



Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club

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President's Message

Tony DeFazio



July brought us some pretty sticky weather and even rain! But our brave and scrappy women's Singles players and men's Pairs players soldiered on to complete the Playdowns for Nationals. We are very proud of Margi Rambo who will represent the SW Division Stripes in Singles at the 2015 US National Championships. I need to mention how well Grant Shear and Robert Busciglio did in the Pairs competition. Grant just finished being a novice and Robert has only bowled for seven months and yet they made it to the championship game and only lost by a smidgen. The last hour and a half of their game was played in constant rain. We are proud of your accomplishments!

The north green is looking much better due to Steph and her helpers that plugged all the bare spots. Hopefully it will be ready for play by the US Open. Thanks to all the people who donated money so Steph could hire some extra helpers. Plugging is a tedious job!

Our Nationals Committee is working hard to invite various dignitaries to our opening ceremonies. They are so proud to have landed Joe Jost's, Long Beach's most historical bar, as a Gold Sponsor. Please frequent the bar and tell them you are a lawn bowler. We want to give Joe

DRAW BOWLING

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays

10 am & 1 pm

Wednesdays 6:00 pm

Please arrive at least 30 minutes before start time.

Jost's a lot of business in the next four months. Wear your club shirt proudly if you have one! A big thanks to Dave Johnson, Steph's husband, who also became a Gold Sponsor. That's love!

August is chocked full of tournaments. There are one or two every weekend. Good luck to all of you who are entered into one or more tournaments. We hope you all have entered our own Pat Gonzales Mixed Australian Pairs tournament on August 15th. On August 8 & 9 we host the Cary-MacDonald Pairs. We hope to see many of our men out there playing.

See you on the green! *Tony*





8/1	Sat	San Diego Invitational Mixed Triples	San Diego
8/2	Sun	San Diego Invitational Mixed Pairs	San Diego
8/8	Sat	SWWD Rinks (<i>women</i>)	Hermosa Beach
8/8-8/9	Sat-Sun	SWLBA Cary-MacDonald Pairs (<i>men</i>)	Long Beach
8/15	Sat	Pat Gonzales Mixed Australian Pairs	Long Beach
8/16	Sun	Detta Marvin Mixed Triples	Laguna Beach
8/19	Wed	SWWD Ladies' Day	Laguna Beach
8/22	Sat	John Clark Mixed Triples	Hermosa Beach
8/23	Sun	SWLBA Novice Pairs (<i>men</i>)	Newport Harbor
8/23	Sun	SWWD Vet-Novice Pairs (<i>women</i>)	Laguna Beach
8/29	Sat	Joslyn Mixed Triples	Holmby Park
8/30	Sun	Maccabee Pairs	Beverly Hills

MOVIE REVIEW

John Arbogast

The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance *Currently streaming on Netflix*



Some films are worthy of watching several times during your lifetime. This is one of those films. When you have actors like John Wayne, James Stewart, Vera Miles and Lee Marvin ... AND ... directed by John Ford, you know you're in for a treat.

Ransom Stoddard (James Stewart) is a book smart lawyer. On the way into town, his stagecoach is robbed by local thug Liberty Valance (Lee Marvin) and Ransom is whipped savagely.

Tom Doniphon (John Wayne) who rescues Ransom, is a local rancher who is seeking the affections of tavern maid Hallie Stoddard (Vera Miles). All the while, the town is terrorized by Liberty Valance and the big ranchers who oppose statehood.

Lee Marvin's role as Liberty is one of the all-time greatest bad guys that you will ever see. His presence on screen is enough to make you shiver. The scene of the gunfight between Liberty and Ransom (Stewart) is a classic

A bit of trivia for those who love trivia. If you count how many times John Wayne calls Jimmy Stewart "Pilgrim" – it's 23. Another piece of trivia, John Ford and John Wayne made 10 movies together, and this was the last one.

While the film takes place almost entirely in the close quarters of a small western town, it feels epic. John Ford knows how to tell a story and Liberty Valance proves that. It was filmed in black and white because of the limited budget given to Ford to make the film. Ford only had \$3.5 million to make this film.

Considering the lack of quality films being seen in the theaters these days, you won't go wrong investing a couple of hours and watching this classic.

See Trailer at [YouTube](#)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>Dwight Parker</i>	<i>Aug 5</i>
<i>Lenore Fox</i>	<i>Aug 6</i>
<i>Eileen Gregg</i>	<i>Aug 7</i>
<i>Ben French</i>	<i>Aug 10</i>
<i>Cheri Cabot</i>	<i>Aug 12</i>
<i>William Deabaapilux</i>	<i>Aug 15</i>
<i>Richard Blatter</i>	<i>Aug 16</i>
<i>Judy Gesieki</i>	<i>Aug 24</i>
<i>Tom Davis</i>	<i>Aug 26</i>
<i>Thom Cloutier</i>	<i>Aug 27</i>



*Can you guess this month's
Mystery Member?*

(To be revealed next month.)

Submit your childhood photo to Scott Boyd
for future publications

News from the **GREENS COMMITTEE**

Stephanie Johnson

July was full of fireworks on the greens! There was some heavy showers that blessed our greens and a welcome sprouting of plugs on the north green. The greens have been verti-cut and fertilized this month. We will continue to keep the greens healthy and thriving throughout the hot and humid weather this summer.

Lots of thanks to members Bobby, Greg, Reggie, Candy, Jack, Chuck, Jim Lee and new members Vickie and Roger who all helped to plug, water, and spread sand in the low areas of the north green. I would also like to thank Jack for his wonderful work staining our backboards on the center green. Kuddos to Sergio and to participating members that donated money to hire extra help to work on the north green.

July Mystery Member



Born and raised in Lakewood California, this little slugger embraced the Yankee pinstripes and entered Little League baseball as a batboy at the tender age of five.

Our Mystery Member for July is none other than that daring diamond-dynamo, **Steve "The Bambino" Alessi**.

LAWN BOWLING DRILL

(courtesy of Deanna Amos, Australian Coach)



OBJECTIVE:

Draw first bowl to jack, draw second bowl to beat positional back bowl; if successful, draw remaining two bowls to jack

EQUIPMENT:

2 jacks, 2 old bowls; set up on both ends of rink

PROCEDURE:

- Place positional bowl on center line at 2 meters
- Place jack 2 mat lengths in front of the bowl (as it becomes easier for you, bring jack and positional bowl closer together)
- Play backhand and forehand
- Vary mat lengths

SCORECARD:

- 2 points if bowl "touches" jack
- 2 points if you beat the back bowl
- 1 point for each bowl closest to the jack

Etiquette

- When bowls need to be measured, the team or singles player that will probably or certainly concede shot(s) should do the measuring and place identified counters together.
- Stand behind the mat while your opponent is delivering a bowl.
- The team or singles player that rakes the bowls should mark the scoreboard if one is being used.

Purchase Bowls



~ Used ~

Contact Jackie Huisman
562-439-0677
or
Richard White
562-596-2256

~ New ~

Contact Candy DeFazio
562-433-9787

See used bowls at [LBLBC](#) website



The Wine Country

Randy Kemner, Proprietor
(562) 597-8303 (800) 505-5564
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2301 Redondo Ave, Signal Hill, CA
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U.S. Open of Lawn Bowls



Sep 26 – Oct 3

Last day to register – Aug 22

- Women Singles: **max 48 entered; wait list**
Pairs: **max 48; 35 entered**
Fours: **max 24; 16 entered**
- Men Singles: **max 128; 126 entered**
Pairs: **max 80 entered; wait list**
Fours: **max 32 entered; wait list**



CONGRATULATIONS!



Complete results at www.swlawnbowls.org

SWWD Singles Playdowns

7/11-12 & 7/18-19 ~ Long Beach



Stars Runner-up
Kim Heiser



Stripes Champion
Margi Rambo

Stars 3rd **Steph Johnson**

SWLBA Pairs Playdowns

7/11-12 & 7/18-19 ~ Laguna Beach



Stars Runners-up
Grant Shear & Robert Busciglio

Coronado Mixed Triples

7/25 ~ Coronado

4th Josh Hood, Tony Baer, **Dee McSparran**



Former & Current National Champions Competed in the Coronado Mixed Triples

Jim Olson, Bill Hiscock, Ed Quo, Tony Baer, Heather Stewart, Bill Brault, Kottia Spangler, Steve Smith, Robin Olson, Phil Salt, Maryna Hyland, Anne Nunes, Leonard Wasserman, Ivan Hyland, Dee McSparran, Candy DeFazio



Scoop recently encountered computer issues and regrets that he is unable to share photos taken at the club's 4th of July Celebration event.



KUDOS

to Candy for her diligent efforts to secure these sponsors for the 2015 US National Championships.



2015 COAST LEAGUE			
Standing to Date	W	L	Schedule
Laguna Beach 1	20	8	
Laguna Woods 1	20	8	
Long Beach 1	19	9	
Long Beach 2	16	12	
Newport 2	16	12	7-Aug Newport
Newport 1	12	16	
Laguna Woods 2	12	16	21-Aug Laguna Beach
Santa Ana	11	17	
Laguna Beach 2	10	18	11-Sep Roundup Long Beach
The Groves	4	24	

Quote of the Day

Accept the challenges, so you may feel the exhilaration of victory.

~ George S. Patton

SUPPORT 2015 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fundraiser Merchandise (\$5 each) & Raffle Tickets (5 for \$10) for Sale – See Jackie



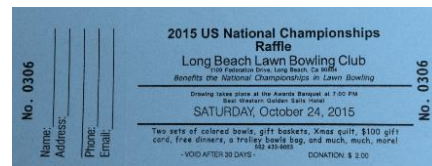
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Koozie

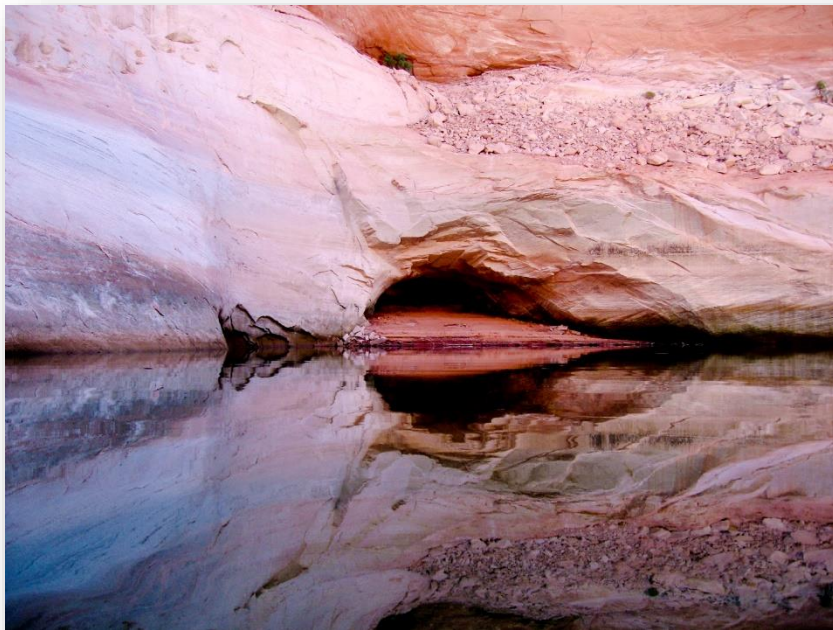


Towel



***Raffle Tickets**

*new colored bowls, trolley bowls bag, \$100 gift certificate, gift baskets, dinner gift certificates & more to come



Lake Powell

David Brower, the first executive director of the Sierra Club, in an effort to save the Grand Canyon and Dinosaur National Monument from a series of dams, bargained Glen Canyon.

The result is the Glen Canyon Dam, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Lake Powell.

Photo courtesy of Thom Cloutier

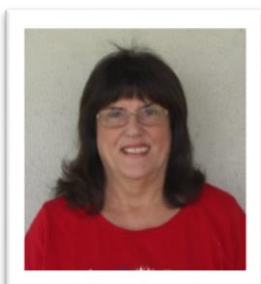
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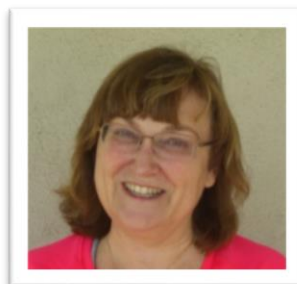
Lisa Struett



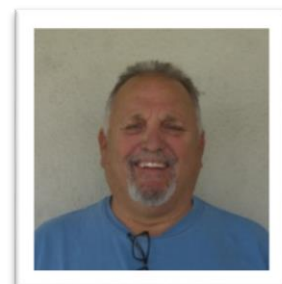
Paul Struett



Darlene Crump



Chris Carson



Marty Crump

LONG BEACH LAWN BOWLING CLUB HISTORY AND INTRODUCTION



Lawn Bowling first began on our center green February 8, 1930. Our North green was opened in 1934 and the South green was built in 1940. Long Beach has a valued reputation both for providing our sport to many hundreds of people over the years and for producing National Champions.

There are unique terms and equipment connected with our sport. Some are as follows: white clothes (Sundays and tournaments only), flat-soled shoes, towels, hats, badges, bowls, measuring devices and marking chalk. Along with this are the playing positions which include the terms, skips, vices and leads.

Besides being a sport we are also a club, democratic and social in nature with tournaments, elections, meetings, committees, social gatherings and special events.

The objective of the following information is to serve as a guide as you begin your lawn bowling club experience.

Whites. The merry olde English tradition is to wear whites anytime the game is played. This tradition is gradually changing world-wide. In this club we wear whites on Sundays and for all sanctioned tournaments. On the other days bowlers are encouraged to wear informal, comfortable clothes. Comfort and protection from the sun are two guidelines to observe. When shorts are worn a recommended length is just above the knee. Women also wear skirts and slacks.

Shoes. To protect the green, flat soled shoes are required. Many modern athletic shoes are sometimes not acceptable because they are not smooth soled. Shoes do not have to be white. Brown shoes are required in some parts of the world because it is easier to sight the jack.

Hats. Most players wear hats for sun protection. As you will soon experience, many types of hats are worn. Examples are straw, golf, baseball, tennis, etc.

Jackets. On occasion the wind is chilly on our greens. A light-weight nylon jacket, or a sweater that allows freedom of movement when bowling will come in handy.

Buying Bowls. Once a person learns to bowl it becomes necessary to purchase your own set of bowls. Bowls range in size from a '00' to a '6'. This allows for a range of sizes to fit most any person's hand. Bowls range in price from \$200 to \$375 for new bowls and from \$45 for used bowls. The club has many sets of bowls you can try when making this decision. Ask your instructor for help in this area. Related to the bowls is a carrying bag, measuring tape, marking chalk, cleaning and polishing paste and a towel.

Daily Club Bowling. Club bowling occurs Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM; Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. Participants are asked to arrive 30 minutes before bowling time in order to get their tag on the board and get their name in the draw.

Tournaments. As you play more and more you may want to compete at a higher level. There are several levels of tournament play open to you as you progress. These include club championships, inter-club league competitions, fun days with other clubs, Ladies Days, Southwest Division and National Championships.

Member Benefits. Upon joining each person automatically becomes a member of the National Organization of Lawn Bowls (Bowls USA) and the Southwest Division for Men/Women. You will then be eligible to bowl at any club in the World.

Club Committees. It is here the workings of the club is accomplished. You are invited to take part in one or more of our committees. It is an opportunity for each person to contribute their particular talents to the betterment of all members.

Holidays and Social Gatherings. Our club is open for bowling on most holidays, even on Mondays and Fridays. A number of potluck lunches are held each year. These occasions are enjoyed by our club members as they provide a time for bowling, fun and celebration!