



the Write Shot

Bowling Club

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HEIDI & TEAM USA TAKE SILVER IN HONG KONG
& NOW BRONZE IN CHINA - For more see page 7

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The US Women's team in Hong Kong (which includes Heidi Rittner) finished 7th in qualifying and then turned that into a *second place finish and silver medal*

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President's Message



What Makes Lawn Bowling So Special?

Most everyone saw some of the Winter Olympics this year.

I love the Olympics. I always tear-up when watching those groups of talented athletes from all over the world enter the arena for the Opening Ceremonies.

Most of them are so young and obviously thrilled to be there. This year they were taking “selfies” along with waving their national flags. The shared humanity of all those young people is so obvious despite the fact that they are wearing different outfits.



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Sport is a unifying element in all cultures.

Most of us who are members of the LBLBC have been lucky enough to lead active lives. I am constantly amazed when I learn what our members have accomplished.

For many of us, Lawn Bowling is not our first sport. We have members who were/are tennis players, golfers, alley bowlers, marathoners, baseball players, coaches, archery experts... and more.



You don't have to be an Arnold Palmer or Schwarzenegger.

Unlike many of these more demanding sports, Bowls can be played on equal terms by almost anyone. It does not require special strength or athletic ability. Participants can be any size or shape and most persons with disability can play bowls with able bodied athletes.

For those of us who want to remain active in an outdoor setting, lawn bowling is an excellent addition to other sports.

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President's Message Continued...

Name the forerunner of curling?

Did you know that the sport of lawn bowls is the forerunner of curling? If you were able to watch any of the Olympic Curling competitions, you were probably struck by the similarities in vocabulary and focus.

One glaring difference, however, is playing conditions. While curling in southern California [www.ocurling.com] is an indoor sport played on ice, lawn bowling is played outdoors on a four sided area of grass or synthetic playing surface.



We have it really good.

When I speak with family back in Wisconsin and hear about the latest snow storm, I am so grateful for the ability to enjoy our wonderful Southern California winter weather.

We, as insightful members of LBLBC, are ahead of the Olympic sporting curve. If the day ever arrives when the American public really discovers this game, there may be deserted bowling alleys, neglected golf courses and empty tennis courts while waiting lines form at the Bowling Green. We will be first in line.

A nagging Question:

Why isn't lawn bowling an Olympic sport?

It happened but IT didn't happen...

Like many of our members who are active players, I bowled at the Carnival on Saturday, March 17, and was going to share some observations about the event in this newsletter, but



who better than the organizer extraordinaire, Pat Gonzales, to write about it ...and thank goodness it didn't happen, rain that is!

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Laurie Richards



Carnival Time...

Another Year Of Success...



(NOTE: All bowlers owe Pat Gonzales a bigger than big thanks for being the task-master she is for making the Carnival a great tournament. It was not an easy task this year.)

Pat submitted the following review:

We had our own weatherman who's prediction was the best.

The success of the 2018 Carnival was blessed with the help of John Arbogast, a former Storm Chaser, who shared with us Thursday that it was not going to rain in Long Beach the day of the Carnival. The Carnival trusted his report and moved ahead with the tournament.

Talk about juggling balls, I mean Bowls.

However, the Carnival wouldn't have been possible without the loyal support of Bobby Sweetland, Gail Aden, Pat Curran, Randy Hatfield, Morris Jolly, Pete Sinclair, Bob Breen, and Glenn Harwood, who were willing at a moment's notice to substitute for nine players who signed up but were unable to participate.

The number of last minute changes was almost insurmountable.

Then there was the expertise of Howard Harris, as always, keeping score, and coping with all changes – and there were many!

Without the help of our member bowlers to step up to the “plate”, the 2018 Carnival would not have been able to continue.

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More Carnival Time...

It was just another California sunny day.

As it was, the weather was cool but pleasant. Fortunately, there were no defaults, all matches were played and a merry time was had by all.



It took more than a "village" to pull it off.

Long Beach Volunteers were honoured (it takes a village) and thanked for their help: Patti Balsillie, Shirley Price, Gail Aden, Candy DeFazio, Cecile Langevin, Stephanie Johnson, Greg Goltart, Bobby Sweetland, Mike Mirabal, Steve Alessi, Steve Jones, Bob Daniels, Frank Moltane, Tricia Davenport, Tom Davis, Eileen



Lancendorfer, Ben French, Joel Fruehan, Phil Garcia, Cathy Heriot, Chuck Kunkle, Laurie Richards, 9 people who volunteered salads, and last but not least, Howard Harris.

Several Long Beach participants, led by Dwight Parker, helped put the place back in order after the day was over.

And the winner is...

Randy Hatfield, from Laguna Beach, won the first ever prize for the Best Dressed Carnival participant.

(You have to wonder how it came about that all of the bowls in his first match, matched his outfit?)



His award was a free entry into next year's Carnival.

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The End Of Carnival Time...

Wonder who were the winners?

All told, from 72 entries, there were 12 cash prizes awarded.

First place went to Sun City bowler, Tony Head of Sun City LBC, who played the skip position.

Congratulations are in order to the winners (LBLBC members in **bold**): 1st–Tony Head; 2.–**Pat Curran**; 3–Scott Roberts; 4–Paul Gresbrink; 5–Linda Vose; 6–**Frank Moltane**; 7–**Charlyn Moltane**; 8–**Steve Alessi**; 9–Kelly Warren; 10–Bruce Neff; 11–Catherine Uribe; consolation prize–**Woody Cain**.



Pat Gonzales

from l-r: Frank Moltane, Scott Roberts, Morris Jolly, Linda Vose, Kelly Warren, Catherine Uribe, Pat Gonzales, Tony Head (winner), Charlyn Moltane, Steve Alessi, & Ron Neef



Talk about having a good line - actually happened during the Carnival.



Private Party (It Up)...

Private Parties are the way to go...

It's a win-win strategy!



When we host a private party it's the best of both worlds: The party participants have a great time, lots of laughing and jovial joking going on; and our Club garners financial gain and exposure to a source for new memberships.

Our biggest private party ever.

Recently we hosted 80 people from Mainfreight, an international company with 7K employees in offices around the US, Canada, Great Britain, and down under (NZ, Australia). They provide the logistics to move anything that needs to be transported from anywhere to somewhere else.

Our guests were supervisors and managers of various departments and operational centers within the company, including the man in charge of North America operations.

The company was celebrating a week-long 40th Anniversary by kick-



ing it off with a bowling party at our Club – including catering it themselves.

We were first choice.

We were chosen as a venue because of the roots of the company in New Zealand and a familiarity that some of the key personnel had with lawn bowling and LBLBC. (They are Kiwis after all.) There were eighty (that's 80) in their party, many arriving on Provost buses ferrying those that flew in from out of state.

Can't thank you enough.

This was a very successful private party, not only did our guests have a ball, *err...* bowl, but our membership stepped up to make it happen. Credit goes to (I hope I'm not missing anyone)



Patti Basillie, Carol Poto, Stephanie Johnson, Laurie Richards, Chuck Kunkle, Richard White, Candy & Tony DeFazio, Steve Alessi, Bobby Sweetland, Alex del la Garza, Dot Johnson, Scotty Boyd, Greg Goltart, Jim Lee, Bob Breen, JoAnn MacKnight, Heidi Rittner, and Carl Barry.



Herb Glazeroff





A Little Of This...

Mark Your Calendar...

- 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., Sept. 18 – Club Singles

2018 SW & Bowls USA Tournaments
hosted in Long Beach

Wed., April 18 - Ladies' Day @ Casta del Sol

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

Wed., May 16 - Ladies' Day @ Long Beach

Sat., July 7 - PG Mixed Australian Pairs

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 4 & 5 - Cary-McDonald's
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

2018 SW & Bowls USA Leagues

Fri., Apr. 6 – Coast League

Fri., Aug. 3 – Coast League

Fri., Sept. 7 – Coast League Round-up



Tiger Bowls Tournament Results...

Tiger Bowls/China Open Update

Team USA followed up their silver in Hong Kong with a bronze in the China Open!



It's a really big deal!

In case you aren't aware about Tiger Bowls-World Invitation: It is held in Hong Kong first with the China Open following in Shenzhen, China.

These prestigious tournaments are endorsed by World Bowls. The goal of this event is to promote the sport of lawn bowls internationally while also increasing the players' skills through competition against world class teams.

We are very, very fortunate to have Heidi Rittner, a LBLBC member, on the USA Team.

Going To A Good Home...

We wish you three all the best!

Blackie, our resident mouse catcher has been adopted. Eileen Lancendorfer has decided to adopt Blackie and now he is in his new home getting acquainted with his surroundings.

WARNING: A pretty large coyote has been sighted around our Club in the early evenings. So, if you decided to walk your dog in our area, please be aware and careful.

A Little Of That...

Other Tournament Results...

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

Mumma Mixed Pairs

Feb 24 @ Riverside

● A Green – 2nd Place: Joanne Hedgespeth & Robert Busciglio



● 3rd Place: Heidi Rittner & Jim Hempe



● B Green – 2nd Diana Wenzel & Steve Alessi

Ladies Day Report...

Ladies Day was held at Newport Harbor Lawn Bowl in Newport Beach on March 14..

The rain gave us a wonderful break and the sun was shining for us the whole time.

We had a fabulous turnout with 48 ladies from 10 lawn bowl clubs: Casa del Sol, Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods, Long Beach, Newport Harbor, Redlands, Riverside, Santa Ana, Sun City and the Groves.

It was wonderful to have three newcomers join us for their first time at Ladies Day.

A special thank you to the hard working hospitality organizers, Jan Hargraves and

Phyllis Turner for setting up hospitality and Cathy MacDonald for our festive decorations. Thanks also to Lou Cohen and John MacDonald for setting up the greens and making sure everything was in place.

The LBLBC winners were:

● 1st Place tie: **Charlyn Moltane**, Phyllis Turner & Chris Quinn



● 3rd Place tie: Shelley Cohen, **Diana Wenzel & Gail Aden**



The afternoon game were 10 ends (6 triples, 2 doubles) but none with LBLBC winners.

Congratulations to all the winners.



The next Ladies Day is at Casta del Sol on April 18th.

Want An Instant Fix?...

There's a new (but old) coffee brewer addition in the kitchen.



Bob Daniels friend bought a new Keurig coffee maker and was going to throw out the old one. Bob suggested donating it to the Club. (*"It works – I've used it many times" said Bob.*)

So, if you want just a quick cup and hate to spend time cleaning up grounds/filter/etc., go the K-Cup route. It makes from a 4oz cup up to a 10oz cup.

Unfortunately, there isn't funds to supply K-cups, plus there is a plethora (love that word) of flavours, so bring some of your favorite cups to store in your locker.



Mystery Members...

Did you figure out who the March Mystery Member was?

Well, if you figured it was Allen Reinking you are very astute.

Allen was born and raised in rural northwest Iowa. He joined the marine corp in 1962 and served 3 hears.

He met and married Dee Ceglar (also a LBLBC member) in 1964. Their two sons live in Burbank, California and Leander, Texas

They have resided primarily in the Long Beach area.



Allen was employed by Douglas Aircraft/ McDonnell Aircraft and Shell Oil Co.

Allen and Dee retired in 1997. Allen started lawn bowling in July 2016.

Ready For Another Riddle ?

This one was blatantly "ripped-off" from Brain Teasers (brainden.com)

What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?

The answers is on the next page. NO PEEKING!



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 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 9 is – (are you ready for it?)

A TOWEL.

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

Birthdays during the month of April

Pat Gonzales	Apr 2
Tom Morse	Apr 3
Lynne Clarke	Apr 4
Tricia Davenport	Apr 4
Laurie Richards	Apr 7
Charlyn Moltane	Apr 15
JoAnn MacKnight	Apr 16
Milton Johnson	Apr 17
Steve Shinn	Apr 21
Cathy Heriot	Apr 24
Derek Balsillie	Apr 27
Carol Poto	Apr 27



Puzzler Answer For March Photos

Did you identify all ten differences?

March Puzzler

1. More tree leaves behind Greg's head
2. Greg's T-shirt is v-shape design
3. Greg's shirt is shorter
4. John's shirt collar is green
5. Bench behind John's left side is missing
6. John's "A" logo on hat is missing
7. John has more money
8. Steve's ring is on index finger
9. Steve's watch is covered by jacket sleeve
10. Steve's shirt tail is covered up



April Puzzler!

How observant are you?

Four guys are observing
the end, how observant
are you?

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

You can compare what
you think 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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