



# the Write Shot

Lawn Bowling Club

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# President's Message



Lft-rt: Robert Busciglio, Heide Fernandes, Grant Shear & Barry Hayes

## Sound The Horns!, Ring The Bells!, Beat The Drums!

*Congratulations, and more, are in order.*

I would like to congratulate our winter league team for winning the finals.

Long Beach just won the Winter League for the first time in our history.

In the Spring we play other clubs in what is



called the Coast League and the club with the most wins is awarded the Coast League trophy.

We have a shorter version during the Winter and it's a great win for LBLBC.

*New keys for the club door – your finger.*

The club is working on replacing the front door lock with a keyless pad which we will be able to change as required.

The reasoning for this is we tons of keys floating around that past members have not turned in.

This way you also will not have to carry your keys all the time. It will take some adjustment but I am sure we will all adapt.

*Have you signed up yet??????*

Remember to sign up for both Carnival and St. Patrick Day.

## We did it!

*It was tough with the rain and wind, but we did it!*

Grant and I beat Charlie and Brian 8-2.  
Barry and Robert beat Bruce and Brian 8-2.  
Robert lost the singles to Charlie 0-10.  
We won triples 6-4.

Newport brought 6 men.

*Heidi Fernandes*

The Carnival is being held this coming Saturday, March 18. (See page 5 for details)

St. Patrick's Day is Sunday, March 19. Our

host, Greg Goltart will be serving up some delicious corn beef sandwiches.



Be sure to wear

# GREEN!

Sign-up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board – for Greg, he needs a “head count” and

whether you are bring food or just paying the \$5.00 customary charge.

Draw bowl sign-in is at 9:30am, bowling starts at the normal time 10:00am, with eating delicious Irish-appropriate food around noon-ish.

*Stephanie was a good (paddle boarding) sport.*

Besides doing an awesome job of taking care of our greens, Stephanie Johnson consenting to be “featured” on the front cover of our February issue.

With all the rain we have had, Steph has managed to keep us playing most days and has kept the greens in tip top shape.

*Arachnophobia – no need to fear with this.*

Richart White has been keeping the Spider Bowl Challenge going – thank you!

We covered this in the last issue, but for those who didn't read about it, members put a dollar in the pot, a jack is place in the center of the

green, and on the count, all the participants roll their bowl to see who gets the closest.

The winner gets 50% of the pot and the club gets the other 50%.

This is a fun way to generate revenue for our club – just ask Heidi Fernandes, a winner.

*Did you pick yours up already?*

I'm talking about the new directories, hot off of the printing presses.

Each directory has a label with your name on it. Your copy is a shoe box on the desk in the corner of the club house, just to the right of the fireplace. The directories are arranged alphabetically making it easier to find your copy.

We won't be able to mail copies out because we don't have enough funds in the budget.

If anyone should like to have an additional copy (one at home and one at the club, or car), you can have one for \$3.00,

(as long as supply lasts) which is enough to cover cost.



*Peter Sinclair*

# A Little Of This And...

## Check, Double Check & Then Triple Check!

Just recently, when the first person arrived for Wednesday Night Bowling, they walked into the kitchen and noticed a terrible smell. Turns out they found there was a burner on low under a kettle that was empty – ***no water inside!***

It appears that someone at the Wednesday Clinic held in the morning, might have made some hot water for tea, or? ...and then forgot to turn the burner off?

Our club house building belongs to the City of Long Beach and “if” it burns down, it will not be replaced.

As a reminder, please turn off everything in the kitchen before you leave. Make sure that the stove is not on, that the oven is not on.

You have to ***check, double check & then triple check.***

We must work together to prevent a repeat of this incident. Unfortunately, this is not the first time this has happened.

## Ladies Deserve A Special Day...

The first Ladies Day will be Wednesday, March 15, at Santa Anita LBC in Arcadia.

The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the ladies’ locker room. Car pooling is suggested and can be arranged.

If you have questions or comments regarding Ladies Day events, please contact Shirley Price or Carol Poto as they are the two delegates for Long Beach this year.



## SWWD Stands For...

... Southwest Women’s Division. Your membership in our Long Beach LBC includes membership in SWWD.

The first Southwest Women’s Division meeting for 2017 was held at Santa Anita LBC.

On the bulletin board in the ladies locker room is posted the minutes of the meeting. There also is a recap from Carol Poto outlining some changes relating to specific tournaments this year. These changes were approved by the delegates at the meeting.

SWWD has three meetings per year and all members are invited.

The Spring meeting will be Friday, April 21, 11 AM at Santa Anita LBC. After the meeting, members can practice on their greens as the SW Division Open starts there the next day.

Please contact Long Beach delegates Carol Poto and Shirley Price if you have comments or questions re SWWD

## Friendly Reminder...

The Soda & Water Fund is already off this year by a good deal of money. It’s easy to grab a bottle and then say to yourself “I’ll pay later” and then you forget to do it.

***If you know you owe*** for a few “freebies”, how about dropping some money into the jar today to make up for it. ***Remember, we are on the honor system.***

(Someone tried to pay last week – literally – with a half of a paper dollar – not kidding. It would be nice to have the other half.)

We’d hate to have to raise the price of bottles, so please pay up as you imbibe. If you are short on cash, best to borrow it from somebody.

## Tournament Winners

Women's Fours/Rinks,  
Arizona 02/12/17

- 4th – Margi Rambo & Candy DeFazio  
(also Maryann Beath & Alice Birkinshaw)

SCD Lawn Bowls Women's Pairs,  
Arizona 02/16/17

- 1st – Margi Rambo & Candy DeFazio
- 3rd Flight, 2nd Place – Heidi Fernandes  
(also Linda Roberts)



Candy DeFazio (lft)  
Margi Rambo (rt)



Heidi Fernandes (lft)  
Linda Roberts (rt)



Lft-rt: Alexis de la Garza,  
Maggie Knight,  
Heidi Fernandes,  
Patti Balsille,  
Stephanie Johnson &  
Laurie Richards

## Please Be Aware...

Friday, March 3 and Friday, April 7th are the two dates that the Arts Council will be renting our clubhouse from 8:30am-11:30am.

Bowlers, please do not disturb them during their meeting.

As the time nears, a reminder email will be sent out to everyone as a friendly reminder.

Thanks for being considerate.

## Want To Find Out About Tournaments!

For up & coming tournaments, please visit the SW Web site – <http://swlawnbowls.org> – and click on 2017 SW SCHEDULE.

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It's the final bowl – what is your best guess as to what will happen?

See if you are correct – check out pg 6

(This was a real game, not a staged photo shoot)

# Carnival Time

The Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club Presents

## The 22nd Annual Carnival

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Entry Fee \$20.00 per person

Closing date Thursday, March 9th

It will be first come, first served.

Closing date will be enforced

Those who enter after the closing date will be placed on a waiting list.

# Wear Carnival Colors!

With 14 prizes, each of the bowlers has a chance to win a money prize!  
This popular format with different partners in each of the three 12-end games is indeed popular!

Bring your lunch and look forward to special culinary treats following the games.  
Entries may be turned in by the individual or by the Club Tournament Chairperson.

Announcements will begin at 8:30am, bowling to start at 9:00am

Make check for \$20 per person out to Pat Gonzales

Mail check before March 9th to:

Pat Gonzales

13681 St. Andrews Dr., #27G, Seal Beach, CA 90740

For confirmation, please enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope

**Please note that LBLBC is hosting the Carnival event and will be supplying the hospitality – salad(s), chip(s), dessert(s), etc. We have a reputation of putting on the best spread, so be sure and sign up what you will be bringing to the event. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board now.**

# ...A Little More Of That

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## You Don't Want To Miss This

*Sign up sheet is in the club house now.*

Get ready for the 2017 Long Beach Club Triples, Single Elimination Tournament – 14 end games.

First Round will be on Saturday, March 25, and the Championship Round will be on Saturday, April 1.

*This tournament will begin at 9:00am on March 25th and CONCLUDE on April 1st.*

Depending on the number on entries, you might be required to play TWO 14 end games on March 25 and April 1. Teams that win in the FIRST round can schedule a game prior to April 1st if they choose to do so.

The championship will be determined NO LATER than April 1. Teams failing to show on April 1 will forfeit.

*Why not get there earlier to warm up?*

Games BEGIN at 9:00am so be there earlier to warm up. You MUST pay a \$15 team entry fee BEFORE the beginning on the first game on Saturday.

Sign up EARLY by team. Do not sign up as an individual. In case there are not enough teams that sign up to even the brackets, there could be byes in the FIRST game. There will be a random draw to fill the brackets.

## We Are Sad To Say...

...José Miller, a member since 2000, passed away on Monday, February 27. She would have celebrated her birthday on the 29th.

She volunteered a great deal in the kitchen for hospitality and purchasing of supplies.

José always loved to play Vice and always shared stories about her life.

She loved sharing books with our members.

She will be missed.



## While I Have Your Attention...

*Look for sign-up sheet coming soon to your favorite bulletin board.*

The Coast League begins towards the end of March. Make your plans today and get ready to sign-up.



**Front Cover Photo:** It was one of those winter days when the sun was out and the shadows were long – could not resist staging a shot of a tight head at the end of a game.



Now how about that?

The last bowl formed a near perfect arrow shaped head!

(This was a real game, not a staged photo shoot)



# It's A Wrap-up



## Mystery Member



### Who Is This Month's Mystery Member?

(To be revealed next month)

Want your "15 Minutes of Fame"?

E-mail Bob at: [lets.start.over@verizon.net](mailto:lets.start.over@verizon.net)

### Who Was Last Month's Mystery Member?

Did you guess – [Candy DeFazio?](#)

I was raised in N. Hollywood & Sherman Oaks then moved to Long Beach in 1960 where I attended Wilson High. I got my BA and teaching credentials from CSLB.

I met Tony DeFazio in Greek History, our romance bloomed in Russian History, and we got married after college. Both of us worked locally, me as an elementary teacher and Tony as an engineer.

We have 2 children, Elizabeth & Alex. Lizzy teaches special needs children in Santa Monica; Alex is a pharmaceutical salesman in Newport Beach.

Tony and I found lawn bowling after we retired. As a kid I had seen the greens but the game looked like it would be boring. Our kids turned us on to bocce – that's all it took. We joined LBLBC in 2009 and have been enjoying the game ever since.

I enjoy playing tournaments and worked hard to make Team USA. I've been lucky: Traveled to China & New Zealand twice; Canada for international play; and National Championships three times.

LBLBC is a great place with great people. When not bowling I enjoy gardening but think I'm getting too decrepit to do the hard work I used to enjoy! Since there are no team travel trips this year, I am going on a REAL vacation with Tony to Charleston and Savanna. I am looking forward to it!

*Candy DeFazio*



### Put Another Candle On Your Birthday Cake, and...

Gail Aden	Mar 1
Morris Jolly	Mar 1
Reggie Rook	Mar 3
Christine Carson	Mar 11
Dez Despina	Mar 12
Robert Busciglio	Mar 14
Roberta Morrison	Mar 15
Joel Fruehan	Mar 19
Eileen Wood	Mar 23
Steve Alessi	Mar 27
Jose' Miller	Mar 29
Eileen Wood	Mar 23



*Birthdays during the month of March*

### Puzzler Answer For Feb. Photos

**Did you identify the ten differences???????????**

1. Extra star on Jackie's shirt
2. Jackie's earring is longer
3. The bell is higher
4. The plaque above the water fountain is bigger
5. The water fountain's electrical cord is missing
6. The watch on the Aussie's wrist is missing
7. The thermometer is missing
8. Pat's hat brim is larger
9. The left Aussie has one extra white stripe on shirt.
10. The green handrail pole left of Jackie is missing



# The March Puzzler!

## ***How observant are you?***

Pay no attention to the boys ignoring the girls looks that says “...*why don't you guys get off your ---- and help us?*”

Pay attention to finding the 10 differences in the bottom photo?

You will be able to compare what you see with the correct answers in the next Write Shot.



# 10

When you find one, check off a box to keep score.

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