



Newsletter

August, 2014

New Lawn Bowling Club Opens in Minnesota!



Submitted by Steve Nelson, Central Division

Thursday, August 14, 2014 marks a significant day in the life of lawn bowls in the U.S. Noteworthy is a new bowling green that is opening in Golden Valley, Minnesota, a western suburb of Minneapolis. A year ago the city council approved the construction costs of \$134,000 for the 8-rink green that has been built on the same premises as the city's public golf course.

Take note all you nay-sayers who talk about the decline of the sport. Before a bowl has been rolled on the green in Golden Valley, twenty-four teams have signed up for league play that kicks off on August 14. Strong civic backing has been crucial to bring this project to realization. From the beginning the Golden Valley city council was supportive of the lawn bowling project. "This looks like a fabulous amenity," Council member Paula Pentel reported to Gina Purcell with the Sun Post Newspaper. Mayor Shep Harris offered his support, "I think it's a great idea, ...this will be yet another option for those coming to Golden Valley."

League play pits teams of four players in matches lasting just one hour for seven weeks and culminates in a Champions Cup Tournament. A variety of league options are available: family league, couples only, women only, and open league. Loch Lamond, Vale of Leven, and Druid's Glen are among the league names that all pick up on the original home of the game.

The cost per team is \$350. In response to a question about the fees, assistant manager Kim Straw said, "everyone thinks the fees are reasonable". The new bowls club has signed up at least one corporate group of between 30-100 people for each day in August. Straw attributes this high level of interest to the social aspect of the game. "In golf you only have three other playing partners, but in lawn bowling you socialize with many more people." Straw notes the game has a mysterious factor to it that is attractive to people who've never seen or heard of the game, and it is less intimidating than golf to play.

How does a new lawn bowls operation occur in the U.S.? It helps not to be burdened by a history of repeating the tired methods and strategies that don't work anymore.

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New Lawn Bowling Club Continued..

A larger-than-just-bowls strategy is required that ties lawn bowls in with complementary amenities. In Golden Valley, progressive city officials, and its parks and recreation departments headed by Rick Birno, view lawn bowling as a natural complement to the golf course. As Gina Purcell of the Sun Post reported, “Rick Birno explains that while golf is often played in the morning and afternoons, the lawn bowling leagues would start in the evenings as golfers are headed home.” “We’ve been looking for reasons not to bring this forward and we haven’t found any,” Birno said. “It will be a place the community will gather.”

Another sign of progressive thinking is that the city renamed its facilities the ‘Brookview Golf Course and Lawn Bowling’ that gives bowls equal billing and marketing potential. It cannot be underestimated that the green has complete food and beverage service at an adjacent grill area. Most U.S. greens are in public parks that face restrictions on food and beverage, limiting the social aspects that Golden Valley is touting.

The public can pay a rental fee of \$20 per hour per rink. Bowls are provided at the green. If you are in the area, check out Brookview Golf Course and Lawn Bowling at 200 Brookview Parkway, Golden Valley, MN 55426. Website: <http://www.brookviewgolf.com>. While in Minneapolis, you can also stop by Brit’s Pub in downtown Minneapolis at 1110 Nicollet Mall for a pint and to check out its unique bowling green atop a parking garage.

And I leave you with this: The two most recent lawn bowl greens to open in the U.S. are both in the Central Division – Golden Valley MN, and Mitchell SD that opened its new green in 2011. Go Green Central!



Live Stream of UK’s Major Crown Green Bowls Tournaments

For the past three years, Mel Evans MBE, Head of the British Crown Green Bowls TV has been spearheading live streams of all “Crown Green Bowls Majors.” Earlier this year he was at Buckingham Palace to receive a medal from the Queen and Prince Charles for his services to Bowls.

He is reaching out to bowlers in the U.S. after noticing the site is attracting many viewers. “At first we had the occasional viewer, but this has steadily increased to over 500 for the All England Championships recently played on 26th July.” Evans said. “It’s clear our sport is gaining a lot of interest in the states and we would like to form a link with Lawn Bowls in the USA.”

There are three remaining events for 2014 and can be viewed at <http://www.globegig.com/live-event-room>

Wednesday, 17th September—Waterloo Men’s Championships. Programme commences 2.00 pm to 7.00pm (GMT)

Saturday 27th September—British Men’s Championships. Programme commences 2.00pm to 7.00pm (GMT)

Sunday 28th September– British Ladies Championships. Programme commences 2.00pm to 7.00pm (GMT)

There is also a dedicated website showing all videos of previous events visit www.globegig.com/crowngreen

“Looking to the future,” Evens continued, “if the interest in Crown Green Bowls in the USA continues we may be able to consider a group of all coming over to play exhibition games. We hope you can promote our sport.”

Want to chat with Mel and others from BCGBA TV? Find them on Twitter at #LIVEBOWLS.

Around the Country

Northeast



First Americans to Win Men's Pairs at WOBA



Burl Roller and Patrick Duffy

The Western Ontario Bowling Association has held a tournament since the inception of the organization in 1895. It is still one of the most prestigious bowling events in North America. In it's **119th** consecutive year, the W.O.B.A. remains the **oldest tournament** on the continent.

With over \$15,000 in prize money and prizes the tournament attracts bowlers from all over the globe.

This year, for the first time, two Americans won the men's pairs championship at the WOBA tournament. Burt Roller and Patrick Duffy, both from NED, beat last year's defending champions to take home the winning trophy.

Congratulations to Burl and Patrick on being the first American Team to win the WOBA Men's Pairs!

Northeast

Team NED Set for National Championships

Dateline: August 2-3, 2014

A soggy DuPont Country Club LBC hosted the NED play downs for the National Championships. It didn't rain during play, but the grounds were soaked from rain the night before bowls began, and again over night on Saturday. The green was in beautiful condition, but the wetness made the pace slow. As Dick Sayer said, "Extra Tylenol was required before, during and especially after play!"

2012 National Singles Champion, Michele Arculli went undefeated to claim what has become an annual play downs championship for her. This will be her 7th trip to the Nationals. Arculli is a member of the Essex County LBC in New Jersey.

For the men, Dick Sayer of Frick Park LBC finished with only one loss to Duncan Farrell. Farrell and Ed Last finished with 2 losses and played for second. Sayer hasn't represented the division in singles in 21 years. He played in singles in 1991 and 1993.

"I lost in the finals in '91 to Sacco Delgado despite having him 15-4 in the game to 21. Aaaaarrggg—choke, choke, choke." Sayer said.

This will be Sayer's 13th time representing the division.



Follow NED on Facebook at [bowlsnortheast](#) and they also have a (pretty up-to-date) website at bowlsnortheast.com

Southeast

Toronto Meets Pinehurst

Submitted by Jacqueline Tucker

Dateline: July 30 & August 2, 2014

The Balmy Beach Lawn Bowls Club from Toronto, Canada, came down to Pinehurst, NC, for a two-day event. We played bowls in the morning and then broke for lunch at the Members Club. The group then returned to the greens for a second match. There was sporting competition in the triples matches. The Pinehurst group consisted of Al Pelliccio, Don Dound, Tom Kees, Margo Pelliccio, Pat Zimmerman, Jay Alphin, Dan Delgarn, Jackie and George Tucker. The Balmy Beach boys consisted of Big Al Quance, Ray, Brian, John, Gary, and Smitty. Pinehurst teams won 5 out of 6 matches. The Toronto bowlers assured us of a repeat match next year.

Pinehurst hopes to encourage more lawn bowlers/golfers to come and challenge our club for future matches. It was so much fun and we learned that the Balmy Beach Lawn Bowls Club has almost 150 members, and can't bowl past October! We, on the other hand, have bowling almost year around, so if you are interested in coming to Pinehurst to play golf and bowl, please contact Don Dowd to arrange some matches.



Toronto, Canada visits Pinehurst, NC.

Southeast

My Favorite New Friend



Gerry Smith

By J.B. McCourtney, [Daily Journal](#)

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

This past month I signed up for a summer membership with the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club, to get out and about, to have a little fun and to meet new friends. It has become much more.

Little did I know that I would meet a unique and charming "young" woman - Geraldine "Gerry" Smith- a 92 year-old renowned, accomplished and very competitive lawn bowler. Thirty some years ago after moving to Sarasota from Michigan, Gerry walked out onto the greens for her very first time, and within two weeks, in her first tournament- she placed 2nd. Soon she was playing in the state's "grass leagues" and would later qualify for the U.S. Championships. During the winter months, Gerry played every day. And today, truly has become the matriarch for Sarasota's historic Lawn Bowling Club.

By beyond her dedication, her tournament wins and twice acting as a national umpire- her spry humor, and patience while working with me - has won me over. Just today, she kindly scolded me during our competitive play, while say, "Hurry it up!"

Gerry Smith - a real sweetheart & true champion.

Southeast

Sarasota Lawn Bowling & Tourism

Submitted by Daniel Jittu

Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club in Sarasota, Fla., is taking steps to bring lawn bowling mainstream in Sarasota.

Visit www.visitsarasota.org/. With more than a million hits last year, they have made a scalable site for all types of devices. They have invited us to participate with articles and calendar events. Click on the site and then go to the top right-hand corner and type in Lawn Bowling; it will take you to our current links for this month.

Share the links to lawn bowling with your friends. The more clicks to lawn bowling, the bigger the voice of lawn bowling becomes. [Visit Sarasota](#) has also offered the club video assets for the [US Open](#) to promote our event world-wide, which we will take advantage of as we get closer to the event.



Late Breaking News!

The East Coast Challenge is now at the Williamsburg Lawn Bowls Club in Virginia, Sat, 10/11/2014



National Championships



The 2014 Bowls USA National Championships will be held November 4-8, at Sun City Center, Florida.

Click [National Championships](#) for details and [Championship Merchandise](#) to purchase pins, shirts or bags and coolies. Sales of the merchandise help support the championships.

Central

On Their Way to National Championships!



Milwaukee lawn bowlers Anna Witt and Glorianne Mather (photo left) will represent the Central Division in the women's pairs competition Nov. 4-8 in Sun City Center, Florida. Witt is the gold medal skip from the 2013 U.S. women's pairs championships. In the singles event, Pat Wimmer (photo) of Milwaukee defeated Marty White of Cincinnati to advance to the Championships. Wimmer represented Central in 2013.



Twenty-two-year-old Max Cavender (above left) had an unblemished 5-0 record and earned the right to represent the Central Division at the U.S. Championships in Florida. Here he receives congratulations from Steve Nelson.



Rob Behncke (left) and Bob Schneider swept the men's pairs playdowns in Milwaukee on August 9-10. Finishing with an unblemished 4-0 record and a plus score of +32, Schneider and Behncke bested four other teams in the competition. The pair placed second in the 2013 Championships.

Central THANK YOU

By Rodney Titze

Dateline: August 2, 2014 Lakeview Lawn Bowling Club, Mitchell, South Dakota of the Central Division.

I wish this note to be a huge thank you to : Anna Witt, Steve Nelson, Steven Talkington, Richard Broad and Heather Stewart for coming to the aid of the Lakeview Lawn Bowling program in Mitchell, South Dakota.

We are located on city property by the municipal golf course and we pay the golf department \$3,500 each May to maintain the green.

On Thursday, July 24, I was totally stunned when I arrived at the green for a lawn bowling event for "Leadership Mitchell," only to discover the north ditch was missing! The wood frame had been taken out, the ditch filled with soil and covered with a roll of sod. Needless to say, I was distraught. Sadly, this had been done without contacting our association.

I called the mayor at his home and he agreed to meet with me the next day. I took another board member with me to the meeting where we were told the city golf director said that mowing our green was ruining his equipment, and that was why he took the ditch out. This is only our 4th season of bowling.

The mayor agreed to talk to the golf director, have him work on the green with a promise to replace the ditch. A few days later all four ditches were gone.

On Saturday, July 26, I e-mailed Anna Witt and she took control of the situation, notifying other lawn bowling professionals.

The result was a chain of letters sent to our mayor. I do believe that those letters will help us out of this situation with a better green.

So, thanks again to Anna, Steve, Steven, Richard and Heather.

Rodney Titze, President of Lakeview LBC



Your Chance to Help Lakeview LBC!

By Rodney Titze

Lakeview LBC, Mitchell, S.D. has received approval by the City Council to conduct a raffle.

Here are the prizes:

1st Prize- 2 Sets of Bowls + Cases + LLBA T-Shirt

2nd Prize- 2 Sets of Bowls + LLBA T-Shirt

3rd Prize- 1 Set of Bowls + Case + LLBA T-Shirt

4th Prize - 1 Set of Bowls + LLBA T- Shirt

5th Prize - Case + LLBA T-Shirt

6th Prize-LLBA T-Shirt

(Bowls are used with a value up to \$150 and will be shipped to the winners at no extra cost)

Ticket Prices: 1=\$5, 3=\$10, 5=\$15, 7=\$20, and the Best Bargain is a Book of 10 for \$25

Drawing will be on November 3, live on local radio Q107.

Send Checks to PO Box 311, Mitchell, S.Dak, 57301

Please include a phone number, so you can be contacted about size of bowls as well as your address where to send your prize if you win.

This is a non-profit association approved by the IRS (501-c-3). If anyone needs itemization on their tax return and a receipt, one will gladly be provided.

Good Luck!



South Central North American Challenge

Submitted by Myra Wood

The prestigious North American Challenge will be contested at Sun City, AZ this coming October. These events are being played according to World Bowls International Rules. Perpetual Trophies will be on display.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: Welcome Reception at Lakeview LBC, 4:30- 7:30 p.m. Come and meet and greet the players and managers. No charge. Open to lawn bowlers and guests.

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South Central

North American Challenge Cont...

Thursday, Oct. 16: Opening Ceremonies at Lakeveiw LBC - 8:00 am. Scottish American Military Assoc. will present the Colors and pipe in the players and support staff of both Canada and the United States.

Bowls USA President Heather Stewart will give the welcome.

After the Opening Ceremony the games will begin with the 40 men and women players in Pairs and Triples. They will play three games per event.

Friday afternoon, October 17 will start the Singles and Fours. These events will conclude on Saturday.

October 18: Awards Dinner will be held at Palmbrook Country Club; 6:00 pm Social Hour, Dinner at 7:00 pm. Dinner choices are Prime Rib or Chicken Florentine, both \$30.00.

Place your dinner order here: hitch9@yahoo.com by 10/1/14.

For \$50.00 sponsorship, you will receive an Awards Dinner ticket for Oct. 18, with your choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Florentine, a special NAC pin designed by Robb Pawlak. Plus, your name will be listed in the Events Program as a sponsor.

Send your \$50.00 check made out to SCD and choice of meal to Lorraine Hitchcock, Treasurer, 11165 W. Palm-eras Dr., Sun City, AZ. , 85373.

Cut-off date is 9/1/14.

Len Hitchcock is the Tournament Director and Tom Benstead is the Head Umpire.

You may follow the games on SCDlawnbowls.org



“August is the Sunday of Summer.”

by rowda

From “6 Word Memoirs/ SMITH Magazine”

Northwest

Playdown Selections Determined

The NW Division Pairs Playdowns saw two women's teams and eight men's teams vie to attend the National Championships in Sun City Center Florida in early November.

Jeff Covell and Todd Wagers of Jefferson Park went undefeated in the tournament. The pair closed out play Monday afternoon against Doug Bradley and Richard Krueger who finished second.

Jeff is a former US Pairs Champion, this is his third trip to the Championships. This will be Todd's first trip to the championships though he is a seasoned international player.

Debbie Tupper and Pam Edwards of Portland LBC won two straight games on Saturday against Alex Vanden Bos and Lisa Duffala, who will be the women's alternates. Debbie and Pam have previously played both pairs and singles in the national championships, including 2007 at the Sun City Center venue.



(Sorry, I don't have names to go with the photos, 'cuz I snagged them from their website.)

Northwest

King City Lawn Bowling Club, King City, Oregon

Submitted by Candee Wilson

Our August pot luck was a real success. Actually, it wasn't exactly a pot luck since the only thing people had to bring was their choice of beverage. Someone suggested that we have pizza and beer, so that's what it was. We did damage to six large pizzas.



In addition, we had the largest bowling turnout since the Short Jack Tournament in May. Eighteen bowlers filled the green on a beautiful summer day that was not too hot or not too cold -- just perfect.



We were also glad to have as our guests Stan and Terrie Boyd from the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club in Mt. Dora, Florida -- a club with over 300 members and one of the oldest in the U.S.



"Shot of the day! Blue bowl trails jack to partners bowl in ditch and sits on top of jack for 2 points!"

Contributed by Kottia Spangler
SWD

Pacific Inter-Mountain

Clang, Clang ..The Cable Car Returns to Palo Alto

Submitted by David Hale

The Palo Alto LBC has two inter-club challenges every year. The Cable Car Challenge is with the San Francisco club and the Meat Axe Challenge is with the Berkeley club. The Meat Axe is based on the age-old rivalry for the axe between the Stanford and Cal football teams and is the older of the two challenges.

For two clubs with a combined age of 194 years, it is a surprise that this was only the eleventh meeting of the Cable Car Classic. San Francisco had a big advantage in wins and currently held the trophy. Palo Alto wanted it back.

At the lunch break, Palo Alto held the lead at 7 points to 5. After lunch, with stories of the great shots that were made or almost made, the Palo Alto team returned to the green with confidence. All they needed to do was win half the afternoon games and the Cable Car would return to Palo Alto.

The afternoon games were not as closely fought with a couple of runaway wins for each club. However, Palo Alto did get a third win to reclaim the Cable Car trophy!



San Francisco club president, Rod Arriaga (left), hands over the Cable Car trophy to Palo Alto club president, David Hale.

Southwest

Tournament Results

Cary - McDonald Pairs



Mert Issacman (left) and Phil Dunn captured Gold in the MacDonald at the Carey-MacDonald tournament in Long Beach on August 2, 2014.

Southwest Women's Division Rinks



First Place Winners of SWWD Rinks

(L-R) Linda Roberts, Jan Hargraves, Alice Birkinshaw, Brenda Head

SWWD Fossati & Friends Triples



1st Place: (L-R) Carol Poto, Debbie Gregory, Heidi Fernandes

Southwest

Ralph Ecton Triples



On August 10, 2014 the Oxnard/Joslyn LBC hosted the Ralph and Marie Ecton Memorial Triples Tournament. We had 48 bowlers from many clubs in the SWD represented. Amador Martinez was the tournament chairman, a job which he has done for many years now.



Winners of the Ralph Ecton Triples

(L-R) Rick Gregory, Marty Bierman, Cheryl Barkovich

Pat Gonzales Mixed Australian Pairs



"A" Green Winners: Ian Ho & Eva Lee



"B" Green Winners: Sean McMorris & Cheri Cabot



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Welcome To Southern California!

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party Laguna Woods



Hollywood Review - "The glitz and glam of it all"

 CROWNE PLAZA
COSTA MESA ORANGE COUNTY



Raffle Draw | September 17th

Grand Finals and Closing Party

Saturday, September 20th
Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club
455 Cliff Drive, Laguna Beach CA 92651

The Competition Includes 16 Single Players And 32 Pairs Players

Winners will be listed as their Division Play-Downs conclude.

DIVISION	WOMEN'S SINGLES	WOMEN'S PAIRS	MEN'S SINGLES	MEN'S PAIRS
Central	Pat Wimmer Milwaukee Lake Park	Anna Witt—Skip Milwaukee Lake Park Glorianne Mather—Lead Milwaukee Lake Park	Max Cavender Milwaukee Lake Park	Bob Schneider—Skip Milwaukee Lake Park Rob Behncke Milwaukee Lake Park
Northeast	Michele Arculli Essex County	Eileen Luba – Skip Frick Park Rusty Hein – Lead Frick Park	Dick Sayer Frick Park	Patrick Duffy – Skip Essex County Burl Roller Essex County
Northwest	(August 27)	Debbie Tupper –Skip Portland, OR Pam Edwards Portland, OR	(August 27)	Jeff Covell– Skip Jefferson Park, WA Todd Wagers –Lead Jefferson Park, WA
PIMD	Gabrielle Coleman Palo Alto	Ginger Harris – Skip Palo Alto Mary Scott – Lead Palo Alto	Larry Collaco Sunnyvale	Bud Birkenseer – Skip Palo Alto, CA Jon Yee – Lead Palo Alto, CA
South Central	Lorraine Hitchcock Sun City, AZ	Reggie Banares- Skip Lakeview, AZ Jackie Tucker - Lead Sun City AZ	Len Hitchcock Sun City, AZ	Darrell Jones - Skip Sun City, AZ Frank Souza - Lead Sun City, AZ
Southeast	Marita Nierth Mount Dora, FL	Chris Heller - Skip Sun City Center, FL Cassie Krowl - Lead Sun City Center, FL	Bud Ricucci Mount Dora, FL	Glen Baumann – Skip Sun City Center, FL Bob Ferguson- Lead Sun City Center, FL
Southwest ****	Dee McSparran Newport Harbor, CA	Eileen Lancendorfer – Skip Long Beach, CA Carol Poto – Lead Long Beach, CA	Bill Brault San Diego LBC, CA	Charlie Herbert (Newport Harbor) Steve Smith (San Diego)
South-west ////	Heather Stewart Laguna Beach, CA	Kottia Spangler – Skip Riverside, CA Anne Nunes – Lead Newport Harbor, CA	Neil Furman Coronado LBC, CA	Howard Harris (San Diego) Leonard Wasserman (San Diego)

From the Editor:

First, I kept backing up the publish date of this newsletter because the bulk of the tournaments were happening in the middle of the month, and bowlers continued to send photos, results and activities across the country, with the entreaty, "Can I still get this in the newsletter?" All are important, so I (hopefully) got it all in.

With the U.S Open coming up in September, I will plan to publish later next month, also. Look for photos, results and hopefully some interviews (this may be somewhat limited since I have to work all week, but I'll do my best).

October finds the North American Challenge as well as the Huntsman Senior Games, and in November the Bowls USA National Championships. It is indeed an exciting time for bowlers across the country!

Mothers & Sons

At the recent Pat Gonzales Aussie Mixed Pairs tournament in Long Beach, Calif., there were two mother/son pairs, a rather unusual occurrence in bowling tournaments. Both on the "B" green, Linda Burton and her son Corey Vose were one team and my son Sean McMorris and I were the other team. We were all winners with McMorris/Cabot coming in first and Burton/Vose placing third.

Nobody was more excited about this than Pat Gonzales, host and namesake of the tournament. She insisted it be in the newsletter.

Both Linda and I introduced our sons to lawn bowling and they took to it like "ducks to water," both becoming accomplished bowlers. She and I were just delighted to bowl with our sons as our partners.

Heading Into Fall

And finally, as we slip into Fall soon, thank you to Jackie Huisman of Long Beach, Calif., LBC for sending this poem. As an Iowa farm gal, I remember the wonderful fragrance of the new mown hay of August.

I Remember August

I remember August:
that breathy space before fall;
the long slow arc of the sun
touching the northern horizon.

I remember August:
its dampness confined to fog
pulled along the seashore's edge
and into the bays and rivers.

I remember
silent waves rocking small stones:
shifting, slipping, and sliding
sibilant sighs and whisperings.

I remember
the hay lying cut and straight,
drying in the summer sun
waiting for the baler to come.

I remember August:
with the soft shade and shadows,
and the long hours of twilight
creeping slowly toward the night.
On this October rain day
I remember August.

*Happy Bowling,
Cheri Cabot*