



the Write Shot

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President's Message...



An Up-beat Message, It Isn't For This Month.

We lost a top bowler who was, above all, a beautiful person.

It saddens me to say Heidi Rittner is no long with us, except in beautiful memories.

After a battle she lost her life to cancer. It's hard to believe it happened in that she won Silver and Bronze for the USA in the international tournament in China just a few short months ago. (Heidi appeared in our April Write Shot cover.)

It was truly a warm, joyful Celebration.

For those who were unable to attend the Celebration Of Life on Sunday, November 21st, I would like to share what it was like to be there.

Early on her oldest daughter, Erin Fernandes (holding boy in pic) and sister Kelly, contacted the club to plan a celebration involving about 150 guests, including our Club members who could attend.



Everything was beautifully planned and executed, from the festive balloons to the video presentation, the display of memorabilia, the photo display board, and flowers (special thanks to Candy DeFazio for creating the display, Richart White for producing all the prints she used, and to Elizabeth DeFazio & Eileen Lancendorfer, who created all of the gorgeous flower arrangements) and last but not least, the delicious catered buffet.

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President's Message Continued...

Memories were shared.

A number of family members, friends and Club members spoke as part of the presentation. I thought Candy's remarks very aptly portrays the person Heidi was:

"Today, we are gathered together to honor our friend and teammate, Heidi Rittner. She faced the challenge of her cancer with the same courageous determination that she always demonstrated when competing.



Heidi had been an athlete all her life. She was voted most valuable player on her high school soccer team. After graduation she traveled to Brazil and the Netherlands to compete with her club soccer team.

If you know Heidi, she lived and breathed sports. Her goal was to make Team USA. She achieved this goal in 2016 but sadly found out that she had cancer and was unable to make it to NAC.

She battled her disease for a year and came back strong to win the



singles competition at the SW Open in 2017. She got to travel to China to compete in Tiger Bowls and brought home silver and bronze medals along with her teammates.

Heidi will be sorely missed by all those who loved her including her many bowling partners here today. Thank you for showing her family how much she was loved by being here today."

It was a beautiful sight.

Everyone was give a balloon (biodegradable, by the way) to release at the conclusion of the ceremonies. It was a beautiful sight to behold and created another fond memory to hold of Heidi.

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Presidents Message – The End..

It all starts with November.

I always consider the month of November to be the beginning of the Holiday season. My personal favorite is the Thanksgiving holiday. Happily, I have a lot to be thankful for and I love how this annual celebration of harvest and its bounty spans cultures and continents.

Although the name and timing of an autumn festival differs from country to country, it wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

This year, it's Thursday, November 22.

According to the National Turkey Federation, nearly 90 percent of Americans eat Turkey—



whether roasted, baked or deep-fried—on Thanksgiving.

I still remember the Turkey-centered meal I prepared for guests from Romania who turned out to be vegetarians. I was newly arrived from Wisconsin and had never met a vegetarian. Who knew? (I also served Ham to a Jewish dentist as part of an Easter meal....but that is another story.)

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A Committee has to be appointed.

In addition to featuring Thanksgiving, November is the month that the Club President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, has the duty to appoint a Nominating Committee of three Active Members who will select the 2019 candidates for each of the respective offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure and three Directors.

This year, the annual membership meeting and Board Election will be held on Sunday, December 9th.



If you want to be heard...

This will be your opportunity to become involved in the management of this unique organization and I know that many of you are up for the challenge.

I will send out more specific information about the Nominating Committee and Election the first week in November.

The Date is Sunday, December 9.

In the meantime, please mark your calendars for this special yearly event on Sunday, December 9, and think about how you can contribute your passion and expertise.

The Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club will be **THANKFUL** for your efforts.

Laurie Richards



More Private Parties...

We had one rain-out and one with sunshine.

I'm talking about the success we are having with private parties: one private birthday party got rained out but our second private party, a corporate party, was game-on! It was highly successful to make up the rained-out party.

"The birthday party is still on, we just need to come up with another date in the near future that works" Herb said.

Herb orchestrated the successful TIX corporate party with the help of volunteers, Patti Balsillie, Tom Gardner and Chuck Kunkel. "They made sure it was successful – thank you guys for your dedicated assistance", said Herb.

TIX specializes in developing box office software. They operate in the world's most iconic theater markets by securing the best discounted and full price last-minute tickets



Herb



Chuck



Patti



Tom

available for the most sought-after shows. They will be doing Long Beach's world renown event – the Grand Prix.

At the close of the party the word was that they wish to repeat the party again next year – and we look forward to making it as memorable.



A Little Of This...



Mark Your Calendar...

Sun., Dec. 2, Christmas Party

2018 SW & Bowls USA Tournaments (Hosted in Long Beach)

Sat., Dec. 1 - Winter League

2018 SW & Bowls USA Leagues

Mon-Sun., Oct., 29-Nov., 4 – World Single Championship
St. Johns Park, NSW Australia

Fri-Sat., Nov., 2-10 – Bowls USA Open
Sun City, Arizona

Sat., Nov., 17 – 2018 Waterbury All-League Championship
Long Beach, CA

Sun., Nov., 18 – 5 Man All-Star
Laguna Beach, CA

Turkey Shoot

Sunday, Nov., 11 @ 9:30am
Hermosa Beach

Lunch is provided & drinks

\$15.00 per person

Blind draw for pairs

Bowl 4X6 End Games

If interested, contact

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Get Prepared...

If I didn't know better.

It seems like just last month I was telling everyone about the Lydia House drive starting soon.



So get prepared for my pleas to contribute, and contribute generously.



Gayle Merrill



Ladies Day &

Super Shots...

Ladies Day Report...

Up coming Ladies Day Events

The sign up sheet for November 14 at Sun City is posted in the Ladies' locker room.

Yes, it is quite a ride to get there at 9:00am, but carpools can be arranged. Cost is \$5.00. Please wear your whites and bring a lunch. The club provides salads and desserts.

It's that time of the year.

It is time for the annual SWWD Holiday Luncheon at Laguna Woods. This year it is on Tue., Dec. 18, so hopefully we can have a table of eight or more attend from Long Beach.

A flyer will be posted soon with the cost which covers the luncheon as well as lawn bowling from 9:00-11:00am.

If you have questions, please contact your Club delegate, Shirley Price, at 562-866-0236, or shirleysprice@aol.com.

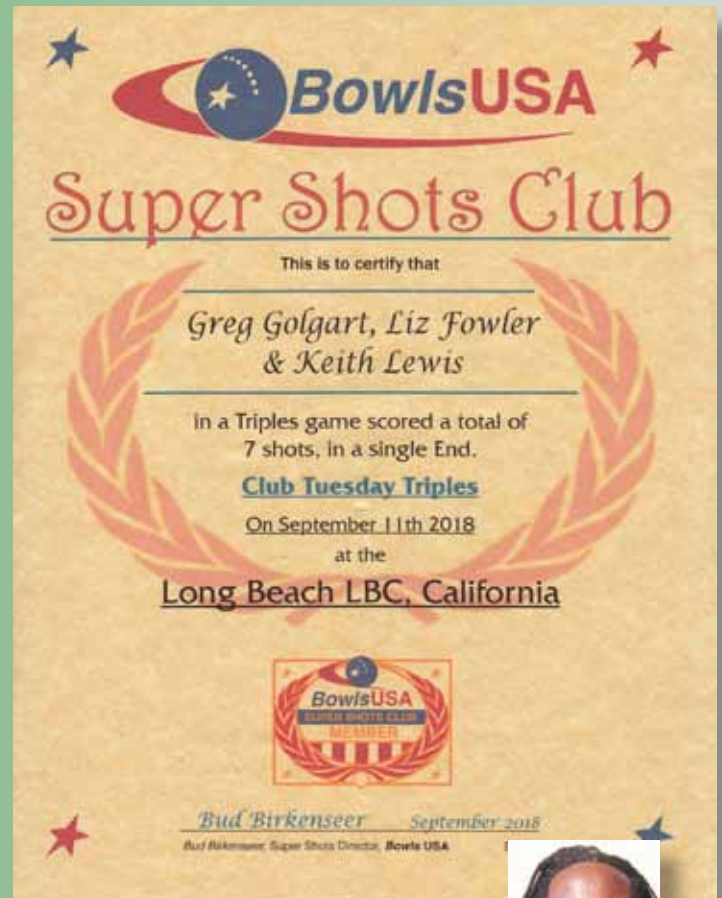
Shirley Price



Super Shots Club...

Three Club members honored

When a bowler scores 7 shots per a single end, they get recognized nationally by 'Bowls USA.



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

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| Glen Harwood | Nov. 2 |
| Nusheen Javadizadeh | Nov. 3 |
| Jackie Huisman | Nov. 4 |
| Norma Goodhart | Nov. 4 |
| Jason Chien | Nov. 13 |
| Douglas Allen | Nov. 16 |
| Alexis de la Garza | Nov. 16 |
| Lisa Struett | Nov. 24 |

And, recently we had three LBLBC members certified as having accomplished that feat, one of which is a Novice – Keith

Lewis, along with team mates Greg Goltart and Liz Fowler.



Keith and his wife, Barbara, joined in July, however, they have recently moved out of

state and they will be missed.



Tournament Results...

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Here are the results not previously reported:
(*LBLBC players in bold underlined*):

Jack Beckley Quinnell Rinks

Sun., Sept. 30 @ Santa Monica (15 entries)

● **1st Place:** Bill Brault, Ivan Hyland, Maryna Hyland & **Candy DeFazio**

● **2nd Place:** Kelly Warren, Ed Quo, Doreen Mayo & **Diana Wenzel**

● **3rd Place:** Rick Gregory, Terry Mar, **Robert Busciglio** & **Margi Rambo**

Oaks North Mixed Triples

Sat., Oct. 6 @ Oaks North (16 entries)

● **1st Place:** Roger Teske, **Robert Busciglio** & **Candy DeFazio**

Hiscock

Sun., Oct. 7 @ Coronado (14 entries)

● **4th Place:** Anne Nunes, **Robert Busciglio** & **Candy DeFazio**



(L-r)

Candy DeFazio, Bill Brault & Lynda Vance
(tournament sponsor)



Wenzel



Rambo



Busciglio

THIS JUST IN

Team USA Sweeps The
North American Challenge
And Wins All Seven Awards

••• *Unprecedented* •••

Candy DeFazio & Margi Rambo,
both LBLBC Members
were on the
US Womens Team
to take the Jarvis Triples & Fours



Wahoo!!!



A Little Of That...

CSULB & The OLLI Program...

More from Mel Leach on the OLLI program.



With the approval and support of the Club Board, an Osher Life-long Learning Institute (OLLI) Lawn Bowling class was conducted by Mel Leach and volunteers. The program started October 3 and continues through the month on Wednesdays.

Threat of the recent rain did not deter the 26 eager senior students from touring our club facilities. The six marvellous volunteer instructors help the student find their bowls for the first time.

After a basic depiction of the game, instructors Laurie Richardson, Diana Justin, Reggie Rook & Herb Glazeroff gave the students practice in delivering their first bowls with great success.

In the following three weeks, two more instructors, Steve Alessi and Patti Balsillie also guided the students in improving their basic skills and knowledge of the rules and games.

As the students' progressed

they applied their skills in singles, pairs and triples games. All the students have "come a long way" in their knowledge and skills leading to the excitement and fun of lawn bowling.

All Olli students were given an invitation to join our great club, and even if some did not join, they all will be good ambassadors for our sport.

The success of the program can be attributed to the awesome instructors. The students expressed their thanks for the fabulous volunteers that made it all possible.



Mel Leach



It's A Mystery...

Who Is The September/October Mystery Member?

We threw you a "curved ball" (on purpose) on the September/October Mystery Member, but did you figure it out that it was Jon Lee?

You may know me as the younger and handsomer brother to Jim Lee (He won't admit it but.....)

I was born and raised in Long Beach. After graduating from high school, I



joined the USAF and spent three years overseas in Germany as an analyst with a top-secret clearance.



After my military experience, I attended LBCC and LBUSC, to obtain my business degree.

After marrying and having two daughters, I began my 30+ year career as a painting contractor.

I've always remained active throughout my life playing sports that included golf, baseball and especially volleyball, which I still play today.

After recently retiring, I've taken up two new endeavours: playing bridge and lawn bowling, which along with an occasional paint job keeps me busy, to say the least.



Do you have a photo you would like to challenge the members with?

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

And This Too...

October Riddle

RIDDLE: What has
holes all over it
but...
still holds water:

ANSWER:

A SPONGE

We never know if anyone gets the correct answer to the Riddle, until now: Steve Alessi responded – and he got it correctly!

Time For Another Riddle

RIDDLE: What is it
that gets
wetter and wetter
as it dries?

ANSWER:

**Look for it
in the next
Write Shot**

Pat Gonzales let us know WE GOOFED. In the write up accompanying the October Photo Puzzler, we described Randy Hatfield's most colourful participant award as being in the Aussie Pairs Tournament – it was actually a win in the Carnival Tournament.



Puzzler Answer For October Photos

**Did you identify all ten differences?
Joel Fruehan did – AGAIN!!!**

Puzzler for October 2018

1. Randy Hatfield's pant legs longer
2. Pat Gonzales' red under jacket missing
3. Lifeguard logo reversed on red sweatshirt
4. Pat logo on jacket missing
5. The green railing support leg is fatter
6. The painted yellow stripes missing
7. Pashi Vakiva's necklace is missing
8. Steve Alessi's Oakley logo on hat missing
9. Paper in Pat's hand missing
10. Someone stole Jean Cochran's cup of coffee

November Photo Puzzler!

Let Them Eat Cake!

Newbies were honoured at the Club's Labor Day BBQ Party with cake.

It should be a "piece of cake" for you to find the 10 differences in the bottom photo.

Sorry to say all that was left of the cake was some crumbs.

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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