

LAWN BOWLING + AARP = LIFE@50+ EXPO IN ANAHEIM

Elton John, Dan Rather, Bill Cosby and Lawn Bowling are among the featured performers at the up-coming AARP Life@50+ National Expo, October 26-28, at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Elton will sing and Cosby provide laughs. Rather will deliver the keynote opening speech. And, through the efforts of a collation of Southern California lawn bowlers, underwritten by the men's Southwest Division, lawn bowling will come to life on the exhibition floor. The Expo is open to the public and 25,000 visitors are expected.

The lawn bowling Expo display, including a specially made 30-foot indoor bowling carpet provided by Henselite, is one of 251 exhibits and information providers who will have a presence at the annual AARP Convention.

Dozens of Southern California lawn bowlers have taken on an assortment of responsibilities, many of them as greeters/ambassadors/demonstrators of the game to AARP's anticipated throng of visitors. Special outfits will be provided to Expo volunteers, and bowling equipment will be supplied by both Henselite's Brian Studwell and Drake's Pride's Howard Harris.

In addition to lawn bowling demonstrations, there will also be a dazzling array of commercial and non-profit exhibits of interest to the baby boomer-and-beyond attendees, including many health-related associations staffed to provide one-on-one information.

Among the prominent personalities participating in one or more elements of the Expo are: Raquel Welch, who presents a talk on "Graceful Aging"; Carl Reiner—"AARP Celebrates Movies For Grown-Ups"; TV news anchor Connie Chung; fitness experts Denise Austin and Billy Blanks; football legend Terry Bradshaw; poet Maya Angelou; actresses Ruby Dee and Queen Latifah; and award-winning documentarian Ken Burns.

Recognizing the extraordinary opportunity to promote lawn

bowls via this unique AARP event, the USLBA Memorial Foundation and dozens of local bowlers and clubs have buttressed the men's Southwest Division financial underwriting with generous donations to the project. A listing of these donors appears on page 5.

Anyone wishing to serve as an Expo lawn bowling volunteer should contact: Conrad Melton—conimelt@verizon.net or Jan Hargraves—mavericktj@adelphia.net

The lawn bowling Expo Organizing Committee, chaired by Joe Siegman, includes: Men's SWD president Mert Isaacman, Tony Baer, Stan Bloom, Jim Gill, Jan Hargraves, Howard Harris, USLBA president Izzy Forbes, Linda Jahraus, John Marks, Dee McSparran, Conrad Melton, Bob Nunes, SWWD president Shirley Price, Heather Stewart, Jerry Stewart, Brian Studwell, and Bill Wolff.

The Southwest Division will introduce a new website at the Expo: trylawnbowling.com

Bowlers who wish to get the complete "skinny" on the AARP event and/or the full three-day schedule of speakers, seminars, live entertainment and other events available at Life@50+ Expo can find the full story at: Life@50+ via Google, Yahoo or your favorite internet search engine. Full and day passes to the Expo are available to the public at reasonable charges, which are also listed on the internet.



Tony Baer's rendering of the AARP "Life@50+" Expo exhibit features an indoor Henselite carpet bowling green. Visitors will be able to roll few and win a prize

SWD HOSTS NINE COUNTRIES AT SEPTEMBER 25–30 “INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE” IN ORANGE COUNTY

Laguna Beach and Newport Harbor LBCs have been named venues for the annual “International Challenge”, featuring champion bowlers from 10 countries. The Challenge is the only USA bowls event featured on the World Bowls federation calendar.

The 2006 edition of the Challenge will field the largest

number of participants in the tournament’s four-year history, and represents the highest level of bowls competition ever held in the United States.

Participating countries are: Australia, Canada, mainland China, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, New Zealand, Scotland, USA and Wales.

Singles are scheduled for September 25-27, Pairs–September 28-30. Format is round robin, with leaders playing for medal positions. Prize money will be awarded to the top four finishers in each event.

Competition will be augmented with a pizza party on Sept. 24, colorful Opening Ceremonies Sept. 25, dinner party

Sept. 26, BBQ Sept. 28, and Awards party Sept. 30.

Tournament directors are Sam DeLisle and Mert Isaacman.

Visitors are invited to view all playdates, which begin at 9 a.m. daily, except Opening Ceremonies that begin at 8:45 a.m. on September 25, to be followed by first matches.

CANADA TOPS USA AT NAC

Canada’s national team defeated the U.S. national team at the North American Challenge test matches, August 9–B12, in Regina, Saskatchewan.

The annual two-nation competition features ten men and ten women representing each country in a three-day series of matches. Players are divided into several sets of groupings designated by “Jarvis” and “Folkins” brackets. Brackets are named in honor of legendary champion bowlers of both countries: USA’s Richard Folkins and Canada’s Graham Jarvis. The scoring system is a highly complicated formula developed by a goat herder in the mountains of Tibet.

U.S. women’s participants (Southern California members in italics): *Patricia Cronshaw, Mary DeLisle, Jan Hargraves, Tanya Hills, Anne Nunes, Katy Stone, Barb Roller, Jackie Tucker, Kathy Vea* and Irene Webster.

U.S. men (SWD members in italics): *Leif Andresen, Chris Booth,* Richard Broad (c), *Patrick Chan, Patrick Duffy, Ken Degenhardt,*

Doug McArthur, *Simon Meyerowitz,* Bob Schneider, George Tucker. *Brian Studwell* was manager

The women’s U.S. team consisted of players from Arizona, California, Florida and North Carolina, and headed up by co-managers Marcia Masterson and Jim Webster. The American ladies bowled well but the Canada’s best prevailed.

U.S. men fell one win short of capturing the Men’s Overall Trophy. On the plus side, U.S. dominated men’s Singles, with Seattle’s Richard Broad sweeping all three of his matches, and SWD’s Simon Meyerowitz winning two of his three. But in Pairs, Triples and Rinks competitions, each U.S. team managed only one victory in three matches.

Next year’s NAC will be held at the Arizona Sun Cities.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of Team USA should contact: (women) DanaLum@Verizon.Net or (men) Sam DeLisle



Saskatchewan Mounties got their man, Brian Studwell, aka Manager of the U.S. men’s NAC team. He couldn’t escape his own arresting personality.

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USLBA Umpiring Chief John Stewart has appointed Sun City's CONRAD MELTON the Men's SWD Head Umpire..... SUN CITY's greens were in dire straits until SWD Greens Chairman JAMES CRONSHAW came to the rescue. With his advice under their belts, current and previous SCLBC greens directors TOM BENTLEY and JOE RAHM and the strong shoulders of many club members took on the challenge, and their hard work paid off. Dr. Cronshaw is available to advise all SWD clubs with aching bowling greens. But he doesn't own a crystal bowl. YOU HAVE TO ASKHEMET's traveling twosome RUTH & ROLAND SCHNEIDER took a two-week tour of Canada in July, logging 812 miles of road and 32 matches at 14 different LBCs NEWPORT HARBOR had a WOW-ish open house in June with over 120 prospects showing up to roll a few. Sixteen new members signed up right there and then and, subsequently, seven spouses or friends of the original 'sweet 16' joined too. They're

doing something right at Newport and are willing to share the recipe with other Southwest clubs.....ALHAMBRA LBC joined the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce to initiate a proactive avenue to getting local community leaders familiar with their tucked-away corner of Almansor Park. DUANE MARCUS, BETTY BARNETT and GARY JONES lead the effort.....Kudos to TOM and JAN HARGRAVES for administering and providing hospitality for this year's men's Novice Singles tournament. Get's our newcomers off on the right foot. Ditto on the hospitality to the LONG BEACH culinary crew for the bounty of good things provided to competitors at the Cary-MacDonald Pairs..... REDLANDS LBC brings back its successful "Art of Lawn Bowling" classes for local Franklin Elementary School 2nd graders this Fall. The youngsters not only enjoy the outdoors activity, but they earn PE credit too! With the kids are teachers and many parents--on the BOWLING GREEN! A salute to Redlanders for thinking (and

doing!) outside the box.....HERMOSA BEACH LBC marked its 70th year in the game in mid-June with an invitation to City Hall, where the club was presented with a proclamation from the Hermosa city-fathers. The club celebrated the anniversary on the green two weeks later with a public Open House, turning out loads of prospects and well-wishers, as well as the "Daily Breeze", which gave the event e x c e p t i o n a l coverage.....HEMET LBC is something like Delta Airlines: "they're ready when you are". In addition to regular hours of play, Hemet is open at 8 a.m. on Mondays, and 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays..... Sadly, we report the passing of BOB FORGET, Head Umpire of the SWD, Treasurer of the Tournament Committee, greenskeeper of Joslyn-Lake Hodges LBC; KATHY BREMER, charter member and past president of HEMET LBC; and Sun City LBC past president DON GOODRICH.



San Diego's Bill Hiscock was a Yankee Doodle Dancy at the Coronado 4th of July parade this summer. An estimated 80,000 spectators cheered the pith-helmeted and pithy man in white as he represented the Coronado Lawn Bowling Club's past and future.

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DEAR DR. GOODWICK.....



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Dear Dr. Goodwick,

Every few weeks at my club a situation arises that requires a rules interpretation. Since I'm relatively new, I don't know the rules, so "what to do" is determined by the experienced players. Too often, it turns out they were wrong and it really ticks me off.

Ticked

Dear Ticked,

There are two questions in your letter: (a) What can be done about a bad call? and (b) What can be done about experienced players who don't know the rules?

Sometimes bad calls can be reversed, sometimes they can't. It depends on many factors, including the impact of the call at the time:

whether or not points were awarded; the length of time between the call and the awareness of its impropriety; the importance of the match (your daily draw at the club will be different from a match during a major tournament); and, of course, the willingness of those involved to right a wrong, even though such action might be disadvantageous to their team.

The problem of inexperienced players who don't know the rules is a biggie. Too many bowlers are unwilling to spend their time and energy reading through, let alone learning, the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (LOTSOBs). Such unwillingness cannot be

legislated. Neither the USLBA, the regional Divisions, nor the Clubs can demand that people read, learn and honor the rules. Such demands can alienate bowlers and cause a permanent negative mark in people's ongoing decision to continue bowling or go on to another game where they are less likely to be criticized.

But like Smokey the Bear (almost always) says: "Only YOU can make a commitment to learn and honor the rules." Imagine how devastating it would be if every bowler who wasn't wearing perfectly flat-soled shoes were told they couldn't bowl. What if every foot-fault resulted in their bowl-

in-course being stopped and declared dead? A huge percentage of club bowlers commit foot-faults. And most of them don't even know they're doing so. (Check out Laws 21 and 22.)

If you're serious about bowls and consider it a permanent activity in your life, I would suggest YOU learn the rules, and consider becoming an umpire. Bowls needs a lot more people who know and honor the rules. Umpires insure that the same game is being played wherever bowlers play. In addition to being an honorable gift back to the game, it will insure that you'll never again be victimized by an uninformed bad call.



SWWD FALL MEETING

The next Southwest Women's Division meeting will be held Thursday, October 5, at 10 a.m., at the Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club.

The nominating committee of Verna Wallace, Cecile Langevin and Doris Sneddon announce the following slate of candidates for 2007:

President—Shirley Price

Vice President—Maryna Hyland

Secretary—Linda Jahraus

Treasurer—Dee McSparran

Councilor—Barbara McCowan

Voting will take place at the meeting, and nominations may be made from the floor for the above offices.

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SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SWD'S PARTICIPATION AT AARP'S "LIFE@50

(received by press-time)

\$5,000 or more

Southwest LBA
USLBA Foundation

\$1,000 or more

Lawn Bowls USA (Henselite)
Southern Sun Construction (Mert Isaacman)

\$500 or more

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San Clemente LBC

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Allen Grossman
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Gary Ginther
Hemet Joslyn LBC
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Koon Leung Ho
LaVerne Hunt

Ivan Hyland
Bob Indvik
Gary Jones
Dave Lambert
Richard LeRoy
William Lieberg
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Ed Mandler
Colin Marshall
Olga McCord
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Joslyn Lake Hodges
Laguna Beach
Leisure World
Long Beach
MacKenzie Park
Newport Harbor
Oaks North
Oxnard
Pasadena
Pomona
Redlands
Riverside
San Clemente
San Diego
Santa Ana
Santa Anita
Santa Barbara
Santa Maria
Santa Monica
Sun City
The Groves

ROSA GANDRA & SPANGLER–NUNES

2006 U.S. CHAMPIONS!

It was a sweep for Southwest women at the 2006 U.S. Championships as Laguna Beach's 33-year old lawn bowling phenom Rosa Gandra successfully defended her U.S. Singles title, winning the second of back-to-back national Singles championships. On the green for only three years, Gandra was still a novice when she won her first title last year.

Kottia Spangler (Riverside) and Anne Nunes (Newport) captured their third (in the last six years) U.S. women's Pairs championship.

The U.S. Championships were held at the Lake Park green in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in late August. The annual event is a face-to-face competition between the top Singles and Pairs players from each of USLBA's seven regional divisions. Players in both events are determined by a series of elimination 'playdowns' conducted by each Division.

This year's victory is another notch in Spangler's celebrated victory belt. She won the U.S. Singles Championship in 1985, then went on to win the U.S. Pairs six times prior to this year, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1999, and 2002 and 2004 with current partner Anne Nunes. In addition to her two previous Pairs titles with Spangler, Nunes won the U.S. Singles in 2003.

South Central's Jack Behling won the men's Singles event, and Central Division's Joe Zinna & Bob Schneider are Pairs champions.

Because of the large membership of the Southwest Division, the SWD is permitted two entries in each U.S. Championships event. The other SWD women's entries and both sets of men's entries did not make the victory circle:

Women's Singles—Christine Ludwig tied for Fourth

Women's Pairs—Pat Cronshaw & Carrie Fossatti, Fourth

Men's Singles—Simon Meyerowitz and Jim Olson tied for Third

Men's Pairs—Steve Smith & Howard Harris, Fourth; Bill Reidy & Sam Benjamin, Seventh

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Laguna Beach Open Pairs

Men:

Group 1:

Winners: Tony Baer /Bill Reidy

Runners-up: Bill Kagan /Phil Salt

Group 2:

Winners: Larry Hood /Pete Fielding

Runners-up: Howard Harris /Steve Bates

Women:

Group 1:

Winners: Kottia Spangler /Anne Nunes

Runners-up: Kim Heiser /Tanya Hills

Group 2:

Winners: Katy Stone /Rosa Gandara

Runners-up: Robin Olson /Carrie Fossatti

SWWD Rinks

1. Robin Olson/Christine Ludwig/Tanya Hills/Shirley Jacobs
2. Maryna Hyland/Jan Hargraves/Duxie Smukler/Katy Stone
3. Kottia Spangler/Sue Levine/Carrie Fossatti/Olga McCord

Cary-MacDonald Pairs

Cary (Championship) Flight

1. Tony Baer/Ian Ho
2. Michael Siddall/Patrick Chan
3. Bill Kagan/Phil Salt

MacDonald Flight

1. Bill Reidy/Brian Studwell
2. Gary Fischer/Monty Ruth
3. Liam Courtney/Bill Lieberg

Consolation

Cary: Chris Booth/Bill Brault

MacDonald: Reinie Kramer/Larry Hood

Men's Novice Singles

1. Michael Buono
2. Boyce Stringer
3. Donald Gray
4. Charlie Herbert

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Women Vet Novice Pairs

1. Jan Hargraves /Dee McSparran
2. Carrie Fossati /Christie Diller
3. Maryna Hyland /Shirley French

Ruth Erickson Triples

A. Flight:

1. Jim Olson/Howard Harris/Robin Olson
2. Michael Siddall/Bill Hiscock/Olga McCord
3. Reinie Kramer/Kim Heiser/Monty Ruth

B. Flight:

1. Terry Collins/Linda Jahraus/Brenda Wright
2. Evelyn Tiel/Verna Wallace/Linda Blanche
3. Bill Brault/Boyce Stringer/Mike Buono
4. Jay Robbins/Chuck Cooper/Margaret Cooper

Overall winners who get their names on the Erickson Trophy are:

Terry Collins/Linda Jahraus/Brenda Wright

Fox Mixed Pairs

A Green

1. Tony Baer/Eva Lee
2. Bill Hiscock/Olga McCord
3. Jim Olson/Robin Olson
4. Jim Morton/Eileen Morton

B Green

1. Gary Fischer/Dee McSparran
2. Linda Jahraus/Terry Collins
3. Hymie Shuster/Terry Baade
4. Bill Timms/Linda Blanche

Men's Novice Pairs

1. Amo Garcia/Phil Dunn
2. Michael Buono/Boyce Stringer

2+2 Rinks

1. Ian Ho/Liam Courtney/Kottia Spangler/Eva Lee
2. Gary Fischer/Jim Kristiansen/Kim Heiser/Tanya Hills
3. Bill Hiscock/Jim Olson/Robin Olson/Olga McCord
4. Bill Reidy/Dixie Vanderloop/Jackie Stanley/Sam Benjamin
5. Tony Baer/Michael Siddall/Rosa Gandara/Anne Nunes

SANTA BARBARA LBC INVITATIONAL

1. Tom, Jonathan and Joshua Burnoski
2. John Mulholland, Pearl Mulholland, Ed Weiss
3. Reinie Kramer, Kim Heiser, Bill Paulson
4. Duncan McQueen, John Holt, Duane Aasted



Jim Olson/Howard Harris/Robin Olson



Brenda Wright/Linda Jahraus/Terry Collins
Erickson Overall winners

AUSTRALIAN PAIRS (MacKenzie Park)

Adams Green

1. Conrad Melton/Jordan Melton
2. Barry Pickup/Loren Dion
3. Bill Kagan/ Phil Salt
4. Pat Fagan/ Bill Paulsen

Joslyn Green

1. Liam Courtney/Mary DeLisle
2. Amador Martinez/Armand Escalante
3. Sam DeLisle/Dick Rivera
4. Bill Lee/Joshua Burnoski

DURAN TRIPLES (Santa Barbara)

1. Liam Courtney, Stan Bloom, Dale Jackson
2. Bill Kagan, Phil Salt, Roger Teske
3. Duncan McQueen, Conrad Melton, Jim Morton
4. Jim Hempe, Joe Milletta, Bud Viard

GEORGE WATSON TRIPLES (MacKenzie Park)

1. Roger Teske, Phil Salt, Bill Kagan
2. Bill Hart, Stan Bloom, Amador Martinez
3. Jerry Knott, Andre Banares, Regina Banares
4. Pauline de Assis, Bill Lee, Ed de Assis

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EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

9/23 Sat.	Ecton Triples	Mix or Match	Oxnard
9/25 - 30 Mon - Sat.	International Challenge	Invitation	Laguna Beach Newport
9/30 Sat.	Gonzales Australian Pairs	Mixed	Long Beach

OCTOBER

10/7 Sat.	Maccabee Pairs	Mix or Match	Beverly Hills
10/15 Sun.	Vet-Novice Pairs	Mix or Match	Laguna Beach, MacKenzie Park, Pasadena, Lake Hodges
10/18 Wed.	Ladies Day	Ladies	Laguna Woods
10/21 Sat.	Waterbury		TBA
10/22 Sun.	5-Man All Star	Men	Laguna Woods
	Women's 5-Star	Ladies	Newport
10/29 Sun.	Australian Pairs	Mixed	Riverside

NOVEMBER

11/4 - 9 Sat - Thurs	USLBA National Open		Sarasota, FL
11/4 Sat.	Sun City Triples	Mixed	Sun City
11/11 Sat.	59 and Under	Pairs	Pasadena
11/12 Sun.	Eberle-McCowan	Mixed	Santa Anita
11/15 Wed	Ladies Day	Ladies	Oaks North
11/18 Sat.	Mixed Triples	Mixed	Pomona
11/19 Sun.	Vet-Novice Triples	Mix or Match	Long Beach

DECEMBER

12/13 Wed	Ladies Christmas Luncheon		Santa Anita
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JANUARY

Annual General Meeting			Santa Anita
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