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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!

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President's Message...



You Might Not Remember, But You Received This Important Document.

I was just rereading my first President's Letter.

In my first President's Letter (In the January 2018 Write Shot Newsletter), I wrote about my commitment to examine all aspects of the Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club.

Since I was new to the position of Club President, I began with the By-laws. This document is the Club constitution and was originally written in 1997/98.

You probably don't remember this.

As new members, we all receive a copy of this seven page document and probably file it away for a future review that never happened. I found my own copy in an old folder entitled, *Lawn Bowling*.

Since the by-laws were recorded, there have been at least 4 revisions. As you might expect, there is a document entitled, *By-Law Amendment Guidelines*, that was approved in 2002.

It was in our monthly agenda recently.

All of this revision stuff came to my attention lately because "Review Of Current By-laws" was added to the monthly agenda of the Board. When a majority of the Board members voted to begin the process, I asked all of you via Club e-mail for volunteers to form a committee of

3-5 active members.

What a great response to a nerdy request!

I had the luxury of selecting five volunteers, (Charles Kunkle, Mel Leach, Reggie Rook, Patti Balsillie & Carol Poto) and tasking them with meeting to study the By-Laws and make

a recommendation to: (1) amend/change or; (2) not to amend/change the By-Laws – as they are now written.

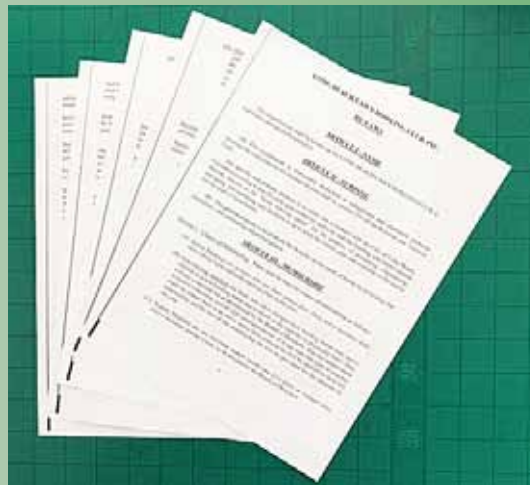
Hopefully, they will have completed their task and can report to the Board at the earliest meeting possible.

However...

After reading everything, the committee felt strongly that all club members should be encouraged to examine their copy of the Club By-laws to determine if any future amendments are needed to improve the functioning of the Club.

If this information speaks to you, here is what you could do:

- Dust off your copy of the Club By-laws and reread them.
- If you stay awake long enough to read all seven pages and do not find an area that should be amended, congratulate yourself and no further action is needed.
- If you stay awake long enough to read all seven pages and feel that a change might be made to improve the functioning of the Club do one of the following:



More President's Message – Private Party..

- Send the President a **written** request detailing the desired amendment so it can be added to the next monthly agenda under *New Business*.

– OR –

- Send the President a **written** request to appear at the next monthly meeting and present your request in person. I will acknowledge you under *New Business*. (You will need to describe what you intend to talk about.)

All who approve say "I".

Since the Board is elected by the membership to represent them, the Board would have to approve any written or personal request by a quorum majority vote. If the request is approved, the President will appoint a committee and the By-law Amendment Guidelines will be followed.

If you can't find your By-laws and/or By-law Amendment Guidelines, go to our website home page *Our Club*, scroll down below the Bowls USA logo and click on *Scan_Doc0014* and *Scan_Doc0025*, and print out copies.

Another successful private party.

On Saturday evening, June 6, the Club had another successful private party – a semi-corp event. I say semi because it included a variety of family members along with the corporate employees.

Herb Glazeroff kicked off the event by encouraging a number of volunteers to help out, and Carol Poto stepped in to run the show, so to speak.



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President's Message – Private Party...

In case you missed Carol's e-mail, she wrote:

Thanks to all who showed up to teach and convey their love of lawn bowling to the families who booked the greens this afternoon. We had 31 participants signed up, so the Club earned \$310. Three people canceled at the last minute, but the group's coordinator said she would keep their money and pass it on to us, which I thanked her for.

Just so you'll know, I did mark the rinks to be used ahead of time by putting out 2 mats and a jack on each rink, but of course the instructors could not see the mats as they headed out to the greens to figure out where to put their teams. Next time I (or whoever is in charge) will put up the rakes so that the rinks to be used can be clearly seen from a distance!

Fortunately, the group's coordinator had pre-worked out who was to bowl together, otherwise it could have been very confusing.

All the coaching/instructor volunteers did a great job getting the one double and several triples organized and briefed as to "here is how you bowl". We were able to get five ends finished and the group expressed that they had a really good time. They commented that lawn bowling was a really good family activity.



Two of the women got really hooked, and I offered them the 2-month temporary membership arrangement that we had for guests at the open house.

The group's coordinator said she would e-mail our temp membership form and our playing schedule to the group – we'll see if anyone signs up.

I also gave out a couple of 3 free lesson gift cards Bob Daniels has been developing to see if they



wanted to take that approach. Both women felt, however, that they were ready to join in with the gang on draw bowling days!

*A **BIG** thanks to Gordon Thomas, Shirley Price, Reggie Rook, Patty Balsillie, Bob Breen, Bobbie Sweetland, Carl Barry, & Bob Daniels (my apologies if I have forgotten anyone.) It was fun working with each and every one of you.*

Carol Poto

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President's Message End...

We had our own party.

For those of you who didn't make it, you missed out on our Memorial Day celebration with a BBQ luncheon after the draw bowling.

Don't miss the photo puzzler on the back page of this issue – it will give you an idea of what the day was like.



By way of wrapping things up...

Speaking of the Board, hardly anyone is thinking of December, but it is not that far away – you might even consider running for a Board position in December.

In the meantime.....enjoy our wonderful Club and Lawn Bowling in Southern California.

Laurie Richards





A Little Of This...

Mark Your Calendar...

- 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)

- Sat., July 7 - PG Mixed Australian Pairs
- 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



Sign Up Now...

Pat Gonzales Australian Mix Pairs.

Club Members, just a reminder that you do not sign up at the Club to play (please follow directions on the FLYER below) , but you do need to sign up for Hospitality.

A Hospitality Sign Up Sheet is up at the Club House. Pat will supply the donuts for the morning but will need SALADS & DESERTS

If you are participating and a LBLBC member, please help contribute to Hospitality.

Thank you!!



What's New In Marketing...

908 Magazine & Media Resource...

There is a new media source available for promoting LBLBC: the 908 app, available for iPhone and Android smart phone users. (See photo below for download instructions.)

The LB908 print magazine has been available for a few years, and Publisher John Grossi got it off the ground by personally dropping it on the front porches of homes on the East Side of Long Beach.

The name of the magazine comes from the fact that all zip codes in Long Beach start with "908".

The app allows the 908 staff to publish online shows and interviews, along with an up-to-the minute calendar of events and local news stories.

Carol tested out the new app by submitting our Women's Pairs Playdowns event with a photo attached to: events@LB908.com. From the home page, users can click on the Calendar button, touch the date of the event (in this case June 16), and the tournament photo and brief write-up are displayed. The content is still there as of June 21, not sure how long they leave it up.

Carol Poto, Greg Goltart, and Bob Daniels recently met with the publisher, John Grossi, to work out a relationship for a permanent searchable presence on the app. After concluding the meeting, John was given a quick lesson on lawn bowling so he could experience the sport first hand.

Later in the week, Stephanie Perez from 908 met with Carol to take photos and develop text for the LBLBC listing. Once everything is in place, the listing will include our standard info, 3 photos, and a link to our web page without

leaving the app. Stephanie mentioned that the app is not



intended to duplicate information that we already have on our website.

For some great entertainment, try going



to the 908 Home page, scroll down and tap on the online show titled "you, me, and the LBC – Historic Pike", which features interviews with old-timers who remember the Pike in its glory days. You'll hear John Arbogast, Glenn Harwood, Carl Barry, and Bob Breen talk about their memories of the place, with interviewer Marina Hernandez. (Can't wait to hear the story of how that show happened to include LBLBC members.)

Will keep you posted as this media source develops.

Carol Poto



Tournament Results...

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June has been a busy month for tournaments so far. Here are the results (**LBLBC players in bold caps**):

Women's Cal 5

Sat., June 2 @ Oaks North

3rd Place: Mare Beath, Alice Birkinshaaw, **MARGI RAMBO**, **CANDY DeFAZIO**, & Giulia Gallo



Rambo



DeFazio

Men's SoCal Rinks

Sat./Sun., June 2/3 @ Santa Monica

● **3rd Place:** Corey Vose, Robert Alessi, Andrew Dufresne & **STEVE ALESSI**
● **Consolation:** Grant Shear, Barry Hayes, **ROBERT BUSCIGLIO** & Ron Cetta



Alessi



Busciglio

Fossati and Friends

Sun., June 3 @ Newport Harbor

● **2nd Place:** Debby Gaal, Rita Greenberg, **NORMA GOODHART**
● **3rd Place:** Mare Beath, **CANDY DeFAZIO** & Alice Birkinshaw



Goodhart

Beckley 2-Bowl Mixed Triples

Sun., June 10 @ Santa Monica

● **3rd Place:** Robert Alessi, Mike Ruggles, **NORMA GOODHART**
● **4th Place:** **ROBERT BUSCIGLIO**, Joanne Hedgespeth, & **FLOR WRIGHT**
● **5th Place:** Brian Stewart, **EILEEN LANCENDORFER** & **TOM DAVIS**



Lancendorfer



Davis



Membership News...

Latest News On New Members...

Good things are happening.

Lee Boyer has recently joined our club as a full-time member.

He has taken a few lessons from Pat and participated in her clinic on Mondays, and is ready to play.

He said he enjoys learning through playing rather than practice so say HELLO when you see him.

Lee is a Long Beach native and an active golfer as well, plans to play Draw Bowling on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

He's not a new member, but...

Morris Jolly has upped his membership to being a full time member, so you might want to make a note in you Directory.



New bowlers off to a great start.

Charlyn Moltane took this picture at a recent Wednesday night bowling of new members Keith Lewis, Sandy Bird, and Barbara Lewis.

They are rightly proud to pose with their bowls which are so close to the jack on their very **first end** of their very **first game!**



Thank you for capturing the moment Charlyn.



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



Herb Glazeroff	July 2	Scott Boyd	July 23
Tom Gardner	July 8	Greg Goltart	July 24
Shirley Price	July 8	Patti Basillie	July 27
Charles Kunkle	July 10	Liz Fowler	July 27
Jim Lee	July 10	Mel Leach	July 28
Tony DeFazio	July 12	Dennis Harville	July 28
Mary-Helen Costanza	July 13	Ardis Freeman	July 29
Sandy Clarke	July 14	Eileen Lancendorfer	July 31
Sandra Demers	July 16		

Mystery Members...

Did you figure out who the May Mystery Member was?

Well, if you figured it was Steve Alessi you nailed it.

Born March 27, 1955 in Long Beach and grew up in Lakewood. Attended Mayfair High School, in Lakewood and graduated in 1973.

I played all sports growing up: baseball, basketball & football. I played men's fast-pitch softball at Joe Rogers field right down the street from our club. Also, I coached Women's fast-pitch softball and was the Assistant coach at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles for five years. I was also interviewed to be the Olympic coach for softball in 1996. And, was a USA team National Team coach for Woman's softball.

So the last sport you would have thought I would have done would have been lawn bowling. Having a brother (Robert) who



plays for Newport Beach was a good start. He got me out rolling and I haven't stopped.

I joined Long Beach in September of 2014 and really enjoy the sport and the people. I have made many friends and enjoy meeting and helping new people.

One thing that I like to do is help at the private parties for the outside people. Always a lot of fun.

So, if you guessed me – good job. If not, I will see you on the greens.

Steve Alessi



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

Watch for next month's issue to find out.



And This Too...

How To Fix A Bad Day...

Pat Gonzales sent in a response by *Dr. Goodwick* to *Woe-Is-Me* on how to fix a “bad day” bowling. It was originally published in the *GREEN JACK*, the *SW Magazine* which no longer exists.

This write-up is being included in this issue as it stuck a note with your publisher as a novice bowler that he is. It has been edited to fit the available space.

Dear Woe,

Attitude is the foundation of everything in bowls. In life too. Any given day hundreds of issues contend for control of your focus and attention.

At the green you have a long list of items competing for your attention, your attitude. Many bowlers wonder if today will be a good day or a bad day before they play.

Even the best players know there’s a mysterious weirdness that can unexpectedly occur, making it one of those days when you couldn’t drop a bowl on your foot if you tried. You “can’t find your weight, or hit your marks.”

A champion bowler told me this had happened to him in a recent tournament. He was stunned by his inability to deliver a decent bowl. “But,” he said, “I didn’t let my teammates know.” He kept his struggling and frustration to himself, neither mentioning, analyzing, or excusing his poor performance. As a consequence his teammates were free to focus on their own deliveries so they continued to bowl well and squeaked out a one-point victory.

Said the champ bowler: “Keeping my frustration to myself was the key to our success. I didn’t bring down my teammates by complaining...either verbally or with my body language.” They obviously couldn’t help but notice he wasn’t bowling up to par. But it never became an issue – his teammates stayed focused on their own deliveries.

Negativity is infectious. Friends and teammates are naturally concerned for each other. When your friend is having problems that make him/her angry or frustrated, you’re going to pick up some of their frustration. The price is paid by the reduction of your focus and good attitude.



Puzzler Answer For June Photos

Did you identify all ten differences?

1. Steph moved to the left
2. The park bench changed color
3. Jan Hargraves has one longer pant leg
4. There are 3 more green bowls
5. The cluster of bowls on the right moved closer to Joanne Hedgespeth
6. Tom’s logo on shirt larger & longer
7. Joanne Hedgespeth’s towel is hot pink
8. There is two rakes on the left
9. Joanne Hedgespeth’s left red sleeve is longer
10. The black bowl by Jan Hargraves is missing

July Puzzler!

Seeing Double?

At recent Memorial Day BBQ celebration, Scotty Boyd, Mike & Josie Mirabal got in the mood alright.

Alright, can you spot the ten things that are different in the bottom photo?

You can celebrate if you do. Watch for answers in the next issue of the Write Shot newsletter.



10 things

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

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