



the Write Shot

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President's Message

This Is A Great Year To Be A LBLBC Member.



In February the Greens are "dormant" but our Club is not.

John Arbogast, Richart White and Pat Gonzales are working hard to plan Club Tournaments for all of us to enjoy the challenge of lawn bowling [and winning money].



- The creative Pairs With Non-Bowler which paired one Club bowler with a friend or family member, sponsored by our Instruction Chair, Pat Gonzales, began on February 3rd. We had

10 pairs: Steve Curran & Judy; Steve Curran & Erin; Dez Despina & Brian; Stephanie Johnson & Dave; JoAnn McKnight & Rick; Mike Mirabal & Josie; Dwight Parker & son; Tim Parker & Brooke; Carol Poto & Frank; Laurie Richards & Jeff.

- On Saturday, February 10th, interested members could participate in the Club Triples single elimination tournament.

- On February 24th, the men planned the Club Pairs tournament.

- And, on Tuesday, March 6th, all Draw Bowlers will be treated to a Mulligan "Fun Day". If you do not know what a Mulligan "Fun Day" is, please ask John or Richart. Those of us who

have been lucky enough to experience a Mulligan bowls game can tell you that it is FUN.

- Another great event will be the Carnival Tournament scheduled for Saturday, March, 17th. Member and tournament sponsor, Pat Gonzales, shared with me that ... *"This is our 24th annual. I have done it all 24 years with helpers along the way who are no longer bowling. It has always been enormously popular.*



It was my mentor's idea way back when – he used to figure out the rinks with a deck of cards! How he did that I do not know. The scoring has been a nightmare – but the last few years, Howard has been a god-sent with his computer program for the scoring.

Candy and Gayle have been loyal helpers. It has evolved into something which people appreciate because they think it is good for bowls. We have a loyal following."

And to think that this unique tournament will be held in Long Beach makes it even better for all of us.

Pat will post an informational Flyer on the clubhouse bulletin board later this month so that we can sign up early.

President's Message Continued...

"Splendor in the Grass"

I told you that our Greens are dormant but our Club is not. This is true, but Valentine's Day alerts us that our Greens will soon wake up.

Daytime temperatures do not signal romance for Hybrid Bermuda 328 but night temperatures that are consistently >55F provide the incentive to multiply.

Although all three of our bowling greens provide a cosy bed of sand for grassy repose, inbreeding has eliminated the need for sexual reproduction. Yes, Hybrid 328 is sterile and produces no pollen (hypoallergenic).

How does it do it?

It multiplies asexually by producing rhizomes which intertwine with their neighbors to produce a tight carpet of green. Also, our special grass is drought tolerant, low water using and repairs quickly from damage.

And what's more...

The soft sand beneath provides good drainage for the spreading rhizomes. We sprinkle sand into divots to entice rhizomes to fill the space and even out the Green. This is also why we take "plugs" of grass from dense areas and transfer them into spaces where more grass is needed. Seeding is not an option. The "plug" holes are then filled with sand.

We are blessed to have Stephanie.

Our Greens Chair, Stephanie Johnson, has become an expert on this interesting plant. She does not



provide chocolates and red wine for Valentine's Day, but she does work hard to control invasive weeds, keep the surface level and feed it properly. By the month of March, love is in the air.

The sound of applause.

Bowlers surprised Stephanie with the Outstanding Sustained Contribution Greenskeeper award recently.

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President's Message Ends...



Lookout China, here she comes!

Another club member of note is Heidi Rittner.

In February Bowls USA announced the men and women teams approved to

represent Team USA in the 2018 Tiger Bowls, and if you were reading their online newsletter you would see her pictured along with the rest of the chosen bowlers.

The China Open is in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, China being held from March 10-17.

Congratulations Heidi – what an honour. We're proud of you and your recognition as a real pro player.

Do you have your copy yet?

In the middle of February we received our printed 2018 Membership Directories.

If you haven't picked yours up yet, look in one of the boxes on top of the cabinet in the north-east corner of the club house lobby. They are alphabetically organized.



As in the past years, we distribute copies by posting them in the lobby for pick-up rather than mailing by post office because of the added expense.

Ready For Another Riddle ?

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

Some months have thirty days. Some months have thirty-one days.

How many months have twenty-eight days?

The answers is on page 8.
NO PEEKING!



Laurie Richards



A Little Of This...

Ladies Day 2018 Schedule...

Just a reminder – the 2018 schedule for Ladies Day has been posted in the Ladies' locker room at the club. The first one is coming up this month.

While most Ladies Day are scheduled for the third Wednesday, the first one for 2018 is going to be on the second Wednesday, March 14th at Newport.

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

Shirley



Carol



When It Happens You Want Everyone To know About It...

Norma Goodhart recently put three-on-the-jack, and Scott Boyd was there to witness and capture it with a perfect picture for her.

YAAAAHHOOOOO!!!



If you have a great end that makes you want to bust you buttons, take a picture and send it to Bob Daniels to run in a future Write Shot.

Did You Find Your Beads?...

Well, if you didn't you might want to contact New Orleans as the recently found over 93,000 pounds of beads when they cleaned out their catch basins.

You'll want to have some for the 23rd Annual CARNIVAL which is coming up Saturday, March 17, 2018.

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



For those who have signed up, we'll start with announcement's at 8:30am, and then start bowling at 9:00am.

We will tell you more in the next issue of the Write Shot.



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...

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)

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



Tournament Results...

Congratulations go to LBLBC winners in a recent SW Bowls Tournament.



South Central Open – Women

Feb 10-15 @ Sun City West

● 2nd Place Rinks – **Heidi Rittner** (left),
Candy DeFazio (2nd left),
Alice Birkenshaw
& Mary Ann Beath



● 3rd Flight Pairs
1st Place – **Candy DeFazio** (lt) &
Heidi Rittner (rt)

More Words On Words...

More On Wondering Where That Saying Came From...

How about “bringing home the bacon?”

To continue from our last issue – knowing that you are now thinking more about sayings you use or have heard. Where did they originate?

Remember *Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old?*

Sometimes families could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special – not to mention making the porridge taste better. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off.

It was a sign of wealth that a man could, “bring home the bacon.”

They would cut off a little to share with guests then sit around and, what else but...

“Chew the fat.”

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Hence “those people were from the upper crust.”

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock the

imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial.

They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around, eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up.

Hence the custom; of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave.

When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell.

Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night to listen for the bell. (You’ve heard of the term graveyard shift, right?)

Thus someone could be, “saved by the bell” or was “considered a dead ringer.”

And that’s the truth.

Now, whoever said history was boring!!!

So get out there and educate someone! Share these facts with a friend because inside every older person is a younger person wondering “Where the heck did that saying come from?”

And remember to smile, it gives your face something to do.



Mystery Members...

Did you figure out who the February Mystery Member was?

Well, if you figured it was Frank Moltane you are very astute.

Frank Moltane and two sisters were born and raised in El Paso, Texas.

At age 15 he went to live with his mother and stepfather on a 10,000 acre dry farm of wheat and cattle in eastern Colorado.

After 4 years in the Air Force seeing Europe, North Africa, and the Orient he returned to El Paso and got a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at the now University of Texas, El Paso.

There he married, had a son, and taught school. Moving back to Colorado he got a Masters degree in Psychology and then came



to California. He taught school for 40 years in the Garden Grove District teaching 4th through 8th grades, special ED, gifted

art students, photography black & white lab and digital, and was an art mentor for teachers.

There he met his wife, Charlyn. They enjoy art, photography, international travel, fly fishing, and their 3 birds.



Here's this month's Mystery Member - Who Is It?...

Watch for next month's issue to find out.



And This Too...

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.

The Answer To The Riddle

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

Every month has 28 days.

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

Birthdays during the month of March

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



Puzzler Answer For February Photos

Did you identify all ten differences?

February Puzzler

1. The “O” in the Oakley logo on Steve’s hat is missing
2. Laurie has another, bigger flower on her hat
3. Heidi’s pant legs are longer
4. The red bag behind Greg is taller
5. Greg’s T-shirt is more covered
6. Robert’s towel is longer & bigger
7. Heidi’s popcorn can is taller
8. Steve’s shirt is shorter
9. The light pole has lights
10. Robert’s right sock is shorter

February Puzzler!

How observant are you?

While we don't have a picture of the 2018 Triples Winners, we do have one from the 2017 Triples game: (l-r) Greg Goltart, John Arbogast & Steve Alessi.

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

HINT: Show me the money!

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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