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OVERSEAS HIGHLIGHTS

By Scott Roberts

World Cup Indoor Singles, New South Wales, Australia: Alice Birkinshaw had a great tournament, going 3-6, against very tough competition. She finished seventh in the group, including a victory in her last match over Malaysia's 2015 World Cup Champion and 2017 Champion of Champions Silver Medalist. Charlie Herbert rallied from an 0-2 start, to finish 7-3 in the section to qualify for the playoffs, but unfortunately lost his playoff match to Malta's Brendan Aquilina.

Tiger Bowls and China Open: Both the women's and the men's teams bowled well in their competitions. The women made it to the medal rounds and ultimately earned the Silver medal in Tiger Bowls and a Bronze medal in the Belt & Road China Open.



Left to right: Team USA members Victor Green, Linda Roberts, Corey Vose, Heidi Rittner, Stuart Bell, Regina Banares, Kay Tong, and Dee McSparran.



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SOUTHEAST DIVISION OPEN RESULTS

Submitted by Garry Higgins

Fifty-six women and 70 men competed in the Southeast Division Open held 3/3 to 3/9 (Women's events) and 3/10 to 3/15 (Men's events). All events were held at Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club. Winners of the championship flights were:

Women's events:

Singles: Judy Bacon

Pairs: Cathy Mills & Sandy Wall

Fours: Val Bechard, Sharon Farish, Mary Meldrum, Debbie Foster

Bowler of the Tournament: Judy Bacon

Men's events:

Singles: Bud Ricucci

Pairs: Garry Watts & Pat Beggs

Fours: Steve Nelson, Paul Ward, Rick Abell, Rich Cleary

Bowler of the Tournament: Garry Watts

Go to page 3 for photos of the champions. Full results for all flights can be found at the Southeast Division website. Find [women's results](#) here; and [men's results](#) here.



SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. OPEN

Planners for the U.S. Open to be held in Phoenix in November recently put out two calls for financial and physical support needed to put on a successful Open.

Here's how individuals/Divisions can help.

Individuals: Tax-deductible cash donations can be made through the USLBA Memorial Fund. Click here for Information on [how to donate](#). Be sure to check the option for "U.S. Open".

Divisions: Assistance is sought for funding, gathering suppliers for merchandise sales items and opportunity drawing prizes, and coordination of sales and other activities during the Open. Contact [Ron Rollick](#).



CHAMPIONS OF THE SOUTHEAST DIVISION OPEN



Men's Fours: Rich Cleary, Rick Abell, Paul Ward, Steve Nelson



Women's Fours: Val Bechard, Sharon Farish, Mary Meldrum, Debbie Foster



Men's Singles: Garry Watts

CONGRATS
TO
ALL OF THE
CHAMPIONS



Women's Singles: Judy Bacon



Men's Pairs: Garry Watts & Pat Beggs



Women's Pairs: Cathy Mills & Sandy Wall



GOOD NEWS FOR REDLANDS LBC

Excerpted from an article in *Redland Daily Facts*

Preparations for a planned skate park in Sylvan Park in Redlands, CA, have raised concerns among Lawn Bowling Club advocates who worry the historic venue may be under threat. Recently, however, the City Council clarified the boundaries for the historic lawn bowling club which was constructed in 1926 and was designated as a local historic site in 2015. The boundaries were clarified to ensure that there won't be any ambiguity when the skate park is under construction.



Member Scott Yahnke is silhouetted as he bowls during morning games at Redlands Lawn Bowling Club.



EBLASTS ARE EFFECTIVE

You may have noticed that you've been receiving eblasts on a variety of subjects lately. Turns out that they aren't just filling up your email inbox; they are actually helping to find bowlers who have much needed background to help with a wide variety of club, Division, and BowlsUSA issues. Division officers, club presidents, and tournament chairs can use this avenue, too, to publicize information and events to their bowlers. It's simple. Just:

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| 1. Write up your message; | 3. Send a request to: |
| 2. Determine what the distribution should be; | - bowlsusanews@gmail.com , or |
| AND | contact your Division Councilor. |





Editor's Note: This segment of the Taylor Bowls story picks up where we left off last month which covered how the bowl is manufactured and tested.

The bowls are now polished in a buffing machine and then engraved with the Company's logo and the serial number denoting the size and weight of the bowl. An individual distinguishing logo or emblem and also the official stamp of World Bowls is engraved to show that the bowls comply with the regulations. The bowls are then painted, subjected to a final inspection, and polished again before packing.



The material used for coloured bowls is different from that used for black and brown bowls, due to the requirement that coloured bowls need to be colour stable under ultra violet conditions and not suffer too much from fading. Taylor's have pioneered a melamine formaldehyde material which is colour stable and tougher than phenolic formaldehyde.

Introduction of coloured bowls to the market

Taylor's introduced colour bowls to the market in 1998 and the first ones made were for the Crown Green market. Since the 1st January 1999 the rules for flat green have been changed by World Bowls for the inclusion of coloured bowls. This was agreed to by 34 countries and the one country that objected was Australia due to Bowls Australia being lobbied by the local Manufacturer (Henselite).

Taylor's sponsored a Scottish test team to play in Australia with blue bowls and wearing blue trousers, white tops and shoes. On arrival the Australian Bowling Board objected to them playing with the coloured bowls. The SBA pointed out that the laws of the game allowed a visiting team to play with what was legal in their own country. If the Australians were not going to allow the team to play they were to return home. The Australians backed down and the match went ahead at Warilla in New South Wales. The Scottish Team players were Willie Wood, Alex Marshall and Alex Sneddon. To Taylor's delight the team won two of the three matches played. The Caledonian Society of Sydney arrived to support them, Fox Television was delighted with the colours and Esanda Bank, the sponsor, was equally happy. Bowls Australia saw the over whelming response from the audience and adopted coloured bowls into their game. Australia is the biggest market in the world for coloured bowls and clothing. Three years after this event the Hensel company started to make coloured bowls.

Editor-in-Chief note: The continued history of Taylor Bowls will appear in upcoming issues of the BowlsUSA Newsletter. Topics will include: the bias explained, and the need for different bowl models.



BOWLS USA CALL FOR SELECTORS APPLICATIONS

Bowls USA is seeking to assemble a new cadre of Teams USA selectors through an open application process that will identify *male and female candidates* from across the country. We would like candidates who are eager to give their knowledge and bowls experience back to the community.

The selectors should have a passion and commitment to take on the important task to identify and evaluate talented players and select the best team to represent the U.S. in international competitions. Interested individuals should review the revamped process, qualifications and job description that is linked below and soon to be on the website -- www.bowlsusa.us --

There needs to be a strong team of selectors in place to build a strong Team USA to represent us in international competition.

The time to act is now by either applying yourself, or by tapping someone on the shoulder and encouraging them to do so.

The deadline for receiving applications is **April 30, 2018**.

Review of selector applications and final decisions will be made by the Bowls USA Council and will be announced by **June 1, 2018**.

Your help and action are greatly appreciated.

[Application for Selector both Men and Women](#)

[Details of Selectors/Selection](#)

[process, qualifications and job description](#)

SPRING IS IN THE AIR AT MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK LBC

Contributed by Glorianne Mather

The grass isn't yet green and the trees are still bare, but that's not keeping the Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Club from getting ready for another successful lawn bowling season. A new fence banner and brochure boxes have been posted to get the pre/early-season marketing rolling. The Club is looking forward to May when they can get the games underway.

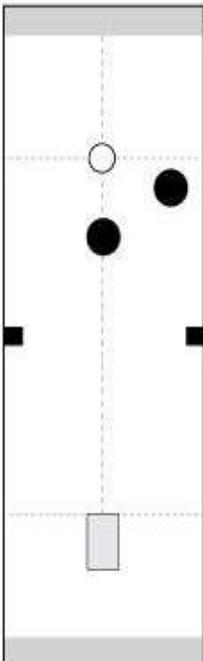




DRILL TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILL

**DRAW BOWLING DRILLS**

DRAW BEWEN TWO BOWLS



OBJECTIVE : *Draw between two Bowls to reach the Jack.*

EQUIPMENT :
2 BOWLS 1 MAT 1 JACK

PROCEDURE :

Set up on the 2 meter line.

Mat on minimum length (Hog Line).

Jack on Center Line.

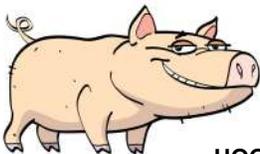
Place two Bowls, one on Center Line and another just to one side of the Jack.

Vary Mat lengths.

Play F / H and B / H.

Everyone likes a good loser, especially when he's on the opposing team.

- Milton Segal



HOGLINE

GOT AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

Send it in to your Division editor as listed below:

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FAREWELL TO OUR BOWLING FRIENDS

Reinie Kramer was Vice President and Tournament Director at the Laguna Beach LBC when he passed away in February. He always said that he wanted to die on the lawn bowling green. That didn't happen, but the day before his passing, he was rolling the last bowl in a club tournament when he took the jack to the ditch, scoring five points to win the game! A fitting departure. You will be missed, Reinie.



Demetrio Arevalo, Jr., found lawn bowling at the Oxnard Joslyn LBC in 2013 and was a member through 2017. "Demo" (as he was nicknamed) developed into a very good bowler and participated in many tournaments, Gold Coast League competition, and took part in other club activities. He passed away in January. Your many lawn bowling friends miss you, Demo.



JEFFERSON PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB, SEATTLE

The Spring Rolls League is fresh!



I DON'T GET THE NEWSLETTER!

Do you ever hear this comment? It's usually followed by "I don't know why I don't get it."

Well, friends, there are a couple of reasons for this: either your pal is not a BowlsUSA member, or they *unsubscribed* from the BUSA newsletter at some time in the past.

Not to worry, we can get your pal back in the loop without any problem and make you look totally savvy at the same time. Tell your friend to go to the [BUSA website](http://www.bowlsusa.com) and subscribe on the Newsletter Page or have them send an email to news@bowlsusa.us.

Everyone is welcome to get the BUSA Newsletter, member or not. Along with the newsletter subscribers receive BUSA notices and announcements. We try to identify those with "BUSA" in the subject line to be sure you know they are from a safe source.





SW OPEN COMING UP THIS MONTH

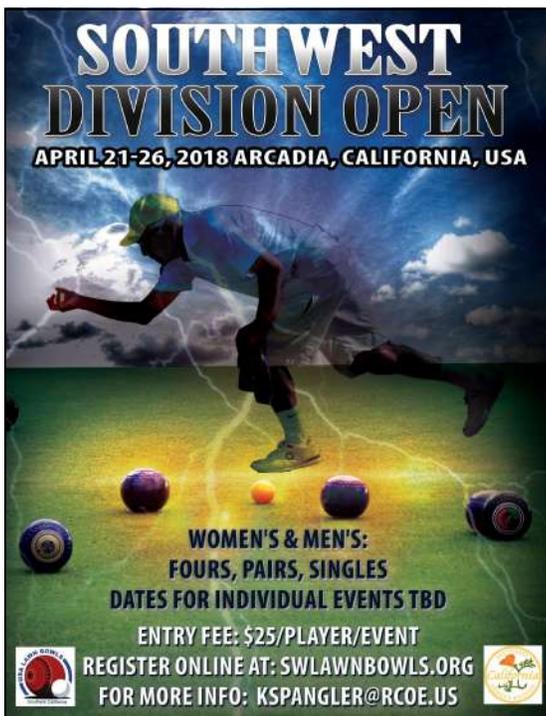
Women's Events

Fours - 4/21 & 4/22,
Saturday & Sunday

Pairs - 4/23 & 4/24,
Monday & Tuesday

Singles - 4/25 & 4/26,
Wednesday & Thursday

*All events to be played at Santa Anita Lawn Bowling Green.



Men's Events

Pairs - 4/21 & 4/22,
Saturday & Sunday

Fours - 4/23 & 4/24,
Monday & Tuesday

Singles - 4/25 & 4/26,
Wednesday & Thursday

* Daily raffle prize drawings.

*Newly trained markers for singles.

Entry deadlines are: Women's events, 4/14; Men's events, 4/16.

Looking for a team/teammate? Men contact Scott Roberts, scottroberts1269@gmail.com. Women contact Heather Stewart, heatherstewart78@gmail.com.

UPCOMING MAJOR TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULE

Watch this section in future issues for the latest updates on major tournaments. As available, we'll list the tournament dates, locations, entry deadlines, and a link/website where you can find more information.

Southwest Division Open, 4/21 to 4/26/18. Arcadia, CA. See the flyer on this page. Check for more info [here](#).

Central Division Open, Pairs, 7/7 - 7/8; Singles, 8/4 - 8/5, Milwaukee Lake Park LBC, WI. Watch for more info [here](#).

Northeast Division Open, 8/18 to 8/23/18 at Skytop and Buck Hill Falls, PA. Watch for more info [here](#).

Northwest Open Team Tournament, 9/8 to 9/9/18 at Jefferson Park LBC, Seattle, WA. Watch for more info [here](#).

U. S. Open of Lawn Bowls, 11/2 to 11/10/18, hosted by South Central Division. Watch for more info [here](#).

U. S. National Championships, 11/25 to 12/1/18 hosted at Sun City Center, FL. This tournament requires competing in your Division's qualifying rounds.

PIMD, All PIMD-sponsored tournaments are open to out-of-division BowlsUSA members. Check their webpage [here](#) for the calendar of Division-sponsored tournaments indicated by the orange background.



2018 Northeast Division Open

Come join us at the 2018 Northeast Division Open at two of our beautiful and scenic lawn bowling greens in the Poconos, PA!

We will be hosting Triples, Pairs & Singles.

****Teams can be mixed with men & women****



SKY TOP LODGE, PA



BUCK HILL FALLS, PA

Dates: **Saturday, August 18 - Thursday, August 23, 2018**
Triples: **August 18-19, 2018 (Saturday & Sunday)**
Pairs: **August 20-21, 2018 (Monday & Tuesday)**
Singles: **August 22-23, 2018 (Wednesday & Thursday)**

Draw: Triples & Pairs draws will be made on Tuesday, August 14. This info will be posted on the NED website by Wednesday, August 15, and by email regarding which green to report to on Day 1 of each event. Day 2 of Triples & Pairs will be held at Buck Hill Falls with Day 2 Singles at Skytop.

Locations: Skytop Lodge: 1 Skytop Lodge Road, Skytop, PA 18357
Buck Hill Falls: 270 Golf Drive, Buck Hill Falls, PA 18323
NOTE: *The greens are approximately 5 miles apart.*

Entries: Click [here](#) for instructions and entry form.

Lodging: Click [here](#) for information on accommodations.

Airports: Newark International Airport (1.5 hrs/90 mi) Wilkes
-Barre/Scranton International Airport (48 mins/42 mi)
Lehigh Valley International Airport (1 hr/57 mi)



Grant Program

The **Mission** of the Grant Program is to provide funds for 100% Bowls USA clubs to promote club development and to assist recruiting and retaining members. Grant funds may be used for projects that are intended to attract new members or to improve the playing experience of the club.

The **Goal** of the program is to allocate funds equally across divisions, if possible. The total amount of grant funds available for 2018 is \$10,000.

Guidelines:

All 100% clubs within a division are eligible for grants.

The grant application deadline is June 30, 2018.

The three-member Grant Committee shall review all grant applications for merit.

Grants may be fully or partially funded based on a review of the proposed project costs.

Grants may be fully or partially funded based on the total number of grant requests.

Grants may be used for projects that are intended to attract new members such as advertising, signage, Open Houses, youth programs, pamphlets and flyers, etc.

Grants may be used for projects to improve the playing experience of the club such as greens improvements, equipment repairs, club house repairs, or rink equipment such as mats, bowls gatherers, score frames, etc.

Grant money will not be provided for food or refreshments.

Grant recipients must submit a follow-up report on the success of the project to the Grant Committee by December 15th, 2018 and to the Bowls USA newsletter. Non-receipt of a follow-up report may put the club in jeopardy of receiving further grants.

Questions?

Send an email to peacecorps.ginger@gmail.com with your questions about this program and the application process. Include a telephone number and times to call if you would prefer a phone call.

Click [here](#) to go to the website where you can download the new 2018 Grant Program application and the format for the proposed budget for funds usage.

[Editor's note: 2018 marks the third year of the 100% BowlsUSA Club Grant Program. In 2017, at least one club in each division received a grant. The executive board has approved \$10,000 for 2018, and all 100% BowlsUSA clubs are encouraged to consider applying. If your club is not 100% BowlsUSA, you may want to consider becoming one. Here are some ways that the 2017 grant program recipients used their grants: advertising and purchase of club equipment, repair of backboards and rakes, a fence banner and membership drive, new fencing, clubhouse equipment, greens mower, and greens maintenance in preparation for hosting the U.S. Open.]





By Melanie Vizenor

BowlsUSA National Umpire-in- Chief



In the March 2018 Umpires Corner I opined that if the vices indicated the shot count as if the end was over and one of the skips still had a bowl to play that that bowl may not be played, that it was all over but the crying.

After a good discussion initiated by Bud Ricucci, SED Head Division Umpire, and a further discussion with Anne Nunes (she's an umpire, too), I would like to clarify the intent of the laws and, thus, my interpretation of them.

First, if the vices indicate the shot count and one of the skips still has a bowl to play, that bowl may be played if the following is true: That the skips have not agreed on the shot count as indicated by the vices. In other words, both skips know that there's still a bowl to be played and that the vices have simply lost count of the number of bowls remaining to be played; in other words, a simple mistake by the vices. Or, **before** the skips agree, one of them says, Egads, I still have a bowl left, and then that skip elects to bowl the bowl.

Okay. So a simple mistake and the skips have not agreed on the shot count.

But ... and it's a big one ... once the skips agree, there is no going back. If the vice for a team indicates they are holding shot and that team's skip has the last bowl to be played, if the skip, either verbally or through other action such as picking up the mat and throwing it on the bank, conveys the decision not to bowl the last bowl, that decision is final. See Laws 25 and 29.4.

The **March 2018 Ump Stumper** read: The players in a triples game cannot agree on the score after several ends of play. Skip A and Lead B have been keeping the scorecards. They call for an umpire. How would you resolve this situation?

If you are a stalwart UmpStumper-ee (and there's a lot of you out there), your immediate reaction is, Hey, the wrong players are keeping that scorecard! What gives? And you would be correct: the skips are responsible for maintaining the scorecards (with the exception of Conditions of Play that might give this duty to other players on the team, but then the same players on all teams would be keeping the scorecards).

Here's the answer. The umpire would seek to resolve the score between Skip A and Skip B. Note that Lead B is not in this discussion between the umpire and the two skips. If the two skips come to an agreement, great. But if they can't and if Skip A's scorecard is correctly filled out, then that scorecard prevails. And what does "correctly" filled out mean: that all shots for and against are recorded after each end of play; that means bringing the total score down for both teams in every end of play. No blank spaces on the scorecard for either team.

And what if the two skips cannot agree and neither scorecard is filled out correctly? Then what? Ahh, that's the **Ump Stumper for April**.