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President's Message

It's Been A Learning Experience, For Sure!

Do I look smarter than I looked in December, 2017?

I should look smarter...because I have new glasses and know much more about our Club now than I knew a few weeks ago.

We had our first general meeting on Saturday, January 27. According to the by-laws, our next mandatory meeting is in December.

Many deserve recognition.

At the meeting, I took the opportunity to thank all of you who stepped up to Chair the various committees, and in some cases where necessary, finding members to assist you in your duties.

These committees do more work than I realized and you deserve the support of everyone.

For example.

Stephanie Johnson is doing much more than her part to make our Greens the best in Southern California and the envy of every other Club.

Our by-laws for the Greens committee, *ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES Section 3: Greens Committee*, contain the words, "SUPERVISE" and "... DIRECTING THE WORK..."



President's Message Continued...

She needs all the assistance that she can get and I hope that we take heed when she requests help with a project.

I know that she was very grateful to those of you who volunteered their time to move sand into the ditches surrounding our greens this last week.

When will it be winter?

I hope to see all of you at the Club this month as we enjoy our warm and sunny winter weather.

Laurie Richards



Ready For Another Riddle ?

This one was blatantly "ripped-off" from Genius Puzzles (gpuzzles.com) Where they got it, we don't know.

What can go around the world but stays in a corner?

The answer is on page three – NO PEEKING!



Psst -Don't look now but you're about to have you picture taken.

FAA Letter...

A Little About FAA...

NOTE: FAA has been using our club house facilities so we thought it would be of interest to let our members know a little about this organization. The following is from Nanci Gee, their president.

Fine Arts Affiliates (FAA) was incorporated in 1966 under 501©3 of the Integral Revenue Code. Our state purpose was, and still is, "To serve the public interest and to act for charitable purposes in the development of the department of art, drama and music of the California State University at Long Beach (CSULB).

FAA raises monies for our scholarship fund by way of various dues for memberships. We have a tier of possible status, each donating a certain amount to our fund.

We also plan and execute day excursions for our members and guests to local displays and events of art, drama and music. In addition we plan longer trips and take part of the costs paid by members and guests to augment our scholarship funds. Tributes given in the name of, or honor to deceased members, family and friends is given in full to our fund.

Once a year we give a budgeted amount to CSULB' Foundation to distribute to qualified recipients in the College of the Arts (COTA). In recent years that amount has been \$24,000 given equally to

12 recipients.

We encourage our friends and family to join us as members. Our monthly newsletters gives an overview of campus Fine Arts activities, a message from our Dean of COTA, and the student activities on campus that we can attend.

We also advertise our excursions and meetings.

We have a Board of Directions that meet monthly from September through June. We have been fortunate to have about ½ of those meetings at the Long Beach Bowling Clubhouse. For this we are most grateful.

We enjoyed hearing about your group in January. We learned of the history of Lawn Bowling in Europe, the US and here in Long Beach. We even learned how to manipulate the bowl! Quite the accomplishment to do it well.

Thank you for your interest in FAA. We would love to have any of your membership interested in becoming a member to join us in our journey of support, encouragement and the pleasure that we receive from the events of our

excellent students and faculty.

You may reach our membership chair, Lois Riopelle at 1-424-264-5243.

Fondly,

Nanci R. Gee

President, 2017-2018, FAA, CSUBL

ALSO - Just a friendly reminder to our members: the Arts Council will be meeting in our club house on Friday March 2nd & Friday April 6th from 8:30 am- 11:30 am. Please be discrete when draw bowling on those days.

A Little Of This...

LADIES DAY 2018 SCHEDULE...

The 2018 schedule for Ladies Day has been posted in the Ladies' locker room at the club. The first one will be March 14th at Newport, which is the second Wednesday.

Most Ladies Day are scheduled for the third Wednesday so please try to arrange to come.



Shirley



Carol

Carpools can be arranged.

If you have questions, contact the club delegates: Shirley Price and Carol Poto.

A BIG THANKS...

SWWD sent LBLBC a BIG THANKS.

Every January the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held at Santa Anita Bowling Green Club which can accommodate both the Men's & Women's delegates of the Southwest Division.

This year, due to construction at Santa Anita, alternative sites had to be found for the Saturday, January 13, meeting. Our Long Beach club was asked to host the event which our club delegates, Carol Poto and Shirley Price, arranged.

Approximately 45 members of the SW Division attended and the 2018 SWWD Officers were installed in a ceremony by Shirley Price.

Both Cheri Cabot, outgoing president, and Kottia Spangler, incoming president, thanked the Long Beach members for the use of our club.

Breakout The Beads...

It's the 23rd Annual CARNIVAL coming up.

This year it will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018.

Remember, you will have different partners in each of the three 12-end games. This is why it makes this tournament so much FUN!

Be sure to mark what position you prefer to play on your entry form.

We'll start with announcements at 8:30am, and then start bowling at 9:00am.

The Entry Fee is \$22.00 per Entry. Make Checks out to PAT GONZALES and mail to her at:

13681 St Andrews Drive 27G
Seal Beach, CA 90740

Pat can be reached at 562-296-8072 or email – pgonzales70@roadrunner.com

Please remember that there is NO sign up sheet in the club house. You must mail in your check with the entry form and desired position.



Pat Gonzales

Bowling Clinics

Pat Gonzales have started with the clinics on Monday at 9:30am.

Please come early to pick out courtesy bowls if you don't have your own.

A Little Of That...



Just Three Words...

The three words to come to mind are: Wonderful – Miraculous – Astonishing.

A few words to thank all of you who contributed to the 2017 canned food drive for the Lydia House.



We collected \$1,300.00!

We were able to purchase 300 #12 cans of vegetables and fruits. This was a record achievement for our “helping hands”.

In addition to the super successful food drive over the past year, we supplied 60 bags of blankets, clothes, dishes, shoes, towels, etc. for the shelter.

I thank you for the generous support – you allowed our club to be service to those who needed a helping hand.



Gayle Merrill

It was bound to happen...

Due to the prices in the grocery stores, there will be a price increase on Sodas to \$1.00

This price increase was approved by the Board and will be effective February 1. Water will remain at \$.50.

Don't forget, this is an honor system. Thank You!!

Mark Your Calendar...

2018 Club Social Activities

Sat., May 12 – **Annual Open House** (wear white)

Sun., May 27, Memorial Day BBQ

Sun., July 1, Independence Day BBQ

Sun., Sept. 2, Labor Day BBQ

Sun., Oct. TBD, Halloween Party

Sun., Dec. 2, Christmas Party

2018 Club Tournaments (All Single Elimination)

Sat., Feb. 10 – Club Triples

Sat., Feb. 24 – Club Pairs

Tues., Mar. 6 – Fun Day (Mulligan)

Tues., Sept. 18 – Club Singles

2018 SW & Bowls USA Tournaments hosted in Long Beach

Sat., Mar. 17 - Carnival

Sat., May 5 - Katy Stone Singles (women only)

Wed., May 16 - Ladies' Day

Sat., July 7 - PG Mixed Australian Pairs

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 4 & 5 - Cary McDonald Pairs
(men only)

Sun., Aug. 12 – Vet-Novice Pairs (women only)

Sun., Sept. 23 - IF Mix/Match Vet Novice Triples

Sat., Dec. 1 - Winter League



Some More Of That...

Winter League Update...

For those members who want to participate in a league, put Saturday, December 15, 2018 on your calendar now and get lots of practice.

The Winter League is six weeks long plus play-offs and the 4-person teams are composed of men and women. Substitutes are usually needed. Games are played on Saturdays and Long Beach is in the South section.



Eileen Lancendorfer –
Capt. Gold Team



John Arbogast



Tom Davis



Candy DeFazio



Tony DeFazio



Alexis de la Garza –
Capt. Silver Team #1



Herb Glazeroff



Dorothy Johnson



Stephanie Johnson



JoAnn MacKnight



Laurie Richards



Mike Mirabal –
Capt. Silver Team #2



Tom Cloutier



Dez Despina



Mel Leach



John Allen

This season, which just finished, began Saturday, December 2, and finished January 13 with Long Beach having three teams: 1 Gold & 2 Silver. The following are the club members who participated.

See you hopefully on the green in December.

The Front Row – A Review...

The Front Row...

With John Arbogast

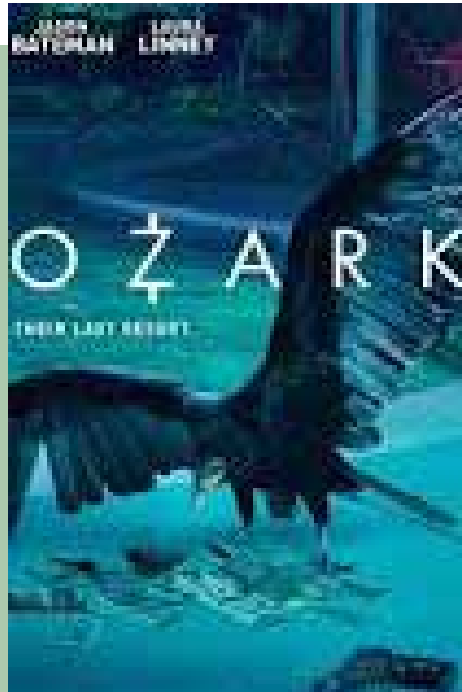
OZARK – A fantastic show starring Jason Bateman and Laura Linney. Jason plays the role of Marty Byrde a financial advisor with a small firm. Marty finds himself in a situation where he must help a criminal in a money laundering scheme or risk having his family killed by the criminal.

In order for the money laundering to work, Marty must move his family to Ozark, Missouri and begin investing in land developments and other projects.

While living in Ozark, the criminal and his associates are constantly reminding the Byrde family that they are being watched and they have no other option but to help the criminals.

Eventually, the Byrde family begins to realize that they are making tons of money and they embrace the opportunity to make more money.

If you enjoyed watching Breaking Bad and the Walter White character, you will see a similarity with Walter and Marty.



So much tense and character development in each episode. You really start to connect to the characters extremely early on even if all of them are a bunch of cheaters, liars and mean folks. Still the way they are written and presented by the actors make them appealing because as flawed as they are they are so interesting and this makes them extremely human and realistic.

The perfect show to binge watch because once an episode is finished you are extremely curious to see what other secrets get revealed and how the characters further develop.

Jason Bateman was never better and I would have never pictured him in such a dark and serious role but he mastered it wonderfully. Bateman really needs to get more roles like this.

The cinematography is beautiful as well as the music score. Along with a great cast, this is a very good series. You can check it out on youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hAXVqrljbs>

John Arbogast



A Useful Tool...

In case you haven't noticed, there is a blow up of a diagram labeled RINK LAYOUT, AIM & PATH that is in the SW brochure.

It is a great tool for explaining how to bowl to newcomers.

If you haven't looked at, you should. It's in the club lobby.

A Few Words On Words...

Did You Ever Wonder Where That Saying Came From?...

For example, the saying ‘Piss Poor’.

People used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to call pee in a pot. And then once it was full it was taken and sold to the tannery.

If you did this to survive you were “Piss Poor”.

But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn’t even afford to buy a pot. Therefore, they “didn’t have a pot to piss in” and were the lowest of the low.

Here’s more interesting facts about the 1500’s.

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor.

Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then their sons, then the women, the children and last of all – the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could lose someone in it.

Hence the saying, “Don’t throw the baby out with the bath water!”

Houses had thatched roofs with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (including mice & bugs) lived in the roof.

When it rained the straw became slippery. There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house and sometimes the animals would slip and

fall off the roof.

Hence the saying, “It’s raining cats and dogs.”

This also posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed.

Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That’s how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt.

Hence the saying, “Dirt poor.”

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery when wet in the winter, so the wealthy would spread fresh straw on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more straw until, when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. So, a piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way.

Hence: a thresh hold.

In the old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot mostly vegetables, not much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and reheat the next day.

Sometimes food in the stew had been there for quite a while.

Hence the rhyme: “Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old”.

Getting quite an education, aren’t you? Want to know how the expression ‘bringing home the bacon’ came to be? ... maybe another issue.

Andv This Too...

Did you figure out who the January Mystery Member was?

Well, if you did, please let us know who, because there wasn't any Mystery Member for January.

But there is a Mystery Member for February as pictured in the accompanying photo. You'll be able to test how well your deductive powers are when you find out who it is in the next issue of Write Shot.



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

Birthdays during the month of February

Dave Morrison	Feb. 3
Margi Rambo	Feb. 4
Heidi Rittner	Feb. 6
Patrick Curran	Feb. 8
Carl Barry	Feb. 16
Malcolm McDonald	Feb. 17
Lily Barnard	Feb. 19



The Answer To The Riddle

The answer to the riddle on page 2 is – (are you ready for it?)

A Postage Stamp



Puzzler Answer For January Photos

Did you identify all ten differences?

January Puzzler

1. Heidi's sweater only has one black stripe.
2. The rink number 9 is now 6 and larger.
3. Stephanie's shadow has moved.
4. There's two fish flags flying.
5. The trash box is taller.
6. The bench seat back is bigger.
7. Greg's shirt tail is shorter.
8. The wheel-rim type awning holder is gone.
9. Greg's pant leg on his right leg is shorter.
10. The shadow from Greg's right leg is missing.

Photo Gallery...

Home Grown Beauty...

We haven't had a photo gallery in quite a while and Dez Despina was gracious enough to share these photos he took in

our cactus garden recently. Simply stunning photos, amazing color and texture.

Next time you are bowling in that area of our gardens, take a look.



February Puzzler!

How observant are you?

Here are the big Popcorn Can Winners from the holiday draw game: (l-r) Greg Goltart, Robert Busciglio; Steve Alessi, Laurie Richards & Heidi Rittner.

Do what you can to find the ten different things changed in the bottom photo?

HINT: One of the changes *IS* in the can.

You can compare what you see with the correct answers in the next Write Shot.



10 things

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

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