columbus Day, with an Italian menu prepared by Rose Ferraro, and the Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot, won by Nancy Nishikawa and Richard Krueger, with Kay Ramsay and Chuck Caddey each receiving a box of oranges. A rainy, windy day kept us indoors to enjoy our Christmas Party.

NORTHWEST DIVISION

PORTLAND

By Larry Edgar

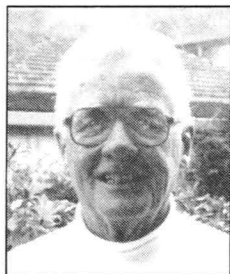
Fall in Portland, as usual, brought a rather abrupt end to our playing season, what with the shorter days and cooler and wetter weather. But, we were able to get in a couple of work parties aimed at improving the condition of our green. Unfortunately, we now have to wait until the weather improves to the point where we can see the results of our efforts.

On Halloween Eve, the club held a banquet at the Rhinelander restaurant. Awards were handed out to the winners of our tournaments for the year.

This was also a farewell party for one of our oldest and dearest members, Zola Cole. Zola is moving to Virginia to be closer to family members. We will certainly miss her sparkle and enthusiasm at our club, but know she will be a welcome addition to her new club in Williamsburg.

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RANSOME PASSES PIMD TORCH. At the quarterly meeting of the PIMD, held December 5 in Oakland, Frank Ransome, having given two great years of service to the Division, handed the gavel to incoming president Joel Stearn (Palo Alto). Charlie Black (Richmond) was named 1st Vice-President; Robb Pawlak (San Francisco) 2nd Vice-President; Bill Campbell (San Francisco) and Keith Brooks (Berkeley) will continue with the duties of Secretary and Treasurer. Bill McConachie (Palo Alto) will act as Tournament Director. Frank Ransome now becomes Immediate Past President. Frank's devotion and love of the game of bowls, together with the energy he put into it, will be greatly missed.

Among other things that transpired at the meeting was the approval of \$575 from the PIMD treasury (\$1/member) to the National Membership Fund. Individual clubs are encouraged to donate a like amount to PIMD to cover this cost.

Lastly, being a member of the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club, let me do a little bragging about three of our members. At this same meeting, Marie Klos was named PIMD/AWLBA president, along with Shirley Lyon as secretary and Polly Obendorf as treasurer—which is proof that we, here at Rossmoor, care and contribute

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LEISURE TOWN

By Virginia East

One of our last tournaments of the past year was the Mixed Pairs in September. Ladies drew for partners and the winning teams were: (ladies skip) 1. Mary Alice Braz and Charlie Thorpe; 2. Eva Hoekman and Merlin Campbell. Ladies' Pairs was cancelled because there were not enough signups.

Officers for 1999, elected at the December Annual Meeting are: President, Eva Hoekman; Vice President, Jane Mitchell; Treasurer, Richard Ruddy; Secretary, Virginia East. Directors are: John Hoekman, Merlin Campbell, Stan Mitchell, Frank Martin and Ed Klein. John and Eva Hoekman are PIMD reps, with Stan and Jane Mitchell, alternates. Our Nominating Committee was made up of Frank Martin, George Steibler and Jane Mitchell. The new officers took their chairs immediately.

This year's Committee Chairpersons: *Games*, Don Johnston; *Greens*, Gordon Dickman; *PIMD*, John Hoekman; *Alt-PIMD*, Stan Mitchell; *PIMD*, Eva Hoekman; *Alt-PIMD*, Jane Mitchell; *Membership*, Peggy Johnston; *Coach*, Ed Klein; *Refreshments*, Anne Dickman; *Sunshine*, Mary Alice Braz; *Magazine*, Virginia East.

Fifty-five guests attended our Christmas Party, held December 7 in Town Hall. The dinner was catered and the year's trophies awarded as the party finale. Chairperson Sally Ruddy, along with Doris Solga, Doris Campbell and Marie Barner did an excellent job of planning this enjoyable event.

President Eva announced her goals would be to get new members and have fun. In this vein she indicated that, in addition to an appointed coach(s), each member would be considered an assistant coach and that there might be some kind of prize for the person bringing in the most new members. Associate member status was discussed and deferred until more information was gathered. Diversified ideas for games were put forth as a matter to think about.

Plans for the first half of the year include a January Potluck, a February Champagne Breakfast, a March 15th Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner, an April 14th free lunch for new members party, and a May 31st Memorial Day Party. In June and July, Eva would like to get some Triples teams lined-up to travel and bowl in Portland, Seattle and/or Vancouver B.C. where it is usually cooler.

Growth of the new grass was stubborn in spots, but we hope to be well into the bowling year when this article appears.

ROSSMOOR

By Frank Ransome

Genevieve Cichy, four-time U.S. Pairs contender and holder of several National Open Championships, has moved to Carmel and will be bowling with the Del Mesa Carmel Club. We will miss Genevieve.

The Orville Artist Tournament was rained out and a record number of teams were disappointed. Orville is still active and will resume his seat on the PIMD Governing Board in '99.

Marion and Marie Klos became our storekeepers when Frank Daniel retired. Frank passed away in December.

Rossmoor lost the Home and Home match with San Francisco; lost by points to Oakmont; and won at Berkeley, Oakland and Leisure Town. George Matulich won the 80-Plus Tournament, and Marion Klos was the winner in the ladder. Frank Ransome and Jim Kilgour won the Sir's Pairs at Oakland and returned the trophy to Rossmoor.

Rossmoor bowlers did well in the PIMD Open. Tomoko Lesowitz, Jeanne Lauritzen and Renee Friedman took second in Third Flight. Roe Hazelwood, Genevieve Cichy and Virginia Farr were second in the Third Flight. And Shirley Cam finished fourth in the Singles. Bob Harbeson, bowling with Charlie Black of Richmond, was second in the Pairs Second Flight; and Jim Tower, with Ed DaSilva, came in second in the Fourth Flight.

Eleven Rossmoor bowlers attended the National Open at Sun City, Arizona. Hank and Hilly Klaver, once of Rossmoor, entertained us at their home in Sun City West.

Tay Wheeler will continue as President for one more year. He has been filling out the term of ill President Bob Penman.

Rossmoor hosted the final PIMD tournament of 1998 in November. Ninety bowlers attended and, along with 30 club members, enjoyed the fine lunch provided by Secure Horizons.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

SUNNYVALE

By Wes Ireland

It is really hard to believe that we're into a new year. Generally, 1998 was a good one.

Al Rizzo and the City continue to maintain our green in superb condition. Scott Morton and Scott Russell are to be commended for their work on our behalf. We are indeed fortunate to have these City lads supporting us. Recently, Scott Russell was made an Associate Member of the club because of his growing interest in lawn bowling coupled with his maintenance work on our green.

Tournament season ended with these results: PIMD Ladies Novice Singles, in San Francisco, was won by Irene Nakano. PIMD Ladies Triples, at Rossmoor—Irene Nakano, Betty Oka & Jane Herold placed second in the 4th Flight.

Club tournaments: Mixed Triples, won by Al Camps, Dorie Mendoza & Jim Warwood. Men's Pairs winners—Joe Shepard & Jim Webster. Ladies Singles, won by Dorie Mendoza.

Our club year was celebrated at our Holiday party and installation of officers. Hearty thanks is due to Mary Balsama, Al Cancilla, Seb Sacco, Joe Shepard and many others who, as usual, gave their all to make this event a pleasant success. They may all be assured that their efforts are sincerely appreciated.

SVLBC officers for 1999 are:

Wes Ireland, President

Al Rosingana, Vice President

Roger Beale, Treasurer

Al Mendoza, Secretary

Directors: Al Rizzo, Bernice Yorke, Dorie

Mendoza, and Norm Nakano

Immediate Past President, Joe Shepard

We wish to express a special thanks to Bob Koeberle who served as our Club Treasurer for over twelve years. A job well done!

SAN FRANCISCO

By Bob Howald

This year's tournament season has come to a conclusion with the following results:

Bowler of the Year—Oscar Collaco

Woman's Singles—Mary Leigh

Men's Triples—Fred Bahrt, Oscar Collaco, Robb Pawlak

Handicap Singles—Robb Pawlak

Woman's Novice Singles—Lucy Guterres

Men's Novice Singles—Bob Sequeira

Men's Singles—Reggie Mattos

Falconer Mixed Pairs—Bill and Wilma Ryan

Woman's Championship Pairs—Betty Blue and Gertrude Whittingslow

Points Tournament—Kevin McCaffrey

Men's Pairs—Oscar Collaco and Jack Broadfield.

In May of the past year, Francis Cunneen passed away. Fran, SFLBC President in 1974, won nine club tournament championships between 1978-1990, in addition to his achievements in national and regional competitions. He will be remembered as a cheerful member of our club and an ambassador for lawn bowling.

SANTA CRUZ

By Stephen G. Cooper

We held our Singles Tournament in September, as Jim Fox beat Bill Kather for the championship. At our Pairs Tournament in October, the team of Jim Fox and Woody Maunder beat our president, Ernie Rideout, and his brother, Hugh, for the title. Our club had the green closed for two weeks at the end of October for maintenance.

At its quarterly meeting in late November, the Club elected our Board for 1999. Ernie Rideout remains President, Erica Schilling is Vice-President, and Bob Jackson and Stephen Schoenfeld stay on at their posts of Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

On December 5, Bob Jackson, Audie



Above: SFLBC Women's Singles champ Mary Leigh, left, and runner-up Catherine Remedios.

Below: Women's Championship Pairs winners Betty Blue, left, and Gertrude Whittingslow.



Sundays at 12:15PM and get free lessons. Membership is a mere \$35 per year, and members range in age from 10 to 96." The announcement finished with directions to our location.

The above is just one idea we've employed to let the public know we exist. Hopefully, next year we will have a booth at the County Fair. I plan to install personal license plate frames on all my cars reading: "Happiness is Lawn Bowling". Our club has purchased a good number of four color posters describing of the game of bowls and offering free lessons, which we intend to post in conspicuous places.

We had our annual Christmas luncheon in December at the Holiday Inn, and everyone left with a door prize. Our oldest member, John Machado, soon to turn 97, met our youngest, Tristan, age 10. It was a great spectacle.

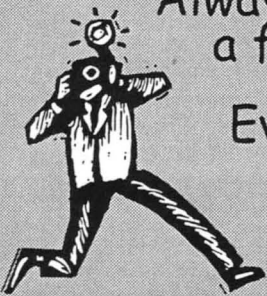
Four games played at our club during the year qualified the winners for the Super Shots Club. My four partners were Bill Kather, Tristan Cooper, Bob Jackson and Desmond Woodhouse, who is a frequent visitor from Hermosa Beach.

Our club has acquired the videotape: "Lawn Bowls Instructional Guidelines" and the "Syllabus of Lawn Bowling Instruction", by the ALBA Committee for Instruction and Coaching". These materials will be used to aid our students and members, alike.

Photo Tip!

Always use
a flash...

Even on
sunny
days!



Henry (our newest member), Tristan Cooper and I marched in the "Santa Cruz Remembers Parade" holding a club banner and an ALBA flag. Four different announcers along the parade route broadcast to the spectators: "The public is invited to come on by Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

HONOLULU

By Sharon Hunt

Aloha again from the Honolulu LBC.

Our club was host to nine teams of Canadian bowlers for ten days in November. The Mayor of Honolulu proclaimed: "Canadian-Hawaii Lawn Bowls Days" in the City and County of Honolulu. A good time was had by all, as evidenced by the Christmas cards received from Canada. What a good way to meet new bowlers and make new friends!

We hope to host David Bryant's Tour from England in February, 1999. A World Bowls

champion bowling on our green can only help to attract attention to the sport.

Our tournaments have taken a back seat to all our visitors. The novice was won by Harold Hu, with John Gilbert taking second. In the Draw Mixed Doubles, Anna Hu and Don Hunt were winners, with Warren Wong and Sharon Hunt runners-up.

We are blessed all winter long with a steady flow of visitors—about fifteen per day from all over the world. We hold potluck dinners each month and the diverse ethnic food is greatly enjoyed. Our visitors look forward

to these events.

In December, Sharon and Don Hunt went to Southern California to bowl. Not only did they meet some good bowlers and friendly people, but the hospitality shown them at Smoke Tree Ranch in Palm Springs was first class all the way.

Once again, we invite visitors to join us here in Honolulu. Call co-chair persons Don and Sharon Hunt at (808) 941-2291.

In Memoriam
G. Fleming Yates

BERKELEY

By Clarence Erickson

1998, the year of the 70th anniversary of the founding of our club, was appropriately celebrated in September—with games, a gala luncheon, and lots of good fellowship.

We now face 1999 with the following officers and directors: President—Keith Brooks; Vice President—Ted Crum; Secretary—Lucille McGuire; Treasurer—Woody Ogden. The newly elected Directors are: George Steedman, Eric Walden and Charles Warner. Russ Theobald and Christine Lehtin will continue as Directors for one year.

PALO ALTO

By Ed Arnold

We had a big turnout at our annual General Meeting and Christmas Party in early December. After the meeting reports, etc. the big crowd enjoyed a "Happy Hour", which was followed by a delicious buffet. Our hard working Hospitality Committee went all out to put this great day together. Afterwards, many finished off this festive day with some bowling-on-the-green!

Our most recent winners of intracub tournaments: Women's Singles—Reggie Banares, Men's Pairs—Joel Stearn & Mike Overton, Draw Mixed Triples—Mike Overton/Bill Collins/Lora Hawley, Married Couples—Bill & Bea McConachie.

Trophies for the winners of the eight club tourneys, run-off during the year, were awarded in December. they were: Reggie Banares, Mike Overton (4), Lora Hawley (2), Helene Pier, Joel Stearn, Fred Hawley, Louise Briggs, Bill Collins, Bill McConachie and Bea McConachie (2).

A committee of five members will be named to study the feasibility of constructing a synthetic turf on our Drake green. Its recommendations to the Board of Directors will be in six months.

Our Christmas party at the U.C. Faculty Club, as usual, was enjoyed by nearly all of our members, plus a few guests. We are indebted to Ted Johnston for making this arrangement possible. Tom and Jennifer Burnoski entertained us with selected Christmas carols. By any standards, it was a friendly assemblage.

Awards for club contests were given out at our birthday party the last Friday of January. We look forward to the challenge of 1999.

Officers & Board members for 1999 were elected: President—Bill McConachie, Vice President—Peter Knopf, Treasurer—Glenn Stewart, Secretary—Lora Hawley, Board—John Hickson, Roberta Durham, Bill Wolfenbarger, Les Briggs, Mike Overton and Cliff Christensen.

Our green looks great—just like a carpet—after the yearly renovation. And, greenskeeper, Steve Nagy, keeps it in top shape. About Steve—we're going to lose him soon. He's retiring. We'll miss tender loving care!

In the PIMD Open, many of ours were successful: Frank Souza, Joel Stearn, Gordon Lockhart, Bob Sinclair, Bea McConachie, Esme Krobusek, Reggie Banares and Jeff Stearn all won places. Frank Souza was "Bowler of the Tournament", and Joel Stearn won Men's Singles (to add to his U.S. Championships Men's Singles title).

Jeff Stearn teamed with SF's Aaron Rezendez, won the PIMD's Men's Novice championship, and Joel Stearn and Mike Overton won the PIMD Sill Pairs crown. Our Reggie Banares won the PIMD's Women Singles title, and Esme Krobusek finished second.

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Here we are with a new 365 days to fill up and I haven't heard anything about El Nino kicking up his heels again. Club and other tournaments will probably be played and completed on schedule without the delays and interruptions of '98.

The big worry this year seems to be what will happen one second after midnight on December 31, when "Y2K" doomsday is supposed to kick in. I got to thinking the other day about how people approaching the first millennium, 999 to 1000, handled that milestone. Maybe they were too busy just trying to survive from day to day to think about it much, or didn't notice. At least they didn't have any technological problems to worry about, not electronic ones anyway.

It won't be long before the brown on the "green" disappears and the sun will be out warming our cold, winterized bones while we're rolling up all of those touchers. We're pretty fortunate here in California compared to other parts of the country, since we can get out and bowl most everyday of the year.

Now, the usual reminder to the club correspondents to please submit your club news either typewritten or computer print-out, and in caps and lower case form. And the photos need to have good contrast and in focus, of course.

The next deadline is March 25 to me.

Happy year of the Y2K everyone, and have fun out there.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

1998 SOUTHWEST DIVISION TEAM

The 1998 Southwest Division Team is announced by Hugo Sahlein, SWD President. Presentations of recognition were presented at the recent Murray Allison Singles Tournament.

The point system that annually determines the top fourteen players was the same as last year's. Selection was based on members performance in the U.S. National Open (4 flights, all events); S.W. Open (4 flights, all events); U.S. Playdowns (both events 1st & 2nd); State Triples (1st & 2nd); State Rinks (1st & 2nd); Murray-Allison Singles (1st & 2nd); and Cary-MacDonald Doubles (1st & 2nd)

The rankings and points of the 1998 team members:

1. Michael Ashton-Phillips	41	7. Michael Siddall	30
Neil Furman	41	8. Simon Meyerowitz	23
3. Mert Isaacman	40	9. Mert Hill	22
		10. Tom Dion	19
4. Ed Quo	38	Stu Sistad	19
5. Pat Fagan	32	12. Bob Nunes	18
6. Ivan Hyland	30	13. Hugh Finley	16

LAKE HODGES

By Don Docker

Another year of bowling passes, and what a year it was weather-wise. Thanks to El Nino, on two occasions we arrived to find the greens full to the brim with water. Then, later in the year, it was so hot and muggy one could hardly breathe.

Nevertheless, it was a year of many accomplishments, for which we would like to extend our thanks to Mike Michalek as he ends his second term as Club President. Also to his wife, Eleanor, who not only served as First Lady, but who has throughout the years taken care of the catering for our clubs functions.

In the early summer, we started on the replacement of backboards and plinths on both greens. This proved to be quite a task and would certainly not have been completed without Chuck Maylen and, especially, his tools. Chuck was at one time a carpenter. Later in the year, we had lights installed on the west green, which will certainly be an asset in the hot summers. Hopefully, they will attract new members from among the people who work but would like to bowl in the evenings.

The Marcelus Joslyn Mixed Triples, which Lake Hodges has hosted for several years, was a big success thanks to the efforts of Bob Briegel. There is a sad note however. It is rumored that the Marcelus Joslyn event will not take place in 1999. It is hoped that the "powers that be" will reconsider and allow this popular and longstanding event to continue to be held.

Our tournament players—John Wessel, Bob Forget and Bob Hill all had reasonably successful seasons, as did the Lake Hodges League Players, who took the honors yet again this year.

So, we have to say that 1998 was a very satisfactory year and hope that 1999 will prove even more so.

POMONA

By Hugh Freeman

A new year is upon us and the Pomona Lawn Bowling Club is getting ready. We have elected and installed new officers for 1999: Dick Wiegler, Chairman; Hugh Freeman, Vice-Chair; Paul Smart, Sec'y; Howard Jochimsen, Treas; Robbie Robinson, Tourn. Chair; Wayne Putnam, Games Chair; Bob Magneson, Member-at-Large; Orton Olmstead, Immediate Past-President. Our new chairman is one of the youngest members in terms of age, but is the oldest member in terms of years in the Club.

A new year is a new beginning as we look for new ideas and procedures. We do know that further emphasis on membership must be made. Progress was made in 1998, with several new members as evidence. Names of other prospects are being contacted.

Our final Club invitational, the Pomona Doubles, was held in early November. The winning team was the undefeated Ken Bolton (Riverside) and Jo Devine (Laguna Beach). Two Pomona teams—Russ Erickson/Cliff Hilliard and Hugh Freeman/Helen Hansen—finished in the money with two wins and one loss.

We are looking forward to the year's first club invitational on January 30. The Pomona Triples is one of the Southwest Division's first events of the new year, and is always well-attended. In March, lawn bowlers, hopefully, will attend Pomona's Casa Colina Hospital Benefit Tournament. Plan to attend these tournaments.

Our Annual Turkey Shoot was held in early November. Winners of turkeys were: Orton Olmstead, Tina Van Zandt and Howard Jochimsen. Our "Toys for Tots" Tournament in December was won by Cliff Hilliard and Robert Virza.

We hope everyone had happy holidays.

BOWLING AT THE GROVES

By Willie DeWicker

Glenna Weber won the Club Ladies Singles. Twelve gals competed and it went very smoothly—no hair pulling or fist fights. Shirley Martin, was the runner-up, with always tough Faith Tatro third.

Our annual Labor Day Bowling, Booze & BBQ was again a great success. Much fun for all, with big bucks going to the two teams tying for first: Herb Braun/Bill May/Joe Metz and Bill Meierstein/Dolores Orosel/Mable Braun.

The Bob Burroughs Australian Pairs Tournament will be fodder for next issue results.

Jolly Jim Hempe and Gar Farnsworth won the Aussie Pairs event at Santa Barbara's Labor Day Tournament. Gar also was on the winning team at Casta del Sol Triples, bowling with Pat Gonzales and Stu Sistad.

Our green is again in tip-top shape and we have a brand new flag pole, thanks to the efforts of Charles Van der Busch.

In spite of the prelude notice being left out of the last issue, we have finished our final two club championships: The Mixed Singles was won by undefeated Ken Weigel. It's only fitting that Tournament Chairman wins the final championship. The runner-up was Mr. Wonderful, "me", with Jim Emerson in third place.

The Men's Singles was another close contest, and I am pleased to announce that Billy Gene Meierstein got lucky and won it, beating his old rival, Jim Shrigley, with "Good Doctor" Earl McCowen coming in third.

The Australian Pairs was again a great week-day event. Ten teams competed, with each lead playing with each skip over nine weeks. Results: Tie for winning skips—Sybil Bernash and Jerry Frank, third place Jimmy Russell. Gar Farnsworth was the winning lead, with a tie for second between Jane Evans and Sandy Sanford.

Our Christmas Awards Banquet was, as always, a big hit! Giant thanks to Shirley Martin and the 1998 Board for a job more than well done.

The 1999 officers are: President Bill May, V.P. Dick Miller, Secretary-Treasurer Shirley Hess, Daily Games Chuck Van der Busch, and Tournament Chairman Bill Meierstein.

My "Mad Dog Bowling Tip" for this issue concerns the proper use of "GRIPPO". Grippo can be used as an aid to holding on to your bowls. It is also used by many to shine them. But, I prefer to inhale my Grippo. A quick sniff up each nostril will do many things to improve your game, such as: clear your sinuses, dull your senses, and make you a happier person. And, with several sniffs you become high as a kite and see several jacks to shoot at, which gives you a much better chance at hitting one. Plus, it costs much less than the illegal stuff.

CU on the green. Mad Dog.

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ALHAMBRA WINS LIEBERG TROPHY

Alhambra LBC topped Santa Anita LBC in a two-match triples playoff to win the 1998 Lieberg Trophy. The battle took place in early October on the Santa Anita greens. The two clubs had tied as 1998 Valley League champs. Five area clubs compete in the Valley League, which produces one of the regional finalists for the annual Southwest Division Waterbury Cup.



The victorious Alhambrians receiving the perpetual Lieberg Trophy: (l-r) Carl Lawrence, Alice Lawrence, Nancy Trask, sponsor Bill Lieberg, Fred Robinson, Betty Barnett, and Ralph Barnett.

ALHAMBRA

By Alice Lawrence

Everyone is welcome to come and join us at our annual FUN DAY at the Races! Location is at Santa Anita track on Sunday, March 14.

In addition to the ponies running, there will be bands and parades, lots of goodies, and...bagpipes!

Call me for tickets at (626) 288-3079. Cost is \$6.

OAKS NORTH

(San Diego)

By Cathy Fullerton

During the last quarter of 1998, we had four bowling events.

Milt Hirsch won the Men's Singles Tournament, with Paul Rotter placing second, Ro Dombrow, third.

The Club Championship was won by Paul Rotter in a hard-fought battle. Margie Harford was runner-up, with Clarence Wilkinson and Vera Arbuckle coming in third and fourth. Edith and Earl Lute coordinated this event again as they have done for many years.

We also held our Halloween event and the very popular Turkey Shoot, which was coordinated again this year by Ferd and Theresa Pecora. We also had a social event—a catered chicken dinner—in our Community Center auditorium.

Our Annual Meeting was held in early December. Newly elected officers are: President, Milt Hirsch; Vice-President, Bill Lewis; Secretary, Jo Driscoll; Treasurer, Wilma George; and Directors, Paul Harford, Walter Roost and Clarence Wilkinson.

We wound up the year with a festive luncheon at a nearby country club. Plaques and Pins were given out to the first and second place winners of our Club events. Earl Lute was given a Life Membership in our Club and received a special bronze name badge. Walt Selufsky presented out-going President Charlie Fullerton with an engraved pen and pencil set in appreciation of his two years in office. It was a pleasant ending to another enjoyable year at Oaks North.

MACKENZIE PARK WINS WATERBURY!

By Bill Patrizzi

Regional winners of the Southwest Division's year-long Carl Waterbury Tournament met at Riverside October 23rd for the event finals.

Winning their respective leagues were finalists: Santa Anita, Riverside, Laguna Beach, Joslyn Lake Hodges and MacKenzie Park. MacKenzie Park topped the field to take home the Waterbury Trophy. Participants celebrated or commiserated at Art's Bar & Grill, with Art buying the first round!

SANTA MARIA

By Martin Seifert

Like most clubs, we experience an attrition loss to our membership that requires constant effort to maintain the membership roll at a minimally comfortable level, which for us is about 120. This last year we experienced the usual erosion.

So, we did an OPEN HOUSE, a program that has succeeded for us in the past. We obtained Secure Horizons as a sponsor of the event and to provide funds for a luncheon for a minimum of 100. In addition, they sent out a mailing to their membership inviting them to the Open House, and distributed other promotional materials about the event. For our part, each of our members was given invitations, which they were asked to personalize and give to at least one person who might be a prospective member. And, all members were asked to turn out in whites and act as hosts. Fifty of them did.

The effort produced forty-seven guests. Twenty-two of them signed-up for lessons, which are currently being scheduled. If our experience with past events holds true, we should net ten to twelve new members. We have also found that the exposure of lawn bowling to others who may not have wished to participate themselves provides favorable word-of-mouth advertising. We'll report on the actual net gain in the next issue.

SMLBC came in second in our Gold Coast League year-long inter-club competition. The teams included: Santa Barbara, MacKenzie Park, Oxnard and Santa Maria. This has been the best we have ever done and we are looking forward to next year.

So far, twenty-three of us have signed up for the Southwest Region Divisional competition initiated and pushed by Bob Cole. Our team went into the semi-final last year and we are looking forward to another crack at it.

From Australia we have ordered a new mechanical brush for our man-made green and expect it to arrive momentarily. Our devoted greens crew has been doing a yeoman job with the old equipment and the green is fast and very bowlable.

A new slate of officers is gearing up for a banner year of lawn bowling and more social involvement of non-bowling members.

In Memoriam
Esther Andrews
Bill Gorzeman
Bob Hammond
Ardele Page

SANTA BARBARA*By Dudley Miller*

The fifth annual Lynn Abbott Triples, the event that pits our stalwart gentlemen against our lovely and talented ladies, was bowled in early October under a blazing and uncomfortable sun. Once again, the males were able to protect their image of masculinity and prevailed in 13 of the 22 games. The "girls" took the honors in 1996, but the "boys" have now won four out of five years. This is really a strictly-for-fun event and it provides a fine opportunity for new bowlers to get a first taste of tournament competition.

The final event on our 1998 tournament calendar was the Club Rinks Championship. Tournament Chairman Peter Hand reports that the team of James Cronshaw, Patricia Cronshaw, Larry MacDonald and Joe Quinn won first-place honors for the second consecutive year. And, it is the third year in a row that the Cronshaw-led team has won this event. Past-President John O'Dea will take over the reins as tournament chair for 1999.

The final event on our 1998 social calendar was held December 15 when seventy-six colorful bowlers led the parade for our Christmas party. A group of Santa's helpers worked diligently to serve-up a vast array of tasty entrees, salads, and desserts donated by our generous members. Nowhere on this planet could the weather have conceivably been more beautiful, and the jolly group enjoyed another fine day of bowling and camaraderie.

Once again, the success of our richly enjoyed parties is undeniably due to the fantastic devotion of the wonderful ladies who volunteer to perform the kitchen miracles. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Eleanor Simmons and Santa's other helpers: Dorothy Thielges, Margaret Gibbs, Vivian Togni, Pearl Howe and Barbara Meek. The clubhouse decor was created by the tasteful touch of Dita Joseph and her able assistant, Bill.

By a unanimous vote of the members at our annual meeting in December, Gene Mangini was made a Life Member of the club, in recognition for his many years of extraordinary service and skill in maintaining and improving the club's equipment and buildings. At that meeting, Eleanor Simmons was chosen to guide our club as president for 1999.

The Fall season started with our annual Folkins Mixed Triples in late September. An excellent tournament, the winners are pictured below.

The club's annual meeting was held in late October. The 1999 slate of officers are: President, Bob Wilkinson; Vice-President, Rally Bates; Secretary, Susan Marshall; Treasurer, Larry Eden; Hospitality, Lucille Flo and Bev Thornton; Facilities, Les Altman. Preceding the meeting, we bowled, and following, had another one of our fun cook-outs.

Thanks to all who participated and for all the great food they brought.

On December 11, we had our annual Christmas party and dance in conjunction

CASTA DEL SOL*By Rally Bates*

with the Tennis Club. Always a great affair and this year was one of the best. The food, the music and the company couldn't be

better. Another thanks to our hospitality group and all others involved.

Warren Ziegenbein has again supervised a major maintenance job by arranging to have all the plinths replaced. This was accomplished without shutting down the green. Bowling continued on a daily basis. The time and effort that he puts into the many maintenance projects are more than appreciated.

One more tournament win for Casta Club members: Colin Marshall and Dick Henderson took Third Place in the Pomona Pairs in November. Great way to end the season.



Folkins Mixed Triples champions: (l-r) Gar Farnsworth, Stu Sistad and Pat Gonzales.

PASADENA*By Loretta Schertz Keller*

The highlight of 1998 was our brand new parking lot, worth the wait while it was being resurfaced. The even, smooth, unrutted, unbroken, level new ground was a delight compared with what we used to have.

Our newly elected officers: Ray Marrs, President; Marcia Masterson, 1st Vice-President; Vern Leidig, 2nd Vice-President; Tanya Llanes, Secretary; and Dick Clark, Treasurer.

In addition to Alma Badgwell's successful end-of-summer ice cream treat for the adjoining El Centro summer school kids, over forty 4th-8th graders were our guests for a day of bowls. A rewarding day for old and young alike.

1998's Club Triples results were: 1. Jack Edwards, Dick Curtis, Bill Lieberg; 2. Hugo Sahlein, Gus Rheault, Hal Edgar.

Re "the Lieberg", which, at Santa Anita, capped our Valley League Tournament, our entries did well, but didn't quite win the trophy. It was, instead, presented to Alhambra by our Bill Lieberg, grandnephew of the tournament's namesake, Harvey Lieberg.

We hosted the 14th Annual Petit Pairs, honoring our own Frank Petit, featuring 24 teams and five silver bullion prizes. At the Smoke Tree Ranch Invitational in Palm

Springs, Bill Carmichael's team—Bill, Otis Wilson, Dick Curtis and Hugo Sahlein—finished in second place. Bill Hayden, Mac McKenty, George Muellerschoen, and Jim Anderson came in fourth.

In November, after hosting a Holmby Park visitation, we hosted the AWLBA Southwest Division Ladies Day event. Rita Marrs chaired the day and won first place, while hubby Ray did the kitchen honors. Then we had our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot. With prizes given on both greens, first place winners of the main event were Bill Hayden and Jack Edwards; Hugo Sahlein, Bob Beck and Woody Spier were second. Closest to the ditch winners were Arne Mortenson and yours truly, Loretta Keller, with many winners of the "spider" quarters.

Our new members have really been doing well and getting involved. Marcia Masterson twice won the club's "Bowler of the Month".

Last, but not least, our annual Christmas Party at the elegant Shakespeare Club was as successful as ever. The delicious evening, prepared by Tanya Llanes, and swinging songfest, led by Vern Leidig, contributing greatly to our Happy Holidays!

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

HEMET-JOSLYN

By Peg McCutcheon

Welcome back to our seasonal members. It's always a pleasure to have you with us.

The "Oldlympics" this year had greater participation and very good competition. Results are:

Women's Singles—Gold, Kathy Bremer (H); Silver, Nona O'Neill (SC); Bronze, Peg McCutcheon (H)

Men's Singles—Gold, Don Fawley (SC); Silver, Harry Johnson (SC); Bronze, Carl Henrich (H)

Mixed Pairs—Gold, Bob & Mary Ann Rucinski (H); Silver, Paula Bellone & Leon Adams (H); Bronze, Kathy Bremer (H) & Bob Hill (Rv).

In other Oldlympics events, Mike Burke earned a gold in Golf. Mary Ann Rucinski won two golds and two silvers in Track & Field events.

Arlene and George Hauserman were in charge of the "Make A Difference Day". Our Club donations went to the Salvation Army for distribution to the victims of the horrible Juniper Flats fire.

The Club Turkey Shoot in November was won by Dee Kessler and Dorothy Rose—the only team to win all their games. Dean Perry and Margaret Waite were second.

December's Australian Pairs was won by Bob Rucinski and Hortencia Gonzales. Dean and Jessie Perry were second. The last Club tournament of the year was the Open Singles, won by Kathy Bremer, with Carl Henrich second.



Oldlympics Singles medalists: (l-r) Peg McCutcheon (bronze), Kathy Bremer (gold) and Nona O'Neill (silver).

Members also entered other tournaments with varying results. Bill & Paula Bellone took first in the Third Flight of the Riverside Australian Pairs. In the Ina Jackson 5-Star at Santa Ana, the Hemet team finished in sixth place. Mary Jane Henrich was part of the Fours team that was runner-up in the Fourth Flight at the Arizona National Open. Clair Ott and Evelyn Tiel (SC) were second place winners at the Win Eberle Mixed Pairs in Long Beach.

The Club's annual meeting was held at the American Village Clubhouse, courtesy of Margaret Waite. 1999 officers: President, Beth Bierce; 1st V.P., Leon Adams; 2nd V.P., Greg Lill; Sec/Treas, Mary Jane Henrich; Greens Chm, Clink Galvin; Tourn.Chm, Wen Mowery; Members at Large: Clayton Ball, Jean Clarke, Joan Burke.

The SWD AWLBA Christmas Ladies Day and Luncheon was another great success. Several Hemet ladies were among the winners. The luncheon was held at the Groves, which was beautifully decorated. Mary Jane Henrich, assisted by Beth Bierce, Donna Ott, and several of the ladies from the Groves, handled the Silent Auction. This was probably the largest one held and had a great variety of items.

Fifty-nine people enjoyed the delicious Christmas dinner at Ryan's. Josie Loy was in charge of this event and she did a magnificent job.

CAMBRIA-JOSLYN

By Ed Pierce

A CLBC triples team of B.J. Martin, Don Meyers and Ken Vander Linden came home with ornate bronze medals for their third place finish in the 14th Annual Gold Coast Senior Games Northern Counties Lawn Bowling Tournament, held at Santa Maria in October. The Senior Games, for people 50 and over, are presented annually by Secure Horizons as part of a nationwide competition in 14 different sports. The Martin/Myers/Vander Linden team was Cambria's only entry to the Gold Coast Games, held at various venues from Thousand Oaks-northward.

A large contingent of 27 bowlers from Santa Maria Lawn Bowls Club traveled north November 20 for the second half of our 1998 home and home interclub matches. This visit was originally scheduled in June, but postponed due to our green restoration. Morning matches were "for real", followed by lunch at the Joslyn Center hosted by CLBC. Another round of afternoon matches with mixed teams from both clubs followed lunch. Although the morning matches included a couple of nail-biters, Cambria teams won all six of the matches. Win or lose, we always enjoy these interclub visits.

The slate of Club officers for 1999, presented by a Nominating Committee and elected by acclamation at our Annual Meeting on December 12, are: Bill Barrows, president; Hank Desio, vice president; with Fran Thompson and Charlotte Hoffman agreeing to serve a second term as secretary and treasurer, respectively. Various chair appointments such as greens, hospitality, membership, social, and intra and interclub tournaments, will be announced shortly by the new president.

BEVERLY HILLS

By Anna Wreczik

We closed 1998 with our Annual General Meeting Luncheon and election of officers on December 6th.

Joining returning president Joe Siegman is a nearly complete slate of new faces: Meredith Goodwin takes the first vice-president's chair, with Helman Todes (continuing as) second v.p. and tournament chairman; Howard Sanders is club secretary; Allen Grossman treasurer; and 1999 directors are Don Arden and Neville Sacks. Don and Sid Handler volunteered to work on promotion and publicity programs.

The luncheon, itself, was held in our spacious clubhouse featuring the usual too much food. Quite a few members participated in the organization of the lunch, with particular kudos to Howard Sanders, Edna Samson, and Len and June Zvonkin. Of course, Gaby Horvath's baked delights were their usual hit.

Checks for winners of our late-November Turkey Shoot were presented to Anne Barber, Don Arden, Allen Grossman and Joe Siegman. And, trophies to our '98 Handicap Singles Tournament were handed out to winner Neville Sacks and runner-up Howard Sanders.

Carlos Gonzales was again on hand to conduct the fun Wappenshaw competition that's part and parcel of our annual meeting activities, but freak cold and windy weather held the number of players down to a brave few. Winning the "marbles" were: 1. Arnie Marion, 2. Joe Siegman, 3. Len Zvonkin, 4. Edna Samson.

It seems odd at this time of the year, but our green has seldom played better. Visitors are always welcome.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION


MACKENZIE PARK WINS SW ALL-STAR


By Clair Ott

Five-man teams representing fifteen Southwest Division clubs competed in the annual All-Star Tournament, held at Riverside LBC on October 24. The tourney features competition in four events: Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.

Like most years, the 1998 event was a barn-burner, as final results were not a certainty until the last bowl found its resting place. MacKenzie Park, enjoying quite a triumphant weekend (they won the Waterbury the day before), proved to be the #1 Division All-Stars, featuring a victorious team consisting of: Pat Fagan, Sam DeLisle, Tom Dion, Hugh Finlay and Larry MacDonald.

Runner-up was Riverside, with Beverly Hills finishing third.

All-Star champs from MacKenzie Park: (below) Fagan, Dion, MacDonald, Finlay, DeLisle. (top) Runner-up Riverside LBC: Ryan, Sistad, Bright, Mumma, Bolton.



RANCHO BERNARDO

By Bob Janssen

Every one seemed to have a good time at our annual picnic in October, especially when the grill heated up and the hamburgers and hot dogs were on the fire. Some members stayed and played a few games later in the day.

Our president, John Hoaglin, grabbed the bull by the horns and, along with his daughter, planned a Christmas party. On December 12, we had a wonderful catered dinner in our clubhouse. Prime rib and turkey was on the menu along with all the trimmings. Music and entertainment filled out the evening, with Rose Bailey at the organ.

Another year is upon us with our officers: John Hoaglin-President, Ferol Rice-Treasurer, Matt Stevenson-Secretary. Our Vice-President, Bill Goring, decided to transfer to another club. Sorry to see him go.

A special thanks to our hostess last year at our visitations and picnics: Augie Behmer, Marquita Bushey, Lela Cooper, Margaret, Duncan, Betty Lange, Helen Moreau, Ferol Rice and Petty Sniffen.

During the year we lost two of long time friends and members, Katja Phillips and George Youngwood.

LAGUNA BEACH

By Ed Perry

As we face a new year, the Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club finds itself well prepared. Our greens are coming along nicely, with a new program of back-board reconstruction planned for the coming year.

Our Club membership is holding up well, with many fine new members.

Our new President is Nora Winkel. Our Club Singles Champ is Mert Hill; Pairs champs, Mert Hill and Sig Baerman; Triples champs Jean Kaye, Dottie Panacek and Terry Baade.

We enjoyed a great Christmas Bowling Tournament with a wonderful Christmas Dinner in mid-December. We wish all bowlers a great New Year. Come and bowl by the sea with us!

'98 STAY SHARP LEAGUE

By Bob Nunes and Ed Quo

Orange County's winter league for tournament bowlers, named the "Stay Sharp League" by locals, ended on Jan. 3rd of the new year in sunny 80 degree weather at Newport Harbor LBC. This was in stark contrast to the intrepid bowlers who braved chilling rain on wet greens to complete the previous day of scheduled play.

This year's format required teams of four players (with unrestricted substitutes) to split into two pairs teams for the first round; divide to form a triples team and a singles; then recombine to play rinks—this on each day of play.

With a perfect round robin, each team competed against every other team twice in pairs, and once each in singles, triples, and rinks. Three different teams won the prize awarded for the best record of the day.

When the final results were tallied at the end of the season, the clear-cut winners were: Ian and Eva Ho, Kottia Spangler, Mert Isaacman, Ivan Hyland and Michael Siddall. Second place went to Jim Hempe and his team of Gar Farnsworth, Sybil Bernash and Pat Gonzalez.

Other participants in this annual event included: Sam Benjamin, Patrick Chan, Anne Cherney, Alan Goodnoff, David Hallman, Bill Hiscock, Bob Nunes, Alan Power, Vlatko Petrovic, Ed Quo, Stu Sistad and Simon Meyerowitz.

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(See details on page 41)

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

HOLMBY PARK*By Marcella Krisel*

Our Annual Turkey Shoot took place in late October. Lucky winners (money for a turkey) of a series of "spiders" were: Brian Studwell, Mike Redjaian, Eliot Stone, Edna Stone, Lionel Krisel, Peter Stubbings, Bud Killelea, Homer Worf and Hugh Simon. Runners-up were: Don Hedge and Sylvia Mizraki.

The following awards were given at our annual Christmas Party:

Naylon Doubles: 1. Bob Altshuler and Alan Goodnoff, 2. Jim Hasty and Wanda Houghton

Taylor Triples: 1. Bob Altshuler, Don Hedge and George Alpern; 2. Romus Soucek, Warren Gates and Al Silver

Allison Singles: 1. Jim Hasty, 2. Brian Studwell

Cella 666: 1. Margaret Moffat, 2. John Finger

Bridwell Australian: 1. Helman Todes, 2. Don Hedge

Most Attendance at Visitations: 1. Jim Hasty, 2. Margaret Moffat, 3. Bea Simon

OXNARD-JOSLYN*By Ed Otoupalik*

Welcome to our newest members: Diane Edging, Lee Combs, Frank Navarro and Philip Nudd, who completed their training and were awarded graduation diplomas at our December Christmas party.

And speaking of our party, we had over seventy members and guests attend, enjoying a great catered dinner, music, lots of entertainment, and door prizes. I would be remiss if I didn't give credit to the ladies who did such a beautiful job decorating the clubhouse and preparing the center pieces. Thank you Rita Harrison, Doris Sneddon and Laura Snell. In anticipation of the big party, Bill Taschek and his crew of volunteers cleaned the entire clubhouse—windows, carpets, kitchen, etc.

Our 1999 Board of Directors was sworn in by Jocelyn Salas, of the Oxnard Recreation Department, at the December party. The members elected to serve are: Amador Martinez, President; Bob Bond, V.P.; Dave Jones, Secretary; Ken Barrabee, Treasurer. Our directors-at-large are: Don Branstrom, Rita Harrison, Edith Dowsing, Marie Ection and Armand Escalante. Outgoing president Ed Otoupalik challenged the new board to recruit, recruit and recruit, with the help of the entire club.

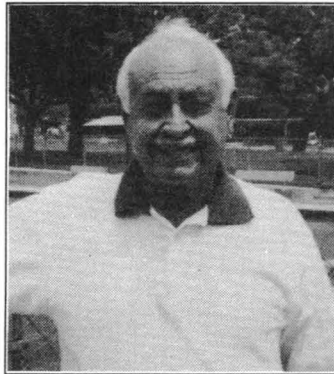
Because of the early season inclement

Novice Singles: 1. Bob Nock, 2. Margie Nock

Bowler of the Year: (tie) Jim Hasty and Bob Altshuler

Outgoing President Frank Grea presented newly elected Lionel Krisel with the President's gavel. Other new officers for 1999 are: Vice-President—David Horner, Secretary—Tom Seres, and Treasurer—Brian Studwell.

Our greens are now in great shape, rivaling other fine clubs.



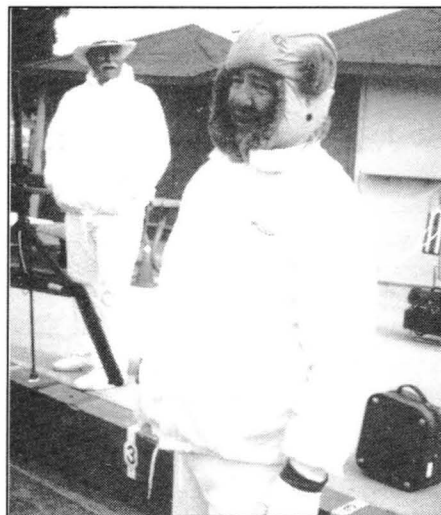
Leading Holmby Park into the new millennium is 1999 President Lionel Krisel.

weather, the club singles, doubles and triples playoffs were held in mid-December, with the following results:

Ladies' Singles—Rosalie Hutton; Men's Singles, Amador Martinez

Ladies' Doubles—Doris Sneddon & Pauline Escalante; Men's Doubles, Amador Martinez & Dave Jones

Club Mixed Triples—Amador Martinez, Bill Taschek, Don Branstrom



On second thought...Perhaps it wasn't wise to wait until mid-December to have the Oxnard playoffs. Club President "Arctic Amador" is dressed for the 38-degree bowling weather, while George Love supervises.

MacKENZIE PARK

(Santa Barbara)

By Anne A. Vilkin

October started with a Treasure Sale conducted by former auctioneer-member Joe Quinn, and ably assisted by a cadre of volunteers. We netted well over two-thousand dollars, to be used for the new clubhouse Building Fund.

Election of officers for 1999 resulted in the following slate: President, Ann Wayne; Vice-President, Pat Fagan; Secretary, Ray Stone; Treasurer, Stanley Bloom; Three-year Trustee, Ellen Voorhees; and AWLBA Delegates Peggy Singer and Pat Cronshaw.

The Australian Pairs Tournament for husbands & wives was won by Ray and Henriette Charpentier. Stan & Carmel Bloom were second, Jerry & Ellen Vorhees third. MacKenzie Novice Pairs was won by Henriette Charpentier and Charlie Schneider.

The 1998 Gold Coast League—MacKenzie, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Oxnard clubs—was won by MacKenzie. That earned us the right to send two triples teams to the Southwest All League Final (The Waterbury), where the champions of five local leagues playoff. Our teams were: Tom Dion, Hugh Finlay, Joe Quinn and James Cronshaw, Duane Aasted, Patricia Cronshaw. Both teams elected to use their prize monies for a wine and beer party for all the members at MacKenzie.

In November, a group of us went to the National Open Tournaments in Arizona. Mary DeLisle was a winner in both the Ladies Fours and Singles. Pat Fagan and Hugh Finlay made their mark in the Men's Pairs. As for the rest of us, better luck next time!

Mary & Sam DeLisle won the annual Australian Pairs in Riverside. The SW Division's All-Star Tournament in Riverside was won by the MPLBC team of Pat Fagan, Larry MacDonald, Tom Dion, Sam DeLisle and Hugh Finlay. (See photos on pages 33 and 37.)

The new Merry Mack, our Club newsletter, is well received by all. We have an "expert bowler" column and actively solicit valuable hints from top bowlers. So far we had Conrad Melton and Pat Fagan give us "golden nuggets" and we have a promise from Mary DeLisle. You, too, are invited to share your valuable secrets with us. You can reach me at (805) 563-1557, or at www.geminiiii@earthlink.net

Special People — Joe Quinn

If they ever make service to an organization an Olympic event, Joe Quinn will walk off with the gold medal.

If you hang around the MacKenzie Park L.B.C. long enough, you'll see Joe arriving early and setting up the rinks with all of the equipment; smashing-up soft-drink cans for re-cycling; sweeping the eating areas; putting up the flag; filling-in for the games chairman; and anything else that needs doing. Plus, he volunteers to serve on any committee that comes along, runs Treasure Sales (with the proceeds benefiting the building fund), and serves as Master of Ceremonies at the Christmas party.

Betty Elliott profiled Joe's interesting life in our club newsletter:

"Joe Quinn's lifetime love of the movies began in 1910, when his father gave up his seat in the Arkansas State Senate and headed west to Hollywood, where he became movie cowboy Tom Mix's lawyer.

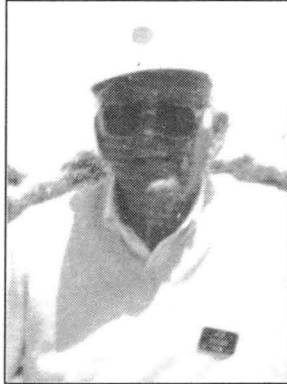
"Joe remembers the Mixville Studios as his playground, with old wagons, stage coaches and buckboards as his toys. However, when the director yelled "action", Joe's place was under the camera tripod or crouching inside a buckboard.

"In the mid-twenties, his family moved to Santa Monica. In

1938, he started to work at Douglas Aircraft, where he met film personalities who were devoting time to the war effort. Among them was the daughter (whom he later married) of Howard Sheehan, President of Fox Films. Mr. Sheehan had built 39 movie houses, including the Santa Barbara Arlington. (ED: Joe didn't know it at the time, but after World War II the Douglas plant would shut down—and become the site of the Santa Monica LBC!)

"Into the 1950s, Joe took an early retirement, eventually settling in Ojai, CA, becoming a highly successful auctioneer selling everything from antiques to huge estates. Some thirty years later, he planned to retire at Yosemite, but instead encountered Southern California antique dealer Sam DeLisle, a lawn bowler. Sam's extolment of the virtues of lawn bowling—of all things—prompted Joe to move to Santa Barbara in 1985.

"Joe Quinn now spends four to five days a week bowling. Despite taking up the game fairly late in life, he's considered among the best on MPLBC greens. At night he scans the TV for old Tom Mix reruns, hoping to catch sight of a tow-headed kid peeking out from behind a covered wagon."



NEWPORT HARBOR

By Betty Barnes

This has been a great year for our club. Under the superior guidance of Greens Chairmen Ed Quo and Bob Nunes, work of Groundskeeper Ramiro Mendoza and the company who replaced them, both of our greens are back in working order and up to tournament quality.

Membership Chairman Al Davis organized and supervised an outstanding afternoon on our annual Visitor's Day that, in conjunction with other enthusiastic recommendations has added 37 new members to our roster this year! We have an exciting new group and are so happy to welcome them.

The Margaret Persina Mixed Triples in October, arranged and hosted by Mert Isaacman, drew 72 bowlers from the Southland, with our own members, Ed Quo, Bob Nunes and Anne Cherney winning the event!

Our annual "Turkey Shoot" was held in November—when else! Terry Loomis was Skip winner, Betty Barnes the Vice, Connie McCrindle and Gloria Tiedtke (split games) Leads.

Both Lady's Singles and Pairs, Men's

Singles and Pairs were played in December, with Joyce Novak triumphing as Lady's and Jerry Grady as Men's Singles champs.

Jo Devine and Gloria Tiedtke were crowned Lady's Pairs winners, with Dick Wilson and Frank Cornella victors in the Men's. All of their names are on our trophies to prove it.

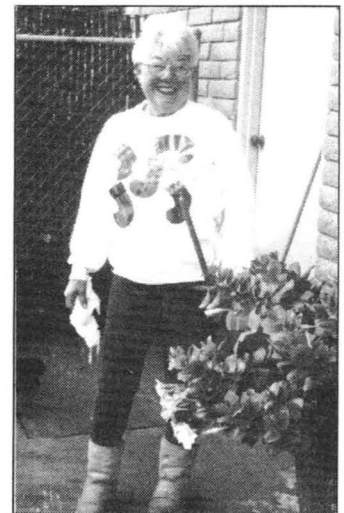
The December Singles and Pairs were combined with a "Fun for Everyone Day", that included our regular "Sunday Bowling on the Green" and an after-games

barbecue for all club members and guests.

To round out our year and in keeping with our reputation as a charismatic, hard-bowling, camaraderistic and fun-loving sort of club, Christmas Party Chairman and new Vice President Theresa Casanova planned and organized an absolutely sensational party at a local restaurant—door prizes and all—with 95 members and guests attending.



The Persina Mixed Triples Champions: Ed Quo, Anne Cherney and Bob Nunes (Anne's dad).



Always something to do for Mary Amies, making sure the Newport clubhouse gardening gets done.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SANTA MONICA*By Bob Nock*

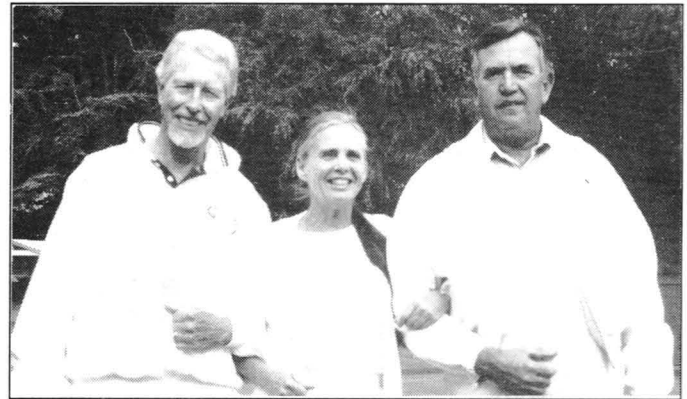
At our annual Club Meeting in November, Alan Goodnoff was elected Vice-President for 1999. Alan is brimming with infectious enthusiasm, energy and new ideas. With the help of his untiring efforts and zealous dedication to SMLBC, we anticipate an excellent year ahead.

As a part of our continuing effort to find more effective ways to increase Club membership, we recently initiated a program that sets aside Monday afternoons for novice and new bowler clinics. We encourage as many Club members as are able to show up to spend two or so hours dedicated entirely to the teaching and encouraging of new and novice bowlers. The program is still in its infancy, but is showing considerable promise—more so than anything else we have tried in the recent past. Also, having a well-defined and dependable time each week for instruction makes it easier to get candidates to show up to find out if the game of bowls is one that they would be interested in pursuing.

Alan Power, Vlatko Petrovic and Margie Nock won first place honors at the Sun City (CA) Annual Mixed Triples Tournament. They topped a field that included four other undefeated teams.

On December 5, we held our annual Christmas Party, during which awards for individual achievements during the year past

were traditionally acknowledged. In addition to trophies for winners and finalists of the various tournaments, a special award was presented to Ferrell Burton, Jr., who has contributed so much both to our Club (Ferrell's home club) and to bowling in general. As written-up elsewhere in this edition of *BOWLS*, Ferrell is one of fifteen charter members recently elected to ALBA's newly "Hall of Fame". We at Santa Monica are indeed proud that Ferrell belongs to our Club.



Winners of the Sun City Mixed Triples, Santa Monica's (l-r) Alan Power, Margie Nock and Vlatko Petrovic.

SANTA ANITA*By Winnie Eberle*

A Christmas party at the Santa Anita Golf Club brought 1998 to a close for our club. Dinner, dancing, entertainment by the San Gabriel Academy chorus, installation of officers, and a visit from Santa made for a festive evening. Jim Whiteley, as Santa, cultivated his own beard for the occasion.

The new officers for 1999 are: President Floy Torvid, 1st Vice-President Bob Hill, 2nd Vice-President Gene Plunkett, Recording Secretary Joan Wignall, Membership Secretary Hazel Stevens, and Treasurer Eleanor Martin.

In October and November, we had our club ladies luncheon meetings, with bowling before. A number of our women enjoyed the Southwest Division Ladies Days at Pomona and Pasadena. A Pot Luck Supper took place in October, and our Circle Bowling and Birthday Party in November. Also in November, we took a trip to Las Vegas to view the new hotels and casinos, and to contribute to the coffers of that city.

Our team of Marion Compton, Floy Torvid, Eileen Donohue and Joan Wignall brought home the trophy from the Ina Jackson 5-Star Tournament.

The Oscar Sandberg Triples was won by Marion Compton, Chuck Browning and George Bucey. Second place went to Russ Compton, Dick Elliott, and Gene Plunkett. Bob Oakley, Bob Hill and Helen O'Reilly placed third.

Our 75-and-Over Singles was won by Chuck Browning, with Alan Reis second and John Pavlik third.

In the Nationals, Marion Compton, Nancy Trask and Floy Torvid met with some success, as did Arne Mortenson, Bob Padgett and Russ Compton.

We are looking forward to the New Year with much hope and anticipation that the proposed plans for our greens will finally reach fruition.

REDLANDS*By Peg Bennett*

The 76th annual meeting of the club was held November 21 at the clubhouse. A minute of silence was observed in memory of Andrew MacCormick and Ken Lawrence, who passed away during the year.

Don Poe was reelected President. Other officers reelected were: Jean Willingham, vice-president and Joan Worden, secretary-treasurer. Len Carver is past president. Committee chairmen elected were: Zelda Bain, Tournament, assisted by Pat Oesterlein; Len Carver, Citrus League; Joe Ruderman, Games; Mary Johnson, Social, assisted by Betty Straesser; Bob Castle, Greens, assisted by Bill Whitmer; Lee Bain, Building, assisted by Ollie Clark; Sheillagh Carver, Senior Delegate AWLBA and Naomi Ruderman, Junior Delegate; Irwin Margolis and Naomi Ruderman, Nominating.

Don Poe announced the following appointments: Don Starrett, Nominating; Don Poe, Len Carver, Angi Sisti, delegates to the ALBA; Phoebe Hill, Sunshine, assisted by Peg Bennett; Telephone and Wrong Bias, Nedra Conley; Sheillagh Carver, Birthdays; Len Carver, Newsletter; Lee Bain, Don Poe, Len Carver, Bill Whitmer, Pat Oesterlein, Instructors; Game Board, Don Starrett (Mondays), Irwin Margolis (Wednesdays) and Bob Castle (Saturdays).

The club enjoyed its annual lunch, held at the Cask & Cleaver in Redlands. Betty Straesser was in charge. It was nice to see Vern Gaston after a lengthy illness. Hank Ruiter and Florence Dotterweich were guests.

The "Traveling Bains" are off on another trip. This time they are going to South America, visiting Buenos Aires and taking a boat trip around the Cape.

AUSTRALIAN PAIRS AT RIVERSIDE

By Mike Bright

Riverside LBC greeted 72 bowlers from throughout the Southwest Division October 17-18 for its Annual Australian Pairs event.

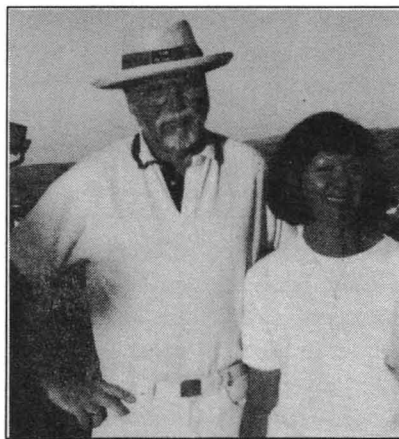
As usual, the games were spirited and the barbecue Saturday night was memorable. Some bowlers drive great distances simply to sample the "Santini Sausage," and announcement of the outcome of their games is only a secondary reason to attend the weekend. Few would disagree that the food simply leaves you asking for more.

Cash prizes were awarded for the first four places in the championship flight. All other flights, including the round-robin, received money for first and second place, while third place finishers earned two bottles of the locally made "Galleano" wine. The wine this year had labels featuring the distaff side. (However, due to a graphics error—the label is a collector's prize—

the lady is depicted alley bowling!) As they say in advertising: "we try harder."

Championship

1. Sam & Mary DeLisle
2. Ed Quo & Bob Nunes
3. Kottia Spangler & Dottie Panacek
4. Pat Fagan & Jerry DeLaValle



Riverside Pairs champions Sam and Mary DeLisle

First Flight

1. Ray Santini & Mike Bright
2. Tom Dion & Hugh Finley

Second Flight

1. Ken Bolton & Lionel Thom
2. Cliff Hilliard & Russ Erickson

Third Flight

1. The Ballones
2. The Sistads

Fourth Flight

1. The Hylands
2. Ken Patterson & Pat Gonzales

Fifth Flight

1. Terry Collins & Dennis Bartelemo
2. Ralph Ryan & Linda Clark

Round Robin

1. Dick Cole & Jim Copeland
2. Neil Snyder & Bob Lippman



SAN CLEMENTE

By Jean Carlson

The past three years since we acquired our new green we've had several invitationals, which were really fun. Half of our roster during this time are new members.

In October, we sponsored the Orange County Senior Games. This was organized by President, Dick Higley, Ivo Reindal and Kathy Lee of the Community Center. All club members were involved. We've been asked to have the games again next year also. There were thirty four entrants from Newport,

Laguna Beach, Santa Aria, Pasadena and San Clemente. Triples matches were played in the morning and afternoon.

The O.C. Senior Games presents both "Team" and "Individual" medals.

Team medals were presented to:

Gold—Francis Oksala, Rose Culbertson and Wayne Bowbeer.

Silver—Ev Glaser, Donald Greening and Pat Mayo.

Bronze—Shirley Meyer, Ivo Reindal and Mickey Strand.

Individual medals went to:

Wayne (Bo) Bowbeer—three gold

Francis Oksala—three gold

Donald Greening—one gold, two silver
I. Reindal—one gold, one silver, one bronze

Rose Culbertson—one gold

Ev Glaser—two silver, one bronze

Shirley Meyer—one silver, two bronze

Jerry Grady—one silver

Pat Mayo—one silver

James Singleton—one silver

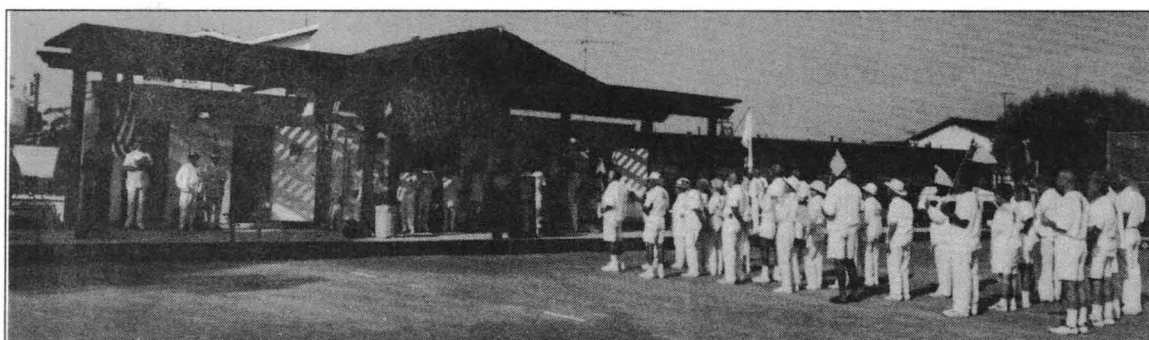
Mickey Strand—two bronze

Jean Kohlmeyer—one bronze

Jim Altobelli—one bronze

Jean Carlson—one bronze

Come visit us on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:45 p.m.



At left, the Orange County Senior Games. Opening Ceremony.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SAN DIEGO*By Karen Anderson**San Diego LBC's officers for 1999 are:*

President—Tom Anderson,
 1st Vice- President—Robin Olson
 2nd Vice-President—Bob Knoth
 Secretary—Mary Jane Pye
 Treasurer—Reg Pye
 Members-at-Large—Gerhardt Vogel
 Donna Boyle, George Gottlieb, Marie
 Jacks, Margaret Cooper Committee

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 Kitchen Coordinator—Doreen Milner

Membership—Robin Olson
 Special Events—Bob Knoth
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 Tournaments—Charlie Scales
 Visitations—Juanita Williams
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 League Games—Olga McCord
 ALBA Tournaments—Bill Hiscock

TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

Men's Singles—1. Jim Olson, 2. Jim
 Morton
Bill Young Doubles—1. Loretta Geisner
 & Dennis Bartelmo, 2. Donna Boyle &
 Bob Knoth
Johnson Fosdike Singles—1. Loretta
 Geisner, 2. Bob Knoth
Pat DiVincenzo Novice Singles—
 1. Howard Fromson, 2. Bob Exter

COVE COMMUNITIES

(Palm Desert, CA)

By Tom Hodgins

We finally got our green back the end of November, following a late reseeding.

This didn't give any of our group a chance to bowl before the annual November Tournament at Smoke Tree Ranch. Last year, one of our teams won the event and this year one team came in third. The team was skipped by Doug Newton, and Evie Hibbert, Frank Dunbar, Harold Dieno and alternate Art Evans filled out the group. Congratulations!

A few snowbirds have arrived, but we are looking for more. Bowling is 9 A.M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. Call Tom for information: (760) 345-0406.

FRIENDLY VALLEY*By Bob Innis*

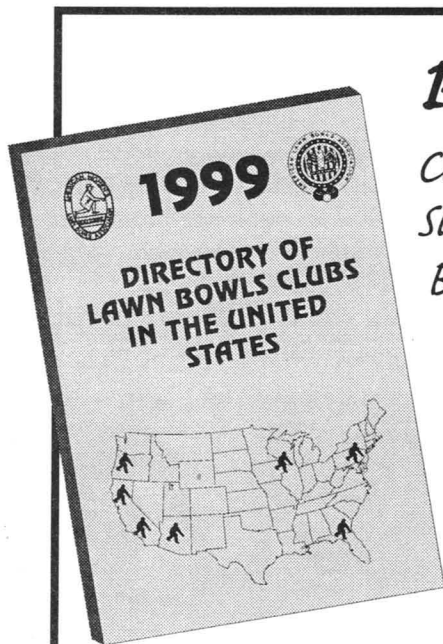
As this is being written, we are approaching the Winter Solstice. Our green has already turned from its Summer green to its Winter coat of brown. That means our green is about its fastest of the whole year. So come on out and visit us. You are always welcome.

November, as usual, saw our annual meeting and election of officers. We have a new President (Art Jukes), a new V.P. (Vi Henley), and a new Secretary (Doris Perry). The rest are carryovers from last year. Congratulations to the new Board of Officers. They will be making a number of sacrifices to serve us and they deserve our full cooperation, even if it means a "small" sacrifice for us to do so.

Thanks to our outgoing President, Gussie Blanc. 1998 was a year full of personal difficulties for her, but she never once used this as an excuse. "Thanks", also, to the rest of the officers who served us well all year.

December 13 was the night for our annual holiday dinner and for the installation of the new Board for 1999. The dinner was excellently prepared, the entertainment was very good, and it was a happy evening for all.

Now we are ready for the new year. Let us all resolve to be a "yes" person when we are asked to serve our Club this year—even if it is only a small (but important) thing like signing up to go on a visitation whenever one is scheduled. It could make 1999 a banner year.

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Tournament Players (con't)

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

- Long Beach, CA** *Long Beach Carnival* Bill Behrendt, Cecile Langevin, Detta Marvin 9-12
- Pinehurst, NC** *North Carolina Open Triples* Jim Fahnestock, Dodie Hann, Carol Fahnestock 9-16
- Santa Maria, CA** *Secure Horizons Senior Olympics* Bill Macdonald, K.G. Agrelius, Jim Cooper 10-9
- Smoke Tree Ranch, CA** *'98 November Invitational* Tom Hodgins, Ernie Grant, Allen Shapter, Bud Meathe
- Oakland, CA** *Oakland Invitational Triples* John Yen Jack Russell, John Chinn 11-5
- Sun City, AZ** *National Open Tournament* Tony Appollo, Bob Hill, John James 11-3
- Sun City, AZ** *National Open Tournament* Don Simmons, Jim Obrock, Art McMaster 11-2
- Sun City, AZ** *National Open Tournament* Ed Quo & Bob Nunes 11-3
- Sun City, AZ** *National Open Tournament* Dick Cole, Duane Aasted, Jim Copeland 11-2
- Sun City, CA** *Sun City Open Triples Tournament* Clair Ott, Peg McCutcheon, Don Camunez 11-21

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

- Cambria, CA** *Cambria Open Tournament* Ken VanderLinden, Jim Roberts, Don Swezey 10-14
- Santa Ana, CA** *Jeannine Spurrier Memorial Triples* Jerry Frank, Elaine Hughes, Howard Firor 10-17
- Sun City, AZ** *National Open Tournament* John Toal, Joe Molletta, Bill Smulyan 11-3
- Santa Maria, CA** *Birthday Bash Tournament* Glenn Jacobson, Herb Wilson, Etbel Shiffrar 11-7

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- DIFFFERENT ENDS IN THE SAME FOURS GAME
- Mount Dora, FL** *Holiday Bowl Tournament* Bill Cannon, Sally Bonstelle, Bruce Boadwin, Ellie Presley 12-4

7 SHOTS FOURS

- Santa Barbara, CA** *Santa Barbara Open Rinks Tournament* James Cronshaw, Patricia Cronshaw, Joe Quinn. Larry MacDonald 11-4
- Santa Barbara, CA** *Sam DeLisle Tournament* Amador Martinez, Raul A. Perez, Armand Escalante, Stanley Bloom 11-29
- Sun City West, AZ** *National Open Tournament* Paula Bellone, Lois Harmon, Jean Clark, Dee Kessler 10-31

8 SHOTS FOURS

- Riverside, CA** *SW Div. 5 Man All Star* Merton Isaacman, Michael Ashton-Phillips, Dick Simon, Joe Siegman 10-24

9 SHOTS TRIPLES

- Milwaukee, WI** *36th Annual Otto Hess Tournament* John Devine, Roger Binger, Ken La Belle 9-6



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THE LAST SHOT

By Joe Siegman
 Editor of *BOWLS Magazine*

Flying home from the National Open Tournament in Phoenix, I read this magazine story concerning the "economic impact" of major events such as the Super Bowl, World Series and national political conventions.

Okay. Lawn bowling's National Open ain't any of the above. Nonetheless, I wondered what kind of economic impact our just completed Open had on the greater Phoenix area, specifically the Sun Cities and town of Surprise, AZ.

With my motel bill as "exhibit A," I multiplied it times 472 players, added a percentage of car rentals, plus a per diem (x472) for meals. The Joe EIR (economic impact report) came up with \$361,025 spent in Arizona over a seven-day period.

I didn't account for early arrivals and late stays (or vice-versa), players sharing rooms, price variables in accomodation charges, air travel costs or gasoline expenses for cross-country (and local) drivers, gifts and personal purchases, or the Sun Cities' Del Webb Corp's new home sales (last time the Open was held in Arizona the company sold eight homes to visiting bowlers), etc. I'm a writer not a CPA!

The point is that with air or driving travel costs added to the pot, National Open bowlers had an economic impact of at least a half-million dollars on Arizona—most of it spent in the confines of motels, restaurants and watering holes of Surprise, AZ. Add a few sales of Del Webb homes, and we're knocking on a million dollar door.

Sure. A bare seven figures is probably petty cash in EIRs for major national events. But, our "puny" numbers certainly impress me. They might also impress the retirement community-type locales that pop-up in our National Open future. Comedian Flip Wilson used to say: "If you got it, flaunt

it!" If we don't recognize what we've got, who will?

I picked up a few copies of the assorted "senior" publications on display at our local community center. A few years ago, there had been, maybe, two weekly "senior world" type newspapers for the price of "Take One Free." This day there were *six!*

I was particularly impressed by the number of retirement communities that advertise in these publications—some of which have ample lawn bowling facilities. While all of the ads trumpeted their communities' sporting facilities: golf, tennis, golf, swimming, and golf, not one ad mentioned lawn bowls.

Granted, more people are likely to be drawn to a retirement spot by familiar activities such as golf, tennis and swimming. But, don't 500 bowlers at this retirement complex, 350 at that one, and 1,200 at another tell the corporate marketers something?

Certainly there are people nutso about their golf or tennis. But, is there any greater loyalty to and fondness for an adult sport than that of the lawn bowling community? Can there be any doubt why lawn bowling Canadians, Brits, Spanish, South Africans and cold weather Americans retire or winter at sunbelt communities that feature lawn bowls?

Geez, Louise! We don't even get recognition from the corporations who make millions off us!

I'm counting on the new ALBA Hall of Fame to stimulate a positive awareness of our game. This sport has a long and impressive history in the United States—longer than the NBA, NFL and NHL—and an even longer one internationally. Numerous individuals, men and women, are responsible for our storied memoirs, and the process of giving them their public due may awaken a respect for the sport that is sorely missing.

Without self-respect and self-recognition of our assets, we're like a "cheap date" amongst the slick beau's looking to make hay with what we've got, without having to take us out to dinner.

An abundance of thanks and appreciation to all who sent *BOWLS* holiday and New Years' greeting cards. We send along our fondest wishes for a happy and healthy new year. May 1999 be a year of touchers and numerous plus points.

Joe Siegman

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