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Lawn Bowling Club

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President's Message...

How Many Time Have You Been Asked “Is Lawn Bowling Like Bocce?”

Here's some “ammunition” on how to respond.

BOCCE vs LAWN BOWLING

After telling people that you enjoy lawn bowling, how many times have you been asked. “Is that like Bocce?”

Although the games share a common ancestry from ancient boules games played in the Roman Empire, they are not the same. Thanks to Wikipedia, computer search engines and U-Tube videos, I would like to help you answer that question.

BOCCE

Bocce developed into its present form in Italy

It is played around Europe and also in overseas areas that have received Italian migrants. Since it is a boules game, BALLS are needed. Most Bocce balls are now made of a molded, hardened poly-resin compound, come in sizes 100mm-117mm [1”= 25.4mm], are spherical with no built in bias and weigh about 2lb each. They are sold in colored sets of 8 balls with one smaller ball [1.5”] called a JACK or pallino [Italian for bullet] included.

LAWN BOWLING

Lawn bowling developed into its present form in Great Britain. Today the sport is played in over 40 countries. The

home of the modern game is still Scotland with the World Bowls Center in Edinburgh. Since it is a boules game, BOWLS are needed. Most lawn bowls are also made of a molded, hardened poly-resin compound, and come in sizes 00-5, are designed to travel a curved path because of a WEIGHTED BIAS produced entirely by the shape of the bowl and weigh an average of 3lb each.

The shape of the bowl varies among brands and models. The visible differences are small, but play a large role in the behavior of the bowl. They are sold in black or colored sets of 4. JACKS are sold separately.

BOCCE COURTS

Regulation BOCCE COURTS, which are frequently used during league play, are 13 feet wide and 90 feet long, built along a smooth

platform. However, people can play Bocce on a stretch of level ground—pavement, grass, gravel, hard-packed dirt (DG), a sidewalk, patio, deck, etc. Many individual courts are surrounded by back boards [bumpers] or rails.

LAWN BOWL COURTS

Lawn bowls is often played on large GREENS which are built as close to 40 meters square [130 feet] as possible. This allows for games to be played in either direction. The advantages of playing in different directions are that the wear on the green is more even and the players do not need to face towards the sun when playing.

These greens are made of precisely levelled and manicured GRASS, or a synthetic surface, di-



President's Message END...

vided into parallel playing strips called RINKS. Each rink is 15 feet wide and there are often 8 rinks to one green. Individual rinks are not surrounded by “bumpers” or rails but the large green is enclosed by backboards.

BOCCE GAME

A game can be conducted between two players, or two teams of two, three, or four. A match is started by a randomly chosen side being given the opportunity to throw a smaller ball, the jack, from one end of the court into a zone that is past the mid-court line and about 8 feet from the far end of the court. If the first team misses twice, the other team is awarded the opportunity to place the jack anywhere they choose within the prescribed zone. The jack is never centered in the court before play begins.

The side that first attempted to place the jack is given the opportunity to bowl first. Once the first ball has been thrown, the other side has the opportunity to bowl. From then on, the side which does not have the ball closest to the jack has a chance to bowl, up until one side or the other has used their four balls. At that point, the other side bowls its remaining balls. The team with the closest ball to the jack is the only team that can score points in any FRAME.

The scoring team receives one point for each of their balls that is closer to the jack than the closest ball of the other team. If a ball touches the pallino, it's worth two points. If both teams' balls are equidistant from the pallino—nobody scores. The length of a game varies by region but is typically from 7 to 13 points.

Many players roll their bocce ball underhanded during play but are also permitted

to throw the ball in the air using an underarm action.

LAWN BOWL GAME

Well, I don't need to tell you that because you already know as a member of LBLBC.

THE BASIC DIFFERENCES

The two games share a common ancestry, BUT the differences that stand out to me are:

- Bocce was developed in its present form in Italy; Lawn Bowling in Great Britain.
- Bocce balls are round, have no weight bias, weigh about 2lb and travel a straight path.
- Lawn bowls are designed to travel a curved path because of a weighted bias (think lop sided) and weigh an average of 3lb.
- Bocce is played on a variety of hard, level surfaces.
- Lawn Bowling is played on a defined rink that is precisely levelled and manicured grass, or a synthetic surface, that is usually one of several rinks that are a part of the larger playing Green.

So, there it is. Hopefully, you and I can now answer that question about Lawn Bowling vs Bocce with more confidence when friends and acquaintances inquire.

Incidentally, why not take advantage of the opportunity to encourage that person(s) to accept our offer of three FREE Lawn Bowling lessons?



Laurie Richards

Aussie Pairs Tournament...

Another Success

I was impressed with the toughness, tenacity, and fitness level of the South West Tournament Bowlers.

In spite record temperatures of 112 in Long Beach the day before and anticipated triple digits forecast for the day of, the Pat Gonzales Mixed Aussie Pairs, I am happy to report, began without a hitch.

The players were there Bright and Early without complaints or excuses ready TO PLAY!

The only complaint was the suggested shortened games did not give them a fair chance to win. Given their choice, in the extreme heat, they would have preferred **NOT** to play a shortened game.

Long Beach had six winners – please note LBLBC players are listed in **BOLD ITALIC**:

And the winners were:

A GREEN

- 1st place: Howard Harris & Christine Ludwig (Oaks North & San Diego)
- 2nd place, Eva Lee & Ian Ho (Laguna Woods)
- 3rd place, Ed Quo & **Diana Wenzel** (Newport & Long Beach)
- 4th Place, Fred Robles & **Candy De Fazio** (Laguna Beach & Long Beach)

B GREEN

- 1st place, **Tony Crutchfield** & Barbara Clark (Hermosa Beach & Long Beach)
- 2nd place, **Jake Jeffrey** & **Carol Poto** (Long Beach)



Diana Wenzel



Candy DeFazio



Tony Crutchfield



Carol Poto & Jake Jeffery



Herb Glazeroff

3rd place Victor Green & Heather Lewis (Santa Monica)

4th place **Herb Glazeroff** & Rita Greenberg (Long Beach & Newport)

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Aussie Pairs Tournament...

Again, Long Beach VOLUNTEERISM prevailed with more than a score of volunteers helping the cause. They were:

1. Gail Aden Hospitality
2. Barnard, Lily Hospitality
3. Busciglio, Robert Green Set Up
4. DeFazio, Candy Grounds, Hospitality, Photos, Clean up
5. Glazeroff, Herb Hospitality
6. Goltart, Greg Hospitality, Greens
7. Harville, Dennis Green Set up
8. Heriot, Cathy Hospitality
9. Huisman, Jackie Hospitality, Clean up
10. Jeffrey, Jake Green Set Up
11. Johnson, Stephanie Greens, green set up
12. Lancendorfer, Eileen Hospitality, Water, Equipment
13. Wright, Flor Hospitality
14. Daniels, Bob Photos
15. Sweetland, Bobbie Clean up, last minute willing sub
16. Jolly, Morris Set up
17. Huisman, Jackie Publicity

Along with time and labor financial donations were volunteered by the following corporations and fellow bowlers:

Austin Jones Corp, Los Alamitos

Cal Elite Kids, Rancho Santa Margarita

Linda Vose, Ivan Hyland, Mary Thompson, Eileen Lancendorfer & Tom Davis

Thank you one and all for your help in the success of this our 15th annual PG Pairs

Goals for next year:

1. More Long Beach participants.
2. North Green ready for competition.





A Little Of This...



Mark Your Calendar...

- Sun., Sept. 2? or 3?, 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)*

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 4 & 5 - Cary-MacDonald 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., Aug. 3 – Coast League

Fri., Sept. 7 – Coast League Round-up

Thank You BowlsUSA

As reported in the July Issue, several key, vibrant members of our LBLBC came together and proposed a new form of advertising for LBLBC – the 908 Magazine & Media Resource.

Greg Goltart took the initiative to apply for a fund grant from BowlsUSA. Here is what Greg wrote (edited):

Our proposal is to fund a cell phone app and three articles in a local magazine. The purpose is to direct attention to Lawn Bowling in Long Beach.

We have a local publisher, of

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a popular local magazine, “908” (the name is the zip prefix for Long Beach, CA) that will SELL coverage for the app and three articles in the quarterly magazine.

This is not a “throw-away magazine” but one that is actually coveted for copies outside the area code.

This grant is not only a boost to our club’s “Esprit de corps” but an opportunity to reach into a new technology and draw in another generation.

National Lawn Bowling Open House is our biggest source of new bowlers. We have a good retention rate (50%) of those who sign-up at open-house.

Unfortunately, Lawn-Bowling continues to be “the best kept secret in Long Beach, CA”

We believe that a series of three articles (paid) in this local magazine, with the connected cell-phone APP, will broadcast lawn bowling to a much wider population than our yearly open-house.

The app is an approach very outside of “traditional:” is freely available; has a younger age audience than our usual demographic.

The most important part of this request is – We are growing; We have fervent, dedicated, club members who will teach and nurture new bowlers.

An app and a local magazine may expand our outreach.

Hey – If we can “hook” them the rest of the team can “book” them... into lessons and perhaps a life-long sport.

Greg Goltart

IT HAPPENED!

Congratulations on receiving the grant funding of \$400.

Great job Greg. Your enthusiasm shines through!!!
Very exciting.



Private Party...

*Another successful private party.
From Herb On July 5th Private Party*

PARTY ON, GARTH



“I live in long beach and have past by many times over the years.”



This was the reason given by Doug Shea for deciding to hold the Centennial Advisors corporate party at our club.

On July 5th, members of the company had a fun time on our green, while our bank account benefited from their decision to use our venue.

All involved had a fun time and many thanks go out to our lawn bowling club members who volunteered as instructors.

Herb Glazeroff



Tournament Results...

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Here are the results for the end of June and July to date: (*LBLBC players in bold caps*):

Mens' Playdowns Singles – Stars

Sat./Sun., June 16/17 @ Santa Anita

🏆 **1st Place: ROBERT BUSCIGLIO**



Busciglio



DeFazio

Coronado Mixed Triples

Sat., June 30 @ Coronado

🏆 **1st Place: Anne Nunes, Ivan Hyland & CANDY DeFAZIO**

PG Aussie Pairs (see report pgs 3 & 4)

Sat., July 7 @ Long Beach

Women's Playdowns Singles – Stars

Sat./Sun., July 14/15 & 21/22 @ Newport Harbor

🏆 **1st Place: FLOR WRIGHT**



Wright



Glazeroff

Men's Playdowns Pairs – Stripes

Sat./Sun., July 14/15 & 21/22 @ Laguna Beach

🏆 **4th Place: HERB GLAZEROFF & Jim Wysopool**

We Goofed...

You know what they say – “S..t happens”. It turns out, in our July Issue, we inadvertently left out reporting on a SW Tournament and a LBLBC winner under the **Tournament Results** column, for which we apologize:

Here's what should have been reported:

Walt Disney Pairs

Sat./Sun., May 26-28 @ Beverly Hills

🏆 **5th Place: Tony Crutchfield & Paul Flahive**



Crutchfield



A Little Of That...



Latest News On New Members...

Carol Poto has been busy, busy, busy.



Greetings to all – we picked up 4 new members from Open House this past week: Sandy Bird, Jon Lee, and Keith & Barbara Lewis.



Keith, Barbara, and Sandy are already “famous” from being featured in the July Write Shot when they were short-term members, and are now full-timers



Jon is a “regular” now on Tuesday and Thursday. (If that name rings a bell, it’s because he is Jim Lee’s younger and more handsome brother – just ask him).

Carol Poto



Just a “heads up”

LBLBC is planning a New Member/Labor Day BBQ in September and we have two choices: Sat., Sept. 1 or second Sun., Sept. 2. The Board will have to select one at their next meeting

Typically, we would hold the event on the holiday if it fell on the weekend or on Sunday, the day before the holiday, if the holiday was held on Monday.

Saturday might be more ideal as we normally

have more bowlers than on Sunday.

WHAT IS YOUR PREFERENCE if attending?

Let your Board members know.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for all new and old members to mix and mingle over a morning bowling game and tasty lunch.

More information will be sent to every person in August when the Board finalizes details.



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



Chandra Trower	Aug. 1	William Deabaapilux	Aug. 15
Dwight Parker	Aug. 5	Richard Blatter	Aug. 16
Ben French	Aug. 10	Sandi Bird	Aug. 21
Lee Boyer	Aug. 12	Tom Davis	Aug. 26
Janet Upton	Aug. 12	Thom Cloutier	Aug. 27

Mystery Members...

Did you figure out who the July Mystery Member was?

Well, if you figured it was Josie Mirabal you nailed it.

Born and raised in Southern California I have resided in the city of Wilmington my entire life.

I am a proud community volunteer and have been for over three decades.

It's been a pleasure to raise three children who have given me six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

I have embarked on two careers in my lifetime.

The first was in the aerospace industry i.e. Northrop Grumman for 20 years. The second was in the health and wellness industry as a Licensed Massage Therapist and Chiropractic



Assistant which also lasted 20 years. Today, I continue to share in the same friendships created

so many years ago in these industries.

Fast forward to today, after 8 years of widowhood, I am enjoying a new marital relationship of almost 4 months now with Michael Mirabal (who introduced me to lawn bowling, which I truly am enjoying).

I feel so very blessed to have found love once again.

Josie Mirabal

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

Who Is It? That's a good question - because we don't have a photo from a volunteer to display for this issue.

If you have a baby picture that we could use, please contact Bob Daniels via email at lets.start.over@verizon.net.



And This Too...

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?...

We are looking to open a dialogue by publishing these two photos.

We've seen bowls from the gutter or out-of-bounds temporarily stowed in each of the two arrangements.



Is there a rule that covers this situation?



Is there a correct way?

Is one way better than the other?

Does it really matter?

What's your take on this subject?

If you want to give us your two-cents to share with the members, send an e-mail to Bob Daniels at lets.start.over@verizon.net.

Time For A Riddle

If you put a coin in an empty bottle and insert a cork into the neck of the bottle, how could you remove the coin without taking the cork out or destroying the bottle? (and drilling a hole would be the same as destroying the bottle)

***Look for the answer
in the next issue***



Puzzler Answer For July Photos

Did you identify all ten differences?

1. Mike's hat taller
2. Scotty's water bottle longer
3. Stars in center of Scotty's shirt missing
4. Josie's string of beads missing
5. Mike's socks shorter
6. The post in background fatter
7. Two more breast pockets on Josie's jacket
8. Logo moved to right side of Mike's shirt
9. Cracks/groove in patio floor missing
10. Josie's purse on chair missing

August Puzzler!

Seeing Double?

Show me the money.

Bob Breen, Pat Curran,
Laurie Richards & Mel
Leach get in the act of
counting the money.

You can count on there
being ten things that are
different in the bottom
photo – can you find
them?

Watch for answers in the
next issue of the Write
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10 things

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

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