

The Write Shot

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We are barely into the new year and already we have had a very busy time. Johns fun day was fun and we had a good turnout with lots of fun. You will notice we have a new bench by the flag pole, a gift from the Sweet family honoring the two bowlers from the family that have passed away. We also hosted a well attended memorial for Dan, lots of stories about him were told. By the time you get this we should be playing on the North Green, the city finally gave it back and the greens committee has been working hard to prepare it for our use.

COMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

WINTER LEAGUE SEMIS PLAYED...
STARTING ON THE 1ST...GOOD LUCK TO
ALL!

2/8-2/13 SOUTH CENTRAL OPEN IN
ARIZONA (MEN @SUN CITY, WOMEN
@SUN CITY WEST

2/22 MUMMA MIXED PAIRS (WOMEN
SKIP) @ RIVERSIDE

2/23 RAIN DATE RIVERSIDE

FUTURE EVENTS COMING THIS MARCH

3/1 VET/NOVICE MIX OR MATCH
TRIPS@SANTA ANITA

3/8 DON GOODRICH SENIOR
TRIPS @ SUN CITY

3/9 RAIN DATE @ SUN CITY

3/15,16 SO CAL TRIPS MEN @SAN
DIEGO WOMEN'S AUSSIE
PAIRS(SAT ONLY) &CALIF. BEARS
ON SUN ONLY) @RIVERSIDE &SUN
@SANTA ANITA

3/19 LADIES DAY @SANTA ANITA

3/22 POMONA MIXED TRIPS

3/23 VET NOVICE TRIPS @CASTA
DEL SOL

3/29,30 MEN'S SOUTHWEST DIV.
OPEN PAIRS AND WOMEN'S
SOUTHWEST DIV. OPEN
RINKS&PAIRS...ALL @SANTA
ANITA

3/31-4/1 MENS SWDO
RINKS&FOURS, WOMEN'S SWDO
PAIRS..AGAIN @ SANTA ANITA
(SOUTHWEST DIV OPEN RUNS TO
EARLY APRIL.WHEW!!!!!!!!!!!!

EDITOR'S CORNER

- PLEASE SIGN UP FOR SNACKS FOR SUNDAY'S BOWLING - WE REALLY NEED A SHARED EATING EXPERIENCE
- FIND A MOMENT TO WISH OUR TREASURER, CANDY "GOOD LUCK" AS SHE HEADS TO ...CHINA!...FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY
- DAN CHRISTIANSEN MEMORIAL ON THE 19TH WENT WELL. .HIS SON WAS QUITE APPRECIATIVE OF WHAT WE DID FOR HIS DAD (SEE EARLIER EMAIL)
- NEW MEMBERS. .CHECK OUT THE DISPLAY FOR POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF BOWLS

Quote of the Month

"Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."

Abe Lincoln

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**BITS AND PIECES AND
BOWLING POINTS TO PONDER**

- 2 down is bad....but not as bad as 4 down!
- Make every bowl useful i.e. bowls in the head
- Learn from a poor bowl by waiting til it comes to a stop

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

MY APOLOGIES FOR THE JANUARY MIXUP ON BIRTHDAYS. ...HERE ARE THIS MONTH'S (SORRY SEAN AND BERNIE!)

HEIDI FERNANDES 6/2

PATRICK CURRAN 8/0

FOREST JORDAN 15/6

CARL BARRY 16/1

MALCOLM MCDONALD 17/5

LILY BARNARD 19/12

GLORIA GODWIN 26/12

SOME SENIOR HUMOR FROM ANN
KIRCHBERG

ONE SENIOR TO ANOTHER, "MY WIFE HAS THE WORST MEMORY I'VE EVER HEARD OF"

"FORGETS EVERYTHING, HUH?"

"NO!, REMEMBERS EVERYTHING!"

Some Dictionary Giggle

Esplanade (v.) to attempt and explanation while drunk

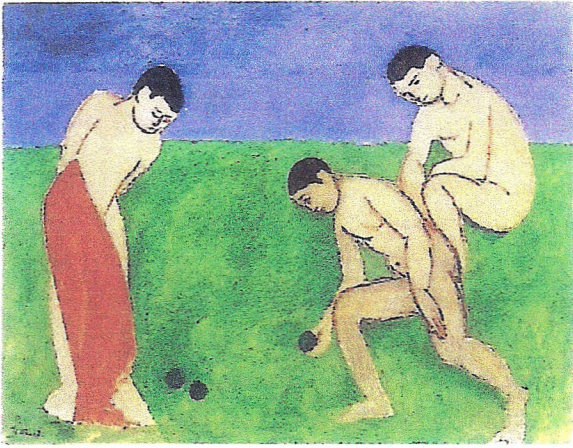
Willy-nilly (adj.) impotent

Cashtration (n.) the act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period

*From the Grounds
Committee*

We had a very productive work party in January...getting all the roses trimmed back ready for Spring growth. Thanks to Reggie, Bernie, Stephanie, Diana, Bob Breen, and Jack. Bob, with the help of Pat, have repaired the "rake n' jack" cart... (isn't it beautiful!?). More time will be spent on the North green area as we start playing there. Our drought situation is a reality, so excuse the "brown".....

**ANY HISTORY BUFFS
OUT THERE?? PLEASE
CHECK OUT THE
FOLLOWING
PAGE.....**



Joueurs de Boules painted in 1908 by the Impressionist painter, Henri Matisse is in the Hermitage in St Petersburg, Russia. It is of three young men who are probably Matisse's sons and nephew, playing a game of Boules, the French equivalent of Bowls. It is said that Matisse saw the game as "a manifestation of man's creativity, and an instrument to use in understanding the codes of life." – a lofty ideal to which some members at our club might subscribe.

Bowling- The Sport of Kings

For several centuries, lawn bowling in England was only played by nobles and "others having manors or lands" as decreed by Edward III in the 15th century. This restriction was in effect until 1845 when it was repealed by Queen Victoria.

The history of bowling starts long before then. Illustrations of people playing a game looking like bowls have been found on ancient vases and plaques and some biased stone bowls from 5,000 BC have been found. The Romans in Julius Caesar's time played a game call Bocce and it is likely that they spread the game throughout Europe and Britain.

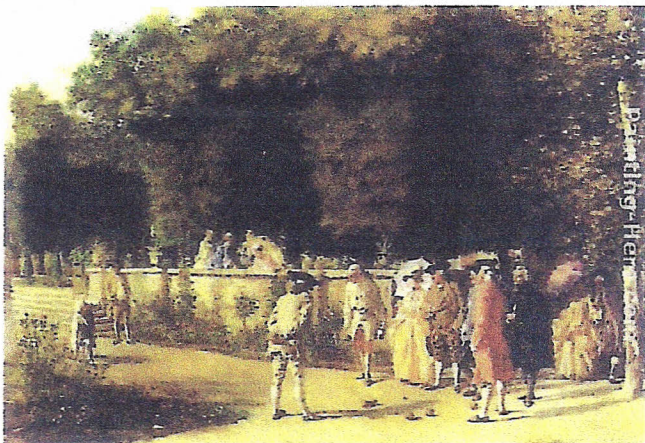
The game was flourishing in England in 1299 when the Southampton Old Bowling Green Club was established. This club is still active today. In the 14th Century, the game was so active that it was banned in both Britain and France because people were spending too much time on the game and not enough time practicing archery, which was necessary for their defense.

In 1588, Sir Francis Drake was reputed to have been playing bowls when warned of the approaching Spanish Armada. It is said that he replied that there was plenty of time to finish the game and still beat the Spaniards. There are those who dispute this anecdote but whether it is true or not his name has been immortalized on a brand of bowls.

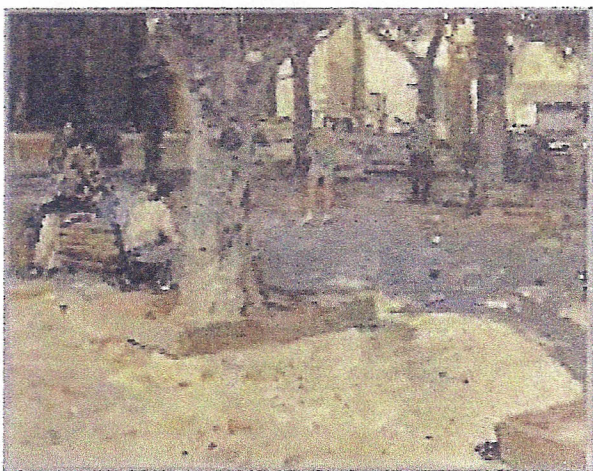
Lawn bowling was probably introduced in America in the 17th century although archaeologists in Western Canada unearthed biased stone balls that appear to have been used by North American Indians well before that.

The game has evolved into different forms as it was popularized in different areas. In Italy, the game is called Bocce. It is played with balls that are spherical and have no inbuilt bias. They are made of metal or plastic. In France and Spain, they call the game Boules or Petanque. The ball is thrown rather than rolled. In Canada, they have adapted the game for their winter weather and play curling on ice. In England, they also play a game they call crown bowling, which is played on the whole green with undulations similar to a golf course.

The game as we know it, is played in many parts of the world including Australia, Cyprus, New Zealand, South Africa, Great Britain, etc. If you are interested in travelling to other parts of the world to bowl, join Ray on his trip to Great Britain this year from Sept 3 to 16th. Or, join Dee McSparran, Charlie Herbert, Mert Isaacman, Ed Quo, Jan Haigraves, Anne Nunes, Brian Stewart, Carrie Fossati, Ryan Neptune, Maryna and Ivan Hyland and others from our club who have travelled all over the world representing the USA in international bowling tournaments.



Two paintings by Jean-Louis Ernest Meissonnier, painted in France about 1847



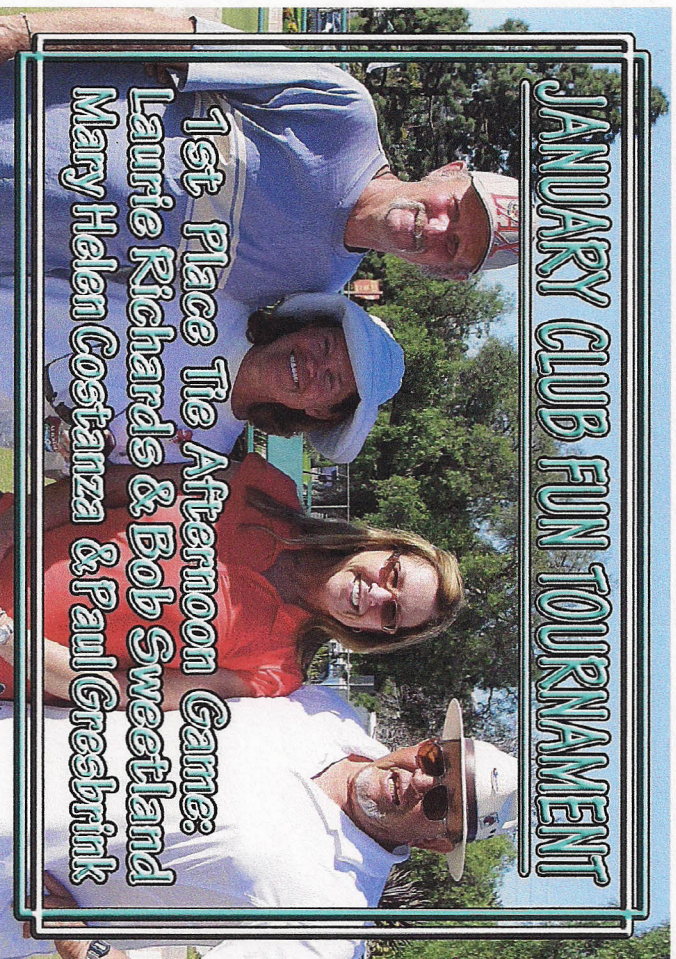
JANUARY CLUB FUN TOURNAMENT

FIRST PLACE MORNING GAME:
JOHN ARBOGAST & GREG GOLGART



JANUARY CLUB FUN TOURNAMENT

1st Place Tie Afternoon Game:
Laurie Richards & Bob Sweetland
Mary Helen Costanza & Paul Greshbrink



2014 GIL STEPHAN RINKS TOURNAMENT

1st Place Third Fifts: Eileen Lancelotti,
Candy Defazio, Ed Quo & Bill Hiscock



JANUARY CLUB FUN TOURNAMENT

2nd Place Morning Game:
Jackie Huisman & Richard White

