

GUV SALUTES LAWN BOWLING

Boosting public recognition of California Lawn Bowls Day on May 9th, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has commended the efforts of the Southwest Division of USLBA for its "efforts to encourage the challenge of lawn bowling and awareness of the game."



The governor should know about sport challenges. In addition to his highly storied career as a champion body builder prior to his successful motion picture and political careers, Schwarzenegger was chairman of the President's Council On Physical Fitness during the George Bush (41) administration.

While it's not likely anyone will catch the Governor rolling a few at a bowling green in Sacramento during the Open House Day, or near his home in Beverly Hills, his support is a significant step in the right direction.

In addition to a 2009 encore of last year's Open House promotion that was so successful in Southern California, bowling clubs in the northern half of the state will also be participating this year.

The May 9th "Saturday On The Green" will again feature free lessons and demonstrations by national champions. Enthusiastic club members will be joined by veteran players to show newcomers how it's done. Most clubs will have the welcome mat out from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Last year, the May Open House program netted nearly 400 new Southern California bowlers.

Most of the Open House programs are co-op projects of bowling clubs and their local parks and recreation departments.



2009 SWD ELECTIONS

Howard Harris, San Diego LBC, has been elected president of the Southwest Lawn Bowls Association for calendar 2009. He moves up from the vice-president's spot, after serving with retiring president, Mert Isaacman, during the past three years.

New to the men's slate of officers are *Vice-president* Phil Luth, and *Division secretary*, Tom Hargraves, both members of Newport Harbor. Brian Studwell, Santa Monica, continues as *Division treasurer*. Hargraves succeeds Sun City's Conrad Melton, who held the position for the better part of the past decade.

District representatives for 2009 are: *South*—Jim Olson (alternate Terry Collins); *Orange*—Cliff Hill (alternate Harvey Miller); *Coast*—Tony Baer (alternate Bill King); *Citrus*—Joe Bender (alternate Mitch Woods); *Central*—Gary Jones (alternate Bob Hauerwass); *West*—Bill Wolff (alternate Joe Siegman); *North*—Bert Kessler (alternate Joe Brown).

2009 committee chairs: *Tournaments triad* is Gary Fischer, Jim Olson and Tom Hargraves; Gary Jones *SWD Ethics*; Joe Siegman *Communications* (with SWWD), serving with Sam DeLisle, Ted Farfaglia, Tom Hargraves and Phil Luth. Other committee chairs and members TBA.

SWD PRESIDENT MESSAGE

The SWLBA is moving toward greater utilization of technology in order to increase communication with all bowlers in the US.

- You can register at the SW website to receive communications delivered to your email box.
- You can register to receive this Green Jack as soon as it is available.
- You can register to receive flyers regarding all SWLBA and invitational tournaments.
- You can also register to receive information regarding SWLBA news.

To register to receive any or all of this information go to: http://www.swlawnbowls.com/contact_us.html.

If you would like "instant" tournament results, you can get them texted directly to your cell phone. Text "SWLBA" to 41411. Reply to the text that you receive back with a "Y" and you will subscribe to this free service. Carrier text charges may apply. As soon as an event is over you will receive a text identifying the winner of the event.

If you want more detailed information about tournaments, check out <http://swlba.blogspot.com> This blog will show the full tournament standing and should be available very shortly after a tournament is concluded. Just click on the picture of the scoreboard and it will enlarge so you can see how your favorite team did. You can combine the text and the blog, as the text will identify for you that new blog tournament data is available.

SWLBA bowlers can now enter Division-sponsored events online. Just go to www.swlawnbowls.com and find the tournament page. You will find a Paypal link and you can register and pay for the tournament online. All of this at no cost to you.

The SWLBA needs your help. At the greens we have all learned that if each bowler returns one piece of equipment to the shed after a game, then no one bowler is left with all of the work.

The same holds true for assisting in operating the business of bowls. We are currently in need of bowlers to fill several positions in the Division. We are looking for a person who will take charge of selling SWLBA items such as shirts and pins. We are also looking for a person who will head-up a committee to help focus in the Division marketing effort.

We are also looking towards setting up a speakers bureau for the Division. The SWLBA would like to be able to send speakers to community groups to promote the sport. If you are a member of a group that is need of a speaker, or if you would like to volunteer as a member of the speaker's bureau, please let us know.

If you can help out the Division in any of these roles, or any other way, please let your district representative know, or contact Howard Harris at: howard@sandiegolawnbowling.com

Santa Monica Sweeps Winter League

For the first time since the Southwest Division's Winter League's inception one club has swept both the Trophy and Development League championships.

Santa Monica LBC edged Long Beach by the narrowest of margins, a single point, to capture the 2009 Trophy League title. At the same time, Santa Monica clubmates outdistanced the Development League field to win top honors.

The Winter League, open to men and women bowlers of all SWD clubs, is played December through March, featuring two levels of competition: the Trophy League for experienced players, and Development League for non-tournament bowlers and novices.

Both levels of competition involve a rinks match and two

pairs matches per club vs club playdate. Each match is valued at 10 points, with a maximum total of 30 points for the playdate. All matches are 15 ends, with 3 points awarded for most shots earned for each five ends, and a bonus 3 points for match winner.

Participating clubs this year included: Alhambra, Beverly Hills, Friendly Valley, Hermosa Beach, Long Beach, Newport Harbor, Pasadena, Santa Anita, Santa Monica, and The Groves.

Pasadena LBC's Bob Ratcliffe is commissioner of the Winter League, which will resume again at the end of the year.

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“COME ON DOWN!”

Lawn bowlers don't only have fun on grass. On March 30th, an energetic group of Southern California bowlers got together to attend a live taping of CBS-TV's "Price Is Right".

Twenty-two lawn bowlers made the trek from far and wide points on the Southwest Division map, meeting up at the CBS Television Studios in Hollywood. All-together, the bowlers represented eight SWD clubs. They came to watch, but quietly and not-so-quietly hoped to be one of the lucky ones picked to as contestants.

With some 250 potential contestants in the audience, selection as one of the ten chosen to participate on the show was remote at best. But luck was a lawn bowling lady that night. The bowler who was called to "COME ON DOWN!" was Donna Punaro, of the Beverly Hills LBC. No. She didn't win a Lexus or a trip around the world. Her booty included a state-of-the-art exercise bicycle. But she had a thrilling once-in-lifetime experience, made her national TV debut, and shared it with 21 new lawn bowling friends. Her "Price Is Right" appearance was seen on the Channel 2 screen on April 15th.

Donna only began bowling last May, a dividend of the Division-wide Open House. FYI—The show's system of selecting each day's contestants consists of a sign-in of audience members, producing ID, getting a name tag,

filling out a form, being photographed, and an interview—a process that takes about three hours. The actual taping is close to 90-minutes.

In-between there is lots of chatter, while meeting others who spent the night in line to obtain an entry number. That was all compensated by guaranteed group seating. Once inside the studio, loud music set the tone for an exhilarating mood. After last minute instructions, the host, Drew Carey, took the stage for one of the most popular and best-known audience-participation game shows on television.

It was a full day of fun in Hollywood. Participating Southwest Division bowlers were: Donna Punaro of Beverly Hills; Christy Diller, John and Litty McRoberts of Laguna Woods; Isabella Forbes of Long Beach (and USLBA President); Emily Carpenter, Mary Dooley, Sharon Grady and daughter, Danelle, Terry Heeley, Patty Lucas, Dee McSparran, and Mary Shandy of Newport Harbor; Kottia Spangler of Riverside, and friends Susan Lomax and Sandy Harrell; Christine Ludwig and Howard Harris (President of the SW Men's Division) of San Diego; Joline Beck-Birdzell and daughter Chris, Wayne Birdzell, Carrie Fossati, Charlyn Moltane, Gloria Montes, and Angie Salgado of Santa Ana; and Theota LeDonne of Sun City.

Reported by Carrie Fossati

DEAR DR. GOODWICK.....

RX for more consistent excellence

Dear Doctor

Of all the things I could do to become a better bowler, what do you think is most important?

Seeker of Excellence

Dear Seeker,

Your first job is to be mentally focused on your body during each component of your delivery. How are you standing? Are your feet pointed toward your aiming point? Are your knees bent? Do you take your backswing straight away and along your aiming line? Is your downswing straight along your aiming line? Do you flip your wrist? Do you dump the bowl so high off the surface of the rink that is would be subject to "taking a funny bounce" and going awry? Do you meticulously scrutinize your delivery line to see if it is exactly on top of your aiming line? (If you don't, you won't know how to adjust your aiming point if you don't dead-draw the jack.) Do you follow through until your arm is parallel to the surface of the rink and your hand is pointing toward your



aiming point?

An exaggerated follow through is often an instant fix for people who have a tendency to miss their aiming line.

Good bowlers usually hit their aiming line consistently. Then all they have to do is adjust their weight. You'll see many good bowlers come up short or finish behind the jack on their first bowl. But on their second bowl they adjust their weight and finish very close to their target, whether they're drawing to the jack, putting in a block, or sending down a back-bowl.

One of the best drills for making your deliveries consistent is called "The Reproducibility Drill" or "Garbage Can Lid Drill." You roll a bowl, then try to reproduce that same delivery with your next three bowls. Practice until you can consistently roll four bowls, whereby you can cover all four of them with a garbage can lid.

Then call me. I want to be your partner next year.



HOLD THAT TIGER, BOWL!

Once a year there is a wonderful tournament held in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, China called the Tiger Bowls World Invitational.

58 teams from China and its various provinces entered this year along with teams from nineteen other countries. The participants came from as far away as Botswana, Scotland and Wales, and as near as Macau, Japan and The Philippines. Some of the others were: Fiji, Brunei, England, Cyprus, Canada, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, Thailand and the USA.

The U.S. team featured Burl Roller from Florida, Arizona's Jim Copeland, Dan Christiansen, Long Beach, and Phil Dunn, Santa Monica.

The event is a Rinks (Fours) tournament, divided into two segments: two days in Hong Kong, followed by an award ceremony and banquet; then two days in Shenzhen, China, with its award ceremony and banquet.

Bowling in Hong Kong was a rare treat as the Hong Kong Football Club and the Craigenpower Cricket Clubs are holdovers from the period when British influence pervaded social life. There is an aristocratic flavor to the whole experience.

The clubs are large and impressive, with numerous amenities. For example in the HKFC they have a football field, horse racing track, outside and inside restaurants, a gymnasium, indoor and outdoor bowling, and of course

plenty of room for entertainment. There is valet parking, and tight security. Cost of membership calls for deep pockets. In other words, it's something akin to an American country club, absent the golf course, but featuring a lot more.

The CCC is a similar establishment, with it's own restaurant, entertainment areas, indoor and outdoor bowling, etc. One of the things I got a kick out of was watching the waiters in formal black ties and white shirts bringing water out for the players. You start thinking that this is the way bowling should be everywhere.

The games themselves were quick exciting eight-end matches and you would typically play from three to five games a day. Everyone is on their best behavior since each player is a de facto ambassador for his country.

USA did not do as well this time as last year, when an American foursome featuring Southern Californians Chris Booth and Bill Brault captured the China Trophy. But we held our own and finished in the middle of the pack. We had some good victories against Australia, Shenzhen and Hong Kong, amongst others. China, with it's fifty-eight teams, also did not win. A team comprised of bowlers from various countries, called the International Barbarians, walked away with top honors in Hong Kong. In Shenzhen, the Trophy winner was Malaysia, and Philippines took home the runner-up award Plate.

Reported by Phil Dunn

SEX

It's time for a change at The Green Jack. As we begin the 6th year of TGJ, a call is going out for some new blood to take over the positions of Editor and Designer/Compositor. It's actually a fun activity, and serves Southern California Lawn Bowling..

For those interested in creative writing and being an insider to the goings on of Southern California lawn bowling, and those who enjoy the challenges of designing publications, in this case about subject matter you personally enjoy, you are our man or our woman....or both!

Okay. There's nothing terribly sexy about the positions. But at least we grabbed your attention.

Give a little time to support your favorite activity. It's just four issues a year. And the old guys who are hanging 'em up will always be available to assist you.

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39th ANNUAL

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GOT INFO?

Everything that's going on in American lawn bowling, and some international stuff, too, can easily be found with a couple of mouse clicks.

Take your pick: www.swlawnbowls.com or www.trylawnbowling.com Either one takes you to the Southwest Lawn Bowls Association website where it's all there: news, schedules, results, the annual SWD calendar for men and women, current and back issues of The Green Jack, photos of current and past events, instruction on the finer points of the game.

TODOS! EVERYTHING!

HEY CYBIL, HEY LINDA: GOT A JOB?

Linda Jahraus won't get you a job, but she'll take your call. Cybil and Harvey Bernash will answer, too.

Linda is a member of the Laguna Beach LBC, and the Bernashes bowl at Newport Harbor and The Groves.

According to an Alabama newspaper, The Montgomery Advertiser, The Southern California residents have picked up the telephone receiver thousands of times only to hear out-of-work Alabamans on the other end.

Many of the calls were made to 866-234-5282—a number set up for a lawn bowling convention in Southern California. (ed: the 2006 AARP convention) When people called that number to get information about lawn bowling, the calls would connect to convention members.

That was more than two years ago. The bowlers' 800 number was thought to have been discontinued.

Alabamans who have been laid off—and the number is growing because of the recession—can apply for jobless benefits by calling the unemployment compensation call center at 866-234-5382.

However, a computer glitch caused calls to that number to ring at the Jahraus and Bernash households. The center opens for business at 7 a.m. weekdays, so the ringing starts at 5 a.m. because of the difference between time zones.

It seems that all the Bernashes do these days is say "hello." The calls to their number started a couple of months ago. "We're kind of out of our head now with all the ringing," said Harvey Bernash.

A glitch at the unemployment compensation call center—not misdialing—is what's causing the mix-up, according to

Jahraus, who with the help of her friend, Cybil Bernash, has done her own investigation into the crossed lines.

Besides her own carrier, Quest, Jahraus has grilled the Alabama Public Service Commission, which regulates telecommunications in the state, and the agency in charge of the call center, the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations.

One day this week, just before 1 p.m. on the West Coast, Jahraus had received about 50 calls. When the calls first started coming in, she would hang up. After a while, she noticed the calls were from Alabama and started asking callers whom they were trying to reach.

"One man had been trying for three days to get through to the unemployment office," Jahraus said. "And either the job seeker was connected to Jahraus, received a busy signal, didn't get an answer at all, or ended up chatting with one of the Bernashes."

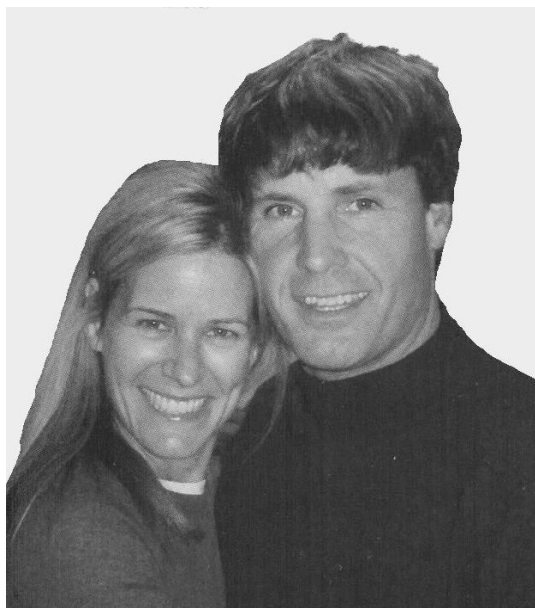
Cybil Bernash was the one who found out Jahraus was getting the same calls from Alabama that she was. When she decided to call the industrial relations department to report the problem, the call was routed to Jahraus.

The Bernashes sometimes deal with the calls by simply unplugging the phone. "We turned the ringer off today," Harvey Bernash said Monday. "I put a kill switch on my incoming line, and we turn the ringer off at night."

Jahraus thought about changing her number when the calls started about six months ago, but she has had the number for 32 years. "It started with just a couple of phone calls a day," Jahraus said. "Then we got more."

All's well than ends well. The glitch has been corrected.

Herbert's Profiled In International Bowls Magazine



Newport Harbor's Charlie and Kathy Herbert, So. Cal. lawn bowling's version of Sonny and Cher, or Charthy, as they might be described on YouTube, were recently profiled by preeminent bowls writer David Rhys Jones in International Bowls Magazine.

Charlie had been competing at the World Indoor Championships at the time. The story, titled "Terminator Backs Bowls", told of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's support for California lawn bowling. Writer Jones was briefed on the governor's recent recommendation of lawn bowls, which coincides with the May 9th statewide Open House program.

Jones described the Herberts as "enthusiastic converts to bowls", as Charlie informed him that "bowls is thriving in his neck of the woods".

Wrote Jones: "The Herberts live just ten minutes down the road from Tiger Woods and have come up with a brilliant idea to involve the golfing icon in a move to popularize bowls: 'Tiger endorses a scheme to introduce disadvantaged children to golf, and we thought we might persuade him to kick-start a similar scheme for bowls,' said Charlie. (ED: "scheme" is the British expression for "program")

"I was looking at my own set of woods, which are Henselite Tigers," said Charlie. "And, of course, we refer to them as woods. So what a gift—Tiger Woods!"

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Don Goodrich Senior Triples

Green #1

- 1st Marinko Tudor, Steve Dowd, Houdini Ho
 2nd Paula Bellone, Jo Mumma, Judai Melton
 3rd Joe Moletta, Chris Kennedy, Hildegard Kennedy
 4th Bob Schmalhotz, Albert Schmid, Gisela Schmid

Green # 2

- 1st Bo Bowbeer, Larry McDonald, Fred Kodnar
 2nd Christine Ludwig, Chuck Cooper, Margaret Cooper
 3rd Paul Gresbrink, Tom Glass, Rose Blennov
 4th Jack Bruce, Roberto Moran, Vern Konen

Vet/Novice Triples

Green #1

- 1st Cathie Herbert, Jim Kelley, Missy Parker
 2nd Brian Stewart, Phil Luth, Chuck Muser
 3rd Charlie Herbert, Rob Kost, Brad Parker
 4th Bill King, Scott Boyd, Malcolm Buxton

Green # 2

- 1st Bill Hiscock, Gary Fischer, Lynda Borkum
 2nd Bo Bowbeer, Loyde Stewart, Les Cantin
 3rd Ben French, Katy Stone, Connie Melvin
 4th Jan Hargraves, Dee McSparran, George Petyo

BBT MEMORY GLASS TOURNEY

Singles

- 1st Steve Smith
 2nd Ian Ho
 3rd Anne Nunes
 4th Bill Brault

Pairs

- 1st Anne Nunes, Michael Siddall
 2nd Ian Ho, Bill Brault
 Best of Tournament: Anne Nunes and Ian Ho

Mumma Mixed Pairs

Green #1

- 1st Eva Lee, Simon Meyerowitz
 2nd Robin Olson, Jim Olson
 3rd Brenda Wright, Phil Salt
 4th Jan Hargraves, Phil Luth

Green #2

- 1st Evelyn Tiel, Bob Hill
 2nd Jo Mumma, Larry Mumma
 3rd Mert Pambianco, Rick Gregory
 Overall Trophy winners: Evelyn Tiel, Bob Hill

Stirrat Triples

- 1st Michael Siddall, Brenda Wright, Phil Luth
 2nd Jim Olson, Robin Olson, Anne Nunes
 3rd Joe Regan, Simon Meyerowitz, Eva Lee
 4th Ivan Hyland, Ian Ho, Maryna Hyland

Women's Aussie Pairs

- 1st Olga McCord, Duxie Smuckler
 2nd Dee McSparran, Patty Lucas
 3rd Cecile Langevin, Verna Wallace
 4th Heather Stewart, Anne Nunes

SWD Triples

- 1st Phil Dunn, Jim Olson, Chris Booth
 2nd Charlie Herbert, Loren Dion, Brian Stewart
 3rd Ian Ho, Liam Courtney, Nick Savage
 4th Bill Hiscock, Len Wasserman, Dan Johnson
 Consolation: Michael Siddall, Pat Chan, Gary Fischer

Chris Hyland Triples

- 1st Cecile Langevin, Pat Gonzalez, Katy Stone
 2nd Kottia Spangler, Anne Nunes, Olga McCord
 3rd Christine Ludwig, Dee McSparran, Lynda Borkum

SWD Rinks

- 1st Aaron Zangl, Dan Christensen, Ed Quo, Liam Courtney
 2nd Lloyd Kennedy, Paul Gresbrink, Bill King, Robert Alessi
 3rd Jim Olson, Phil Dunn, Chris Booth, Boyce Stringer

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE May thru Aug

4/26 Sun.	Amador Martinez Triples	Oxnard
5/2 Sat.	The Detta Marvin Mixed Triples	Laguna Beach
5/3 Sun.	Ralph Ecton Triples	Oxnard
5/9 Sat.	OPEN HOUSE	
5/16 Sat.	The Jean MacAuley Mixed Triples	Laguna Woods
5/17 Sun.	California Bears	Santa Anita
5/20 Wed.	Ladies Day	Redlands
5/23 Sat. - 5/25 Mon.	Disney Tournament	Beverly Hills
5/30 Sat. - 6/4 Thu.	Southwest Division Open	Santa Anita
6/6 Sat	City of Hope Triples	Santa Anita
6/7 Sun	Senior (55+) Games	Pasadena
6/13 Sat. -6/14 Sun.	US Singles Playdowns (Men)	Newport
	US Pairs Playdowns (Women)	Long Beach
6/17 Wed.	Ladies Day	Long Beach
6/20 Sat. -6/21 Sun.	US Singles Playdowns (Men Finals)	Newport
	US Pairs Playdowns (Women Finals)	Long Beach
6/27 Sat.	Laguna Beach Open Pairs	Laguna Beach
6/28 Sun.	Novice Singles (Men & Women)	Newport
7/11 Sat. - 7/12 Sun.	US Pairs Playdowns (Men)	Laguna Beach
	US Singles Playdowns (Women)	Newport
7/15 Wed.	Ladies Day	Newport
7/18 Sat. - 7/19 Sun.	US Pairs Playdowns (Men Finals)	Laguna Beach
	US Singles Playdowns (Finals Women)	Newport
7/25 Sat. - 7/26 Sun.	Murray-Allison Singles (Mens)	Newport
7/25 Sat	Division Rinks (Women)	The Groves
8/1 Sat	Ruth Erickson Triples	San Diego
8/2 Sun.	Fox Mixed Pairs	San Diego
8/8 Sat. - 8/9 Sun.	Cary-MacDonald Pairs (Men)	Long Beach
8/8 Sat.	Vet-Novice Pairs (Women)	Laguna Beach
8/15 Sat.	Persina Mixed Triples	Newport
8/6 - 8/16	Asia Pacific Games	
8/19 Wed.	Ladies Day	Laguna Beach
8/22 Sat.	Ralph Ecton Triples	Oxnard
8/23 Sun.	Novice Pairs (Men)	Laguna Woods
8/29 Sat.	Pat Gonzales Mixed Australian Pairs	Long Beach
8/30 Sun.	Maccabee Pairs	Beverly Hills

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