



Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club

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President's Message

Tony DeFazio



It's been a very hot and humid month. But the good news is that Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club looks fantastic with its new paint job. If you know Councilwoman Suzie Price, send her a good word because she is the person responsible for getting the funds to do the painting. I am sure she would like to hear from you! Please be careful when you put your bowls away so as not to scratch up the new paint.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped during the US Open. Now we look forward to hosting the 2015 US National Championships. I would like to take the time to thank our "Nationals" committee. Candy, Eileen, Jackie, Stephanie and Dee have worked diligently since April to make this the best possible event for our friends across the Nation. They had to raise a lot of money to make this happen. Thank you to all the members who supported their efforts by purchasing towels, pins, cozies, and raffle tickets. Those girls managed to sell almost everything a month before the event. They also had to sell ads for the program and secure big sponsors with big money to support this yearly event. Please come out and watch the Opening Ceremony on October 20th at 3:00 pm. Then watch the games that will be held at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. I know many of you have signed up to be markers, flippers, or hostesses. Scott and Richart are going to be our official photographers. If you want to help please see Eileen Lancendorfer.

I would like to end by sending out a BIG GOOD LUCK message to our own Playdowns champions: Margi Rambo, Candy DeFazio and Dee McSparran. We hope you become the National Champions!

See you on the green! *Tony*

DRAW BOWLING

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays

10 am & 1 pm

Wednesdays 6:00 pm

Please arrive at least 30 minutes before start time.



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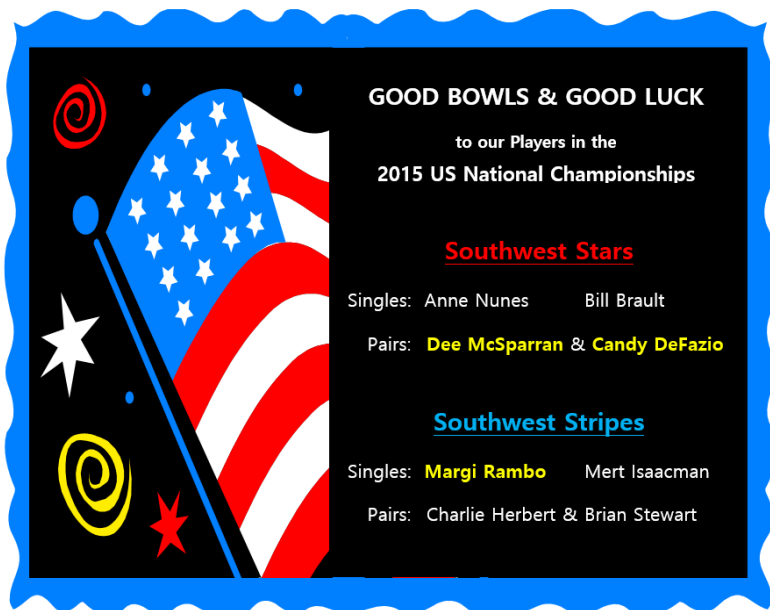
2015 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SCHEDULE

Mon	Oct 19	9:00 AM-3:00 PM	Practice/Registration
Tue	Oct 20	9:00 AM-1:00 PM 3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Practice/Registration/Bowls Inspection Opening Ceremony Reception at Club
Wed	Oct 21	8:30 AM 8:45 AM 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 1:15 PM	Bowlers & Markers Check-in Trial Ends Round 1 Begins Trial Ends Round 2 Begins
Thu	Oct 22	8:30 AM 8:45 AM 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 1:15 PM	Bowlers & Markers Check-in Trial Ends Round 3 Begins Trial Ends Round 4 Begins
Fri	Oct 23	8:30 AM 8:45 AM 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 1:15 PM	Bowlers & Markers Check-in Trial Ends Round 5 Begins Trial Ends Round 6 Begins
Sat	Oct 24	8:30 AM 8:45 AM 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 1:15 PM 6:00 PM	Bowlers & Markers Check-in Trial Ends Round 7 Begins Trial Ends if needed Playoff Games if needed Awards Banquet Golden Sails Inn (Invitation Only)



10/1-2	Thu-Fri	US Open Singles (<i>women</i>), Pairs (<i>men</i>)	Visit website
10/2	Fri	US Open "Wild West Hoedown" (6:30-9:30 pm)	Crowne Plaza Hotel
10/3	Sat	US Open Finals (All Events - <i>women & men</i>)	Newport Harbor
10/3	Sat	US Open Closing Ceremony (6 pm)	Newport Harbor
10/4	Sun	Skins Cut Throat	Santa Ana
10/10	Sat	SWLBA Men & Women Vet-Novice Pairs	Laguna Beach
10/11	Sun	Jack Beckley Quinnell Rinks	Santa Monica
10/14	Wed	SWWD Ladies' Day	Newport Harbor
10/17	Sat	Bill Hiscock 2-Bowl Mixed Triples	Coronado
10/18	Sun	Oaks North Mixed Triples	Oaks North
10/20	Tue	US National Championships Opening Ceremony (3 pm)	Long Beach
10/21-24	Wed-Sat	US National Championships (<i>Pairs & Singles</i>)	Long Beach
10/25	Sun	Alhambra Mix/Match Triples	Alhambra



Quote of the Day

You can't expect to win unless you know why you lose.

~Benjamin Lipson

News from the

GREENS COMMITTEE

Stephanie Johnson

Last month the North green was up for playing. We are happy to say that this green is in the scheduling line up. Thank you for your cooperation in bringing this green back to life again. The more we play on it, the faster it will become. This also helps out with the wear and tear on the other greens.

September continued to be a very trying time for watering our greens – lots of hot days where watering became a must or our grass would get too stressed. We continue to fertilized and verti-cut throughout the month. We will be double cutting the greens and lowering the height of cut for the upcoming US Open and Nationals.

Big the thanks to Jack for painting the backboards last month. They look so beautiful! The greens are ready for the upcoming big tournaments in October.

MOVIE REVIEW

John Arbogast

Nightcrawler

Currently streaming on Netflix



When I decided to see this movie, I was pretty confident it was going to be good but had no idea just HOW GOOD. Jake Gyllenhaal received a Golden Globe nomination for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture for his role in NIGHTCRAWLER. Not once do you even really think that it's Jake Gyllenhaal – you feel that it's another actor. Jake lost 20 pounds for this role; he wanted his character to appear to look like a hungry coyote.

What is perhaps the most amazing thing about this film is that it's Dan Gilroy's directorial debut. He also received an Academy Award Nomination for Best Writing, Original Screenplay. Every shot and scene perfectly flows and the finale is stunning. This film truly kept me on the edge of my seat.

Lou Bloom (Jake Gyllenhaal) is a man without boundaries. He has no family, no history, and few emotions. We first happen upon him demonstrating his sheer disregard for laws of any sort by cutting through a fence to steal scrap metal. When he is confronted by a private security guard, he attacks the man and steals his watch. This will be a common theme throughout the movie, Lou gives no thought to the consequences of his actions.

Later, Lou watches a freelance videographer show up at the scene of a car accident seconds after the police recording graphic footage that will fetch hundreds of dollars from local television news stations. Lou realizes that he could do the same thing if only he could get to the scene of an incident before the police arrive and he had the camera to record the event. He steals a bike, sells it for a camera and his "business" is born.

The limits that Louis Bloom goes to in this film to protect his business and for financial benefit is insane. What's really scary is that he's not fazed by the most ridiculous things that happen to him. I actually found myself rooting for this borderline psychopath throughout most of the movie. That's when you know a film is actually making your brain function. This movie is one of the most thought-provoking movies I've seen in a long time. One of the most intense finales makes this film so enjoyable to watch. It will make you appreciate the great work of Dan Gilroy - THAT'S GREAT DIRECTING.

Louis basically becomes obsessed with his job and building himself as the TOP video news journalist, and it completely encompasses him. He starts taking things too far, as you may have thought. It's worth noting how much insight this film gives into this world of TV news and how people potentially get video on crime scenes. It's actually quite daunting to think that real life people are doing things very similar to what Bloom does. When you watch TV news in the future, you will think of Jake's character Louis. I really can't recommend this film more. It's a great psychological thriller with a great lead performance by Jake.

Some trivia about the movie: During the scene where Jake Gyllenhaal talks to himself in the mirror, Gyllenhaal got so into the scene that the mirror cracked, cutting his hand. He had to go to the hospital for 14 stitches, returning to the set after being discharged. His character, Louis, blinks very rarely. Jake used this technique in his role in Donnie Darko. Jake did most of his own driving scenes, including the climatic chase at the end of the movie.

The film's climax was filmed on Laurel Canyon Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley, only several blocks away from the location of the infamous shootout in 1997 between two heavily-armed bank robbers and L.A. police in which both robbers were killed.

See Trailer at [YouTube](#)



Happy Birthday



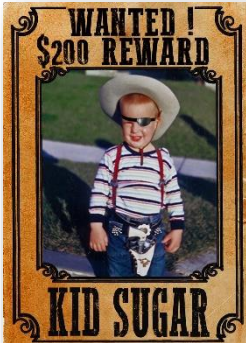
Freddie Hinson	Oct 3	Gordon Thomas	Oct 21
Frank Gesicki	Oct 10	Beanie Ovens	Oct 23
Rebecca Katzen	Oct 11	Grant Shear	Oct 25
Phil Garcia	Oct 13	Gayle Merrill	Oct 27
Woody Cain	Oct 14	Diana Justin	Oct 28
Michael Mirabel	Oct 15	Greg Jones	Oct 28
Richard White	Oct 16	Jim Walker	Oct 31
John Arbogast	Oct 21		



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September Mystery Member



In the early 1950s this little pistol-packing desperado was wanted in the city of Burbank for sticking up Helm's Bakery and ice cream trucks. Known back then as Kid Sugar, his legend stretched far and wide. After his inevitable capture and unending lectures this pint-sized ex-highwayman was

eventually reformed and turned out to become a pillar in Burbank's civilized society. Our September Mystery Member is none other than **Scotty "Kid Sugar" Boyd**.

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Contact Candy DeFazio
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See used bowls at LBLBC website

Can you guess this month's
Mystery Member?

MYSTERY MEMBER



(To be revealed next month.)

Submit your childhood photo to Scott Boyd
for future publications

Etiquette

- Be conversant with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and observe them at all times.
- Always stand still at the head when a player is about to bowl. Movement, talking or gesturing at the head is very distracting and is considered gamesmanship. Do not use gamesmanship to beat your opponent. Win your matches on the green.
- Learn to be a good marker. Markers can make or break a game. Obtain a current copy of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls to learn the duties of a marker.



DRAKES PRIDE BOWLS DEMO DAY at Long Beach LBC

September 12, 2015



Drakes Pride Demo Day on September 12 at Long Beach was very successful. We were there from 8am to 2pm, everyone wanted to roll one more time before deciding! We also had a few people attend a Friday evening demo the night before. Charlie Herbert came by both days to help out and answer bowlers' questions, and Gail Aden set up the refreshments. Next time we'll have a secretary for Marcus and get those patio umbrellas set up early!

Marcus brought a nice selection of bowls in beautiful colors to choose from, as well as his new MZ line in brown, and a selection of black bowls. Ray from Sun City brought an older 4-7/8 Henselite bowl and wanted the same size in a newer bowl. We got out the scales and the measuring tape and had a lively discussion about bowl weights and other measurements. As it turns out, Drakes has a chart on their website that converts diameters and

circumferences to "sizes", making it easier to update to a newer bowl while retaining the feel of your older bowl. Ray's 4-7/8 (diameter) is a size 3.

The MZ bowl was well received - it kept a nice line with a gradual turn to the jack. Our notorious Long Beach "ocean breeze" was absent that day, so we couldn't test the bowl's wind characteristics. But, it is designed to be more stable in the wind than some other "narrow" bowls.

A good time was had by all - the iced lemonade was a big hit, and the leftover got dumped on Marcus who then made a nice donation to the American Cancer Society. They suggested he purchase 100 Cancer Society pins, then offer them to others for a dollar or two donation so that his original donation could be doubled or tripled. He will have the pins at the US Open.

~ Carol Poto

Halloween BBQ

Sunday, November 1

Bowls: 10:00 am Lunch: 12:30 pm

Wear costume

Sign-up sheets for attending and bringing a dish are posted on the sandwich board in the clubhouse.
\$5 if you don't bring a dish.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Complete results at www.swlawnbowls.org

Mike & Mimi Majer Mixed Pairs

9/12 ~ Laguna Woods



4th AG **Heidi** & Ed



4th BG **Robert** & Flor



1st Janice, **Kim**, Debbie, Eileen

SWWD CA BEARS

9/13 ~ Newport Harbor



2nd Anne, **Dee**, Eva, Kottia

New rules books have arrived.



Richard Broad, Bowls USA Rules Committee Chairman

If you're bowling on a green in the United States and are a member of BOWLS USA, you are part of and connected to a Global Community under the auspices of WORLD BOWLS (WB). With over fifty member countries, WB carries on a tradition started almost 200 years ago when the modern era of the game we play today began.

The rules under which we play are provided by WB. Those rules have been constantly refined, added to, subtracted from, edited and revised in order that we bowlers may enjoy our game to its fullest while avoiding many lengthy disputes over a particular situation.

Every five years or so a new edition of THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF LAWN BOWLS is published. As a subscribing Member Nation of WB, Bowls USA uses part of the dues received from its members to pay our membership in this global community and for the rights that allow us to publish our own Rule Book.

We are also able to incorporate our own Domestic Regulations, subject to WB approval. Bowls USA is proud to be part of this international body and the fellowship of the individuals who do all the hard work preparing the rules we play by.

During the period between publications YOU WHO ARE MEMBERS OF BOWLS USA can also play your part. Suggestions for changes to existing rules or the creation of new ones, can be submitted to the rules chairman of Bowls USA and from there onto WB. Careful and complete consideration is given to all ideas presented to WB and their findings openly published.



Mono Lake is a large, shallow saline soda lake in Mono County, California. It has an unusually high productive ecosystem resulting in the nesting habitat for migratory birds. The high alkaline content and interaction with fresh water springs form spires and knobs of calcium carbonate called "Tufas".

Photo courtesy of Thom Cloutier