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113 bowlers at the Joslyn tournament at Holmby Park on September 6, 2014

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

On Saturday, September 6, our club hosted the prestigious Joslyn Mixed Triples (JMT) tournament. The first annual JMT was held at Santa Monica LBC in August, 1985. Mr. Joslyn was a truly exceptional man. He was trained as an attorney, but he also excelled as a businessman and a financial wizard.

More importantly for our community, he was also an avid lawn bowler and President Emeritus of our club. In 1960, he founded the M. L. Joslyn Foundation, which donated ample funds to a number of deserving lawn bowling clubs and senior centers. On the May 21, 1986, on the 25th anniversary celebration of his Foundation, then-President Ronald Reagan congratulated by writing: *"This private sector voluntary effort is an outstanding example of what can be done by Americans for Americans without dependency on government."*

The JMT was planned as an annual event, and for a number of years, it was held at Lake Hodges LBC. In 2007, Bill Kagan, then-Tournament Chair of the SWD, approached me whether we would be receptive to hosting the JMT in the future. I eagerly accepted this challenge, as we wanted to honor the memory of this uniquely generous benefactor to our sport. We also decided to carry on the legacy of his generosity by awarding substantial cash prizes to the winning teams. Over the years, we have indeed solidified our reputation as a friendly club.

We reshaped this tournament by demonstrating the inclusiveness of our sport. We favor more interaction between 'social' and 'tournament' bowlers. We believe that our JMT attracts players from both of these groups. We also differentiated our event by asking bowlers to participate not as individuals forming teams on an ad hoc basis, but as representatives of their clubs. Finally, we have made the JMT more accessible to bowlers of all ages by limiting the event to 30, rather than the more typical 40 (or more) ends. Remarkably, 32 teams entered.

Since 2008, evidence abounded that participating bowlers supported this approach. Life is full of mutually beneficial interactions and we hope that by hosting this 'all inclusive' event, we have contributed something to our community of bowlers. We believe that due to the hard work of our dedicated volunteers, this event was also a success. It would be unfair to single out only those members whose contribution was most visible. Many were involved with the eight week long preparations, while others worked tirelessly, but out of sight, from 7 am till 4 pm on September 6th. There are not enough words in my vocabulary to thank this large group of volunteers adequately, but you should know that all your individual contributions were much appreciated. Thank you.

This special issue is completely devoted to this event. I find no better way to close this report than quoting Mr. Joslyn himself: *"No man amounts to anything by himself. One can only rise by the friendships and loyalties of those around him, which can only be secured by thoughtfulness, courtesy and fairness."*

Joslyn Mixed Triples 2014

Final Results - A group

Rank	Club		MP	PP
1	Santa Monica	A	6	+ 15
2	Newport	A	6	+ 14
3	Newport	B	6	+ 11
4	Laguna Beach	A	4	+ 16
5	Beverly Hills	A	4	+ 8
6	Santa Anita	A	4	- 1
7	Santa Barbara	A	3	+ 9
8	The Groves	A	3	+ 3
9	Mackenzie	A	2	- 3
10	Long Beach	A	2	- 6
11	Holmby	A	2	- 7
12	Hemet	A	2	- 11
13	Friendly Valley	A	2	- 17
14	Laguna Woods	A	1	- 10
15	Sun City	A	1	- 12
16	Alhambra	A	0	- 9

Joslyn Mixed Triples 2014

Final Results - B group

Rank	Club		MP	PP
1	Long Beach	B	6	+ 7
2	The Groves	B	4	+ 17
3	Beverly Hills	B	4	+ 16
4	Holmby	B	4	+ 4
5	Oxnard	A	4	+ 3
6	Hemet	B	4	- 3
7	Santa Anita	B	4	- 4
8—9	Alhambra	B	3	- 2
8—9	Santa Monica	B	3	- 2
10	San Diego	A	3	- 5
11	Santa Monica	C	2	+ 6
12	Sun City	B	2	- 6
13	Laguna Woods	B	2	- 7
14	Coronado	A	1	- 7
15	Laguna Beach	B	1	- 12
16	Hermosa Beach	A	0	- 8



A group, Winner: Santa Monica A team
Zvica Hadar, Linda Lou Burton, Phil Dunn



B group, Winner: Long Beach B team
R. Rock, S. Johnson, G. Goltart



A group, Runner up: Newport Harbor A team
J. Hargraves, B. Stewart, D. Phillips



B group, Runner up: The Groves B team
P. Walsh, R. Bunch, K. Weigel



A group, 3rd place: Newport Harbor B team
Ivan and Maryna Hyland, Ian Ho



B group, 3rd place: Beverly Hills B team
D. Standiford, Molly Smulian, H. Horowitz



A group, 4th place: Laguna Beach A team
S. Roberts, Kim Heiser, L. Roberts



B group, 4th place: Holmby Park B team
Rudy and Catherine Uribe, Zev Zilbershtein



A group, 5th place: Beverly Hills A team
Marty Bierman, C. Barkovich, V. Green



B group, 5th place: Oxnard A team
D. Gibson, D. Arevalo, P. Zarate



A group, 6th place: Santa Anita A team
Marinko Tudor, Margi Rambo, Shuman Chan



B group, 6th place: Hemet-Joslyn B team
Bud Shelley, Christine Collins, Michael LaFrenais

CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO THE WINNERS.

A group: 1st prize: Santa Monica A team	=	\$ 405
2nd prize: Newport Harbor A team	=	225
3rd prize: Newport Harbor B team	=	180
4th prize: Laguna Beach A team	=	45
5th prize: Beverly Hills A team	=	45
6th prize: Santa Anita A team	=	45

B group: 1st prize: Long Beach B team	=	\$ 300
2nd prize: The Groves B team	=	195
3rd prize: Beverly Hills B team	=	150
4th prize: Holmby Park B team	=	45
5th prize: Oxnard A team	=	45
6th prize: Hemet-Joslyn B team	=	45

Total cash prizes awarded to 36 bowlers = \$ 1,725

A FEW COMMENTS OF OUR TOURNAMENT 2014

Our 2014 Joslyn tournament was a huge success. Dishes began streaming into the kitchen as early as 7:00 AM and did not stop until lunchtime. The amazing fruit bowls and platters along with a wonderful assortment of salads were the perfect additions to our menu. Homemade cakes, brownies, and cookies were the final touch. My thanks to those of you who weathered the hot kitchen and worked very hard to see that bowlers from all over the Southland were made to feel very welcome. It was testimony to your dedication to our club that you willingly gave your time to see that the event went very smoothly - and it did. Thank you again. You are the best!

By our V.P. Linda Bator

'I thank you and your club for hosting the Joslyn event. My team and I had a wonderful time and your club should be very proud of the event that you put on. It is always a highlight of the tournament year.'

By Scott Roberts, Secretary, SWLBA

'Well done Tom. I agree, Mr. Joslyn did more for bowls and their communities than most put together. You do a great job in his memory and we all appreciated that.'

By SWLBA Pres. Dr. Collins

I also want to thank all our volunteers who made this event a success!

SOME OBSERVATIONS OF OUR TOURNAMENT 2014

Since, many years ago, we started to host the prestigious JMT at Holmby Park, neither of the two participating Newport Harbor teams have ever lost a single game. This time again, quite predictably, they won all their games, but their **A team** inexplicably allowed 7 points (super shot against them?) at the end of the last match. This created a three way MP tie on the top, with the Santa Monica A team winning by a single plus point.

In the **B group**, the 1st place was decided during the last match between two unbeaten teams. In that match, Long Beach won against The Groves by two points and became the winner. Congratulations to all winners!

In both, the A and B group, we had only one team (out of 16!) that finished without winning, or at least tying, these closely fought matches. This is truly remarkable, if you consider that this is one of those rare events where the 'tournament' players mix with those considered 'social' bowlers. Perhaps more such competitions would be in the interest of all bowlers, as well as of our sport.

We are also proud of our **Holmby teams**. The A team (Cecil, Corey and Betsy) started with a spectacular super shot (rare in high level competitions), won their first match, but faded by the end of the day. Perhaps our hard working ladies are responsible for this, by serving such a delicious lunch before the second match. Our B team (Rudy, Catherine and Zev) did considerably better. They won their first, and third matches, but lost the second by one point. By one single point! Still, this score was good enough for a 4th place finish. We are delighted that some of our novice players are so competitive and are improving enough to give a good game to talented tournament players. A 'Big Thank you!' to all six bowlers who represented our club on this day. **Go Holmby!**

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