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National News

Congratulations to US PBA Qualifiers!

- Scottish Open: 1st Dan LeMessurier 2nd: Barry Hayes
- International Open: 1st Lawrence Quill 2nd: Aaron Zangl
- World Singles: 1st: Dan LeMessurier 2nd Phil Dunn
- World Pairs: 1st: Barry Hayes & Dan LeMessurier 2nd: Jim Lyons & Rob Humphrey

Summary of Bowls USA July Council Meeting

BUSA Rules Committee members, Veronica Sum, Melanie Vizenor and Richard Broad presented a final revised Domestic Regulations document. After discussion of proposed changes to National Championships, Dress Code and Substitution, it was agreed that the proposed revisions were accepted as presented. The updated Domestic Regulations pages will be published in the reprinting of the 2015 Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Third Edition. World Bowls has informed us there are no plans in the near future to publish a new edition.

President Scott Roberts shared with great pride the quality representation and efforts of Team USA as well as the success of the men's team in the Asia-Pacific Championships who qualified for representation in all disciplines of the 2020 World Championships which will be held in Australia next June.

Now that the Domestic Regulations have been updated, Immediate Past President Richard Broad and committee members will finalize proposed revisions to the National Championships Policy & Procedures to present to Councilors for consideration.

Important dates were announced:

- 1) Aug 24-28, 2020 – National Championships at Milwaukee Lake Park LBC in Central Division
- 2) Sep 15-19, 2020 – NAC in Canada, venue to be announced
- 3) Oct 2-11, 2020 (and 2021) – US Open at various coastal clubs in Southwest Division

All seven divisions have reported to bring Bowls USA membership tally to 2,951. Last year ended with 3,179 reported members.

According to Treasurer Kelly Warren, finances are in order with about the same income and expenses as last year. He has been working diligently to organize a chart of accounts to be able to provide a meaningful pie chart to best depict how our treasury funds get spent.

For Central Division, Councilor Mark Mathwig reported that work has begun for hosting the 2020 National Championships and that the greens at Milwaukee Lake Park are rolling better than they have in years. Pairs Playdowns were completed last weekend and Singles will be played in a couple of weeks. They have had record turnouts for leagues, and a lot of newbies coming in for lessons and staying around to play. Hopes are high to grow the club in the next year or two.

Veronica Sum, Councilor for Northeast Division, noted their Pairs Playdowns were held a few weeks ago, and the Singles with seven men and two lady entries will be held this weekend in Buck Hill Falls in the Poconos. The NED Open will once again be in the Poconos August 17-22. Bids are coming in with hopes for construction of two new grass greens to begin early next year in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Northwest Division Councilor Pam Edwards stated that their Pairs Playdowns ended today for the men and this past weekend for the women and had a great turnout of four women's teams and seven men's teams participating. Jefferson Park again hosted a successful 24-ON-THE-4TH event with 24 hours of bowling on July 4th. All clubs are improving relationships with their parks and recs departments and have strong classes going. Richard congratulated Pam and her partner Debbie for winning the NWD Pairs Playdowns.

Councilor Robb Pawlak reported that everything is falling into place for PIMD hosting the National Championships in September. He is still amazed at how many generous people in PIMD have helped with the financial aspect of this event.

For South Central Division, Councilor Lorraine reported the Oakmont and Mountain View greens have been redone and that with someone new in charge, the greens at Lakeview and Bell are improving and looking good for the US Open. Entries for the USO are currently at 337, with a record-breaking number of 80 women registered for Singles. Disciplines for both genders have been expanded to accommodate additional entries.

In the Southeast Division, Councilor Sandy Wall commented that Summer League ends in a couple of weeks and activities won't begin until October with the return of their Canadian friends.

Councilor Gary Barnes reported that Women's Singles and Men's Pairs Playdowns will be completed this weekend. He plans to live-score the event on the SWD website and will live-stream one of the games on Facebook. A joint logo for the men's and women's divisions is at a voting process right now.





Grant Program

For the fourth year in a row, Bowls USA has participated in “loyalty programs” and “incentives” for 100% Bowls USA clubs. The Grant Program has been the appropriate way to “give back” to those clubs that support Bowls USA.

A committee, consisting of, Rick Fitzgerald, councilor (SE) Ginger Harris, councilor (PIMD), and Glorianne Mather, councilor (CED), administered the program for 2019. We are pleased to report that 13 clubs from 6 divisions expressed interest and will be receiving funding in 2019.

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. We also specified that funds could not be used for food and/or refreshments.

The total amount of grant funds available for 2019 is \$10,500. After review of all Grant Requests, the Committee has awarded the following grants:

1. Oxnard-Joslyn LBC-SW for \$500.00 to Replace Scoreboards
2. Lakeland LBC- SE-\$490.00 to Maintain Artificial Playing Surface
3. Santa Barbara LBC-SW-\$600.00 to Replace Scoreboards and Rakes
4. San Francisco LBC-PIMD-\$650.00 for Greens Maintenance, Portable Lighting and Bowls for Kids
5. Williamsburg LBC-NE-\$1,000.00 for Bowling Facilities Rental to Keep Lawn Bowling Alive
6. Sarasota LBC-SE-\$1,000.00 for Greens Maintenance
7. Frick Park LBC-NE-\$310.00 to Purchase a Wheelchair Ramp that Meets ADA Standards and Requirements
8. Pinehurst LBC-SE-\$400.00 to Replace Rink Markers
9. Jefferson Park LBC-NW-\$650,00 to Support Greens Maintenance and Equipment
10. Milwaukee Lake Park LBC-C-\$900.00 for Greens and Grounds Improvement in Preparation for Hosting the US Championships in 2020
11. Portland LBC LBC-NW-\$1500.00 to Purchase a Greens Mower
12. Oaks North-SW-\$2,000.00-Cement work to Widen Sidewalks to Prevent Congestion and Improve Safety
13. Santa Ana LBC-SW-\$500.00-for Greens Maintenance

Bowls USA is stronger because of the support of all of its members, and we hope that these funds will help 100% clubs share our sport with their communities. We look forward to hearing about clubs' successes in recruiting members and improving their playing conditions. Continuation of this program will be discussed at the upcoming Annual General Meeting to be held before the US Open in Sun City Arizona in November. Questions and comments are welcome!

Good Bowling to Everyone!!!!





Bowls Northwest

Good News! We have finally obtained trademark protection for our BowlsUSA logo! Over the past year I have been working with Barbara Roberts of the NE Division and Kathleen Ryan and Julie Jung of the Ollila Law Group, LLC, to register our 'mark' with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Yes, it has been a long, drawn-out process, but on May 21, 2019, US Registration Number 5,755,364 was granted to BowlsUSA.

We should now use the registration symbol ® in proximity to the mark (logo) as shown below:



Generally, when using the mark as text in documentation, the ® symbol need only appear with the first occurrence of the mark and no notation is needed thereafter. However, the registration symbol should accompany all text or design marks when used on external packaging, storage media, advertising, or when represented in an electronic expression. For use outside of the United States or for goods and/or services not covered in the registration, such as on articles of clothing, the notation ™ should still be used.



Copies of these marks (logos) are available from our national Secretary, Dee McSparran. Thanks to Robb Pawlak for their design.

I wish to express my profound thanks and gratitude to Barbara Roberts for her time spent in coordinating the process with our trademark attorneys, and for her generous donation of the application fee. Special thanks go to Kathleen Ryan and her team at Ollila Law Group, LLC, which has a group of experienced technology attorneys that provide a comprehensive set of integrated property services and strategies.

Good Bowls everyone!

Ernie Carlson

President, NW Division, Bowls USA



Southeast Division

News from the Villages Lawn Bowling Club



Novice Singles

Michael Fitzgibbons is the 2019 Champion in the inaugural Novice Singles competition.

Michael joined The Villages Lawn Bowls Club in March 2018 and learned to bowl. He partnered with John Garbett in the Senior Games Pairs in April 2018, where they won the Silver Medal.

He bowls perhaps once a week if his schedule allows and in early 2019, he entered the Novice Singles. This Tournament is open only to those new bowlers who joined the Club from 2017 onwards and have not bowled anywhere else prior to joining the club here. We had twelve entries for this one-day tournament, and all had to bowl two, ten-end games. All two game winners advanced to the single-knock-out rounds. In the final, Michael played Phil Acton and won. Both received

a trophy and the Novice Singles Trophy was awarded to Michael.



A “Friendly” between Sun City Center and The Villages

In early June, the Villages club hosted a friendly match between Sun City Center and the Villages club. The weather was sunny and very hot. The Villages Recreation Supervisor, Jack Doty welcomed the visitors and Henry Landsberg, our President also welcomed everyone. A Spider was played prior to the first game, with Sun City Center bowlers winning both prizes. Thirteen bowlers from SCC and

fifteen from The Villages then bowled against each other in a twelve-end game. The result of the morning games was three wins to SCC and two wins to The Villages.

Following a lunch break, all who wished to bowl in the second game were placed into mixed teams which resulted in fun, social game. In both games, only one shot was counted on each of the first two ends which eliminated the need for trial ends.

It was a very successful day and further enhanced by the local Villages television channel reporter filming the proceedings and speaking with John Garbett on camera. Besides being televised, a recording of the interview will also be made available. We also had a reporter from the local paper, the Daily Sun, who spent the entire day with us and interviewed several of the players. A third reporter arrived before lunch and spent time with the bowlers, taking notes and photographs and speaking with some of the bowlers. She had never seen the game before. We are fortunate to have such publicity. A return trip to Sun City is planned.

Southeast Division Central Florida League

Summertime is usually the "off" season for most of the clubs in the Southeast Division (SED). However, this year, it's different. An inter-club, "Central Florida League" has been organized and is full swing. The CFL (not to be confused with the Canadian Football League), is like Major League Baseball in that seven triples teams form two major sections, the Grass Division and the Rubico Division.

The participating teams and clubs are the Sun City Center Thunderbowl, Sarasota Surge, Sun City Center High Rollers, Sun City Center Hog Liners, Mount Dora Backhand, Mount Dora Storm and the Clearwater Headhunters.

In the Position Round, which started June 3rd, the three "Rubico" teams and the four "Grass" teams play each other twice, and at each club twice. Games are played every Monday, either home or away. Each week, the scoreboard, statistics and standings are published and updated.

At the end of the regular season, the winners of each division will play in a best of five playoff series for the CFL Trophy. The team with the second-best record will host the first two games, then the best record team will host the balance of games, thus "home field" advantage.

Possibly the reason the CFL has a baseball look and feel, is because League President and organizer, Bob Fladung, was a lefty all-star pitcher with the Lyndhurst Golden Bears.



In Memoriam:

Two Hall of Fame bowlers have passed: Tom Kees and Patti Grabowski.



Southwest Division

Cambria Lawn Bowls 50th Anniversary Party

Lawn Bowls Celebration had a very successful turnout. We provided lessons for many first timers and great food was served. Results: Jim and Guy Bahringer took home first place. Boyd and Jackie Hogan came in second; all won a 1 year membership to CLBC. We were happy so many clubs joined in, including Neighbors Club. Special thanks to Denise Cooper and her sister Carol, Mary Buongiorno, Pat Brughelli, Chili Chefs Jim Loveless and Sal Buongiorno, and many other club members .



Kuala Lumpur International Invitational

Four ladies are heading to Malaysia to represent Bowls USA in the Kuala Lumpur Twin Tower International Lawn Bowls Open Fours Championship 2019 competition.

This is a new rinks event on the World Bowls stage taking place August 21 to 26. 64 men's and 64 women's teams will play in 2-bowl, 15-end games with the top 4 finishers playing in the winners' sections.

Team USA will include Alex Vanden Bos as lead, Cheryl Barkovich (SWD) as 2nd, Rikki playing third and Sandy Wall (SED) skipping.



DEADLINE to get articles to interim editor for the September magazine is August 30th.

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