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# **A HISTORY OF THE SOUTHWEST DIVISION**

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## ◎ PREFACE

*When planning to compile the information to produce an accounting of bowls in the Southwest, careful attention was given to sources for factual data, but the paths of fact and fiction sometimes cross.*

*All clubs in the Southwest Division were asked to participate in the research effort. Certain individuals were asked to draw on memory to provide material that might have otherwise been overlooked. The files of the division secretary were carefully studied plus the personal files of the editor and every edition of Bowls Magazine was combed for everything that might add something of value to enhance this history.*

*To all who contributed, I extend my sincere thanks. Without your help this record of bowls in the Southwest could not have been written.*  
Arthur Hansen, Editor

### HOW IT BEGAN . . .

In 1903, the Scottish Lawn Bowling Club was founded in Oakland. Next, a bowling green was built in Exposition Park, Los Angeles.

Then we find that a Southwest Division, at an early time, had a Northern California Lawn Bowling Association and a Southern California Lawn Bowling Association. There was reference to a North District having that portion of California lying north of Santa Barbara and Bakersfield, and a South District from Santa Barbara and Bakersfield south.

At that time there was a lesser number of clubs in the Northern and Southern Districts combined than there are in the combined total of the Pacific Inter-Mountain and Southwest Divisions today.

### FIRST CONSTITUTION

A Southwest Division constitution was adopted on September 4, 1944.

The Division was composed of the Northern California Lawn Bowling Association and the Southern California Lawn Bowling Association.

There was an Executive Committee composed of the four officers and an equal number of representatives from the North and South Districts.

Reference files are rather limited so we have to draw on what we could find together with some logical conclusions.

### NAMES AND FACES . . .

There is a constant change and almost every club has nearly a complete change every twenty years. So we hear names and see faces only to learn that these members are no longer listed in the club roster.

At various clubs, and in the Southwest Division, some members have played an important role for longer periods. They are the members who either kept the balloon pumped up or were players who gained honors on the green while representing their clubs and The Division. Their names repeatedly come up in the review of the history of the Division.

## CLUBS . . .

Immediately a problem surfaces. There is a gap - no records from 1903 to 1921. So our story actually picks up in the early 1920's. The Pasadena Club albums supply a good part of what went on between 1921 and the late 1930's.

In order to bring as many clubs into the picture as possible, it seemed best to avoid a listing of clubs in alphabetical order, and to approach what developed by taking a tour. So come along for the ride.

While The Exposition Park greens were seemingly the first in Southern California, The Pasadena greens appear as our first stop. The Pasadena Club was founded in 1921, and, indeed, was much of the driving force in the game of bowls in the southern part of the state.

Pasadena and Redlands were the pioneer clubs that joined forces to give the sport more exposure. These two clubs developed a keen competition with many tournaments and countless challenge matches that attracted more than passing interest.

The Pasadena - Redlands combination had a strong influence on creating an awareness of the sport. Greens were built at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, The Raymond Hotel in Pasadena built greens , and used them as an a means of attracting winter visitors. The Flintridge Hotel followed.

While the Redlands - Pasadena clubs had the greatest share of newspaper and magazine feature articles on the competitive nature of bowls, other clubs progressively were given space. Los Angeles, Riverside, Beverly Hills, and Long Beach were named when tournament results were reported.

The great depression brought expansion to a standstill. Sadly enough, much of the enthusiasm generated was never regained. Nevertheless, lawn bowls in the Southwest continues to have a goodly number of devotees.

**SOUTHWEST DIVISION  
AMERICAN LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION  
1970 - 1988**

**CLUBS LISTED IN DIVISION DIRECTORIES**

<u>CLUBS</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>TOTAL #</u>	<u>CLUBS</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>TOTAL#</u>
Alhambra	1984-88	5	Newport Harbor	1970-88	19
Arroyo Seco	1970-81	12	Oaks North	1974-88	14
Beverly Hills	1970-88	19	Oakmont, AZ	1974-77	4
Cambria	1970-88	19	Oxnard-Joslyn	1988	1
Claremont	1970-85	16	Pasadena	1970-88	19
Casta del Sol	1979-88	10	Pomona	1970-88	19
Casa Fiesta, AZ	1986-87	2	Rancho Bernardo	1970-88	19
Cove Comm.	1987-88	2	Recreation Park	1970-88	19
Coronado	1978	1	Redlands	1970-88	19
Escondido	1970-88	19	Riverside	1970-99	19
Friendly Valley	1970-88	19	Saddleback	1980-86	7
Glendale	1970-88	19	San Diego	1971-88	18
Glenhaven	1970-71	2	Santa Ana	1970-71	17
Golden Hills, AZ now Leisure World	1975-88	14	Santa Ana	1974-88	
Hartingen, Tex.	1975-76	2	Santa Anita	1970-88	19
Hemet	1978-88	11	Santa Barbara	1970-88	19
Hermosa Beach	1970-88	19	Santa Maria	1979-88	10
Holmby Park	1970-88	19	Santa Monica	1970-88	19
Laguna Beach	1970-88	19	Seal Beach	1970-75	6
Laguna Hills	1970-77	10	Smoke Tree Ranch	1983-88	6
Laguna Hills	1987-88		Sun City, AZ	1970-76	7
Laguna Hills ALBA	1978-79	2	Sun City ALBA, AZ	1977-79	3
Lakeview, AZ	1970-77	8	Sun City, CA	1970-88	19
Long Beach	1970-88	19	Sun City West, AZ	1985-88	4
Los Angeles	1970-72	3	Sundial, AZ	1974-77	4
MacKenzie Park	1970-88	19	The Groves	1980-88	9
Meadows-Irvine	1971-88	18	Town Hall, AZ	1970-77	8
Mobile Park W.	1975	1			

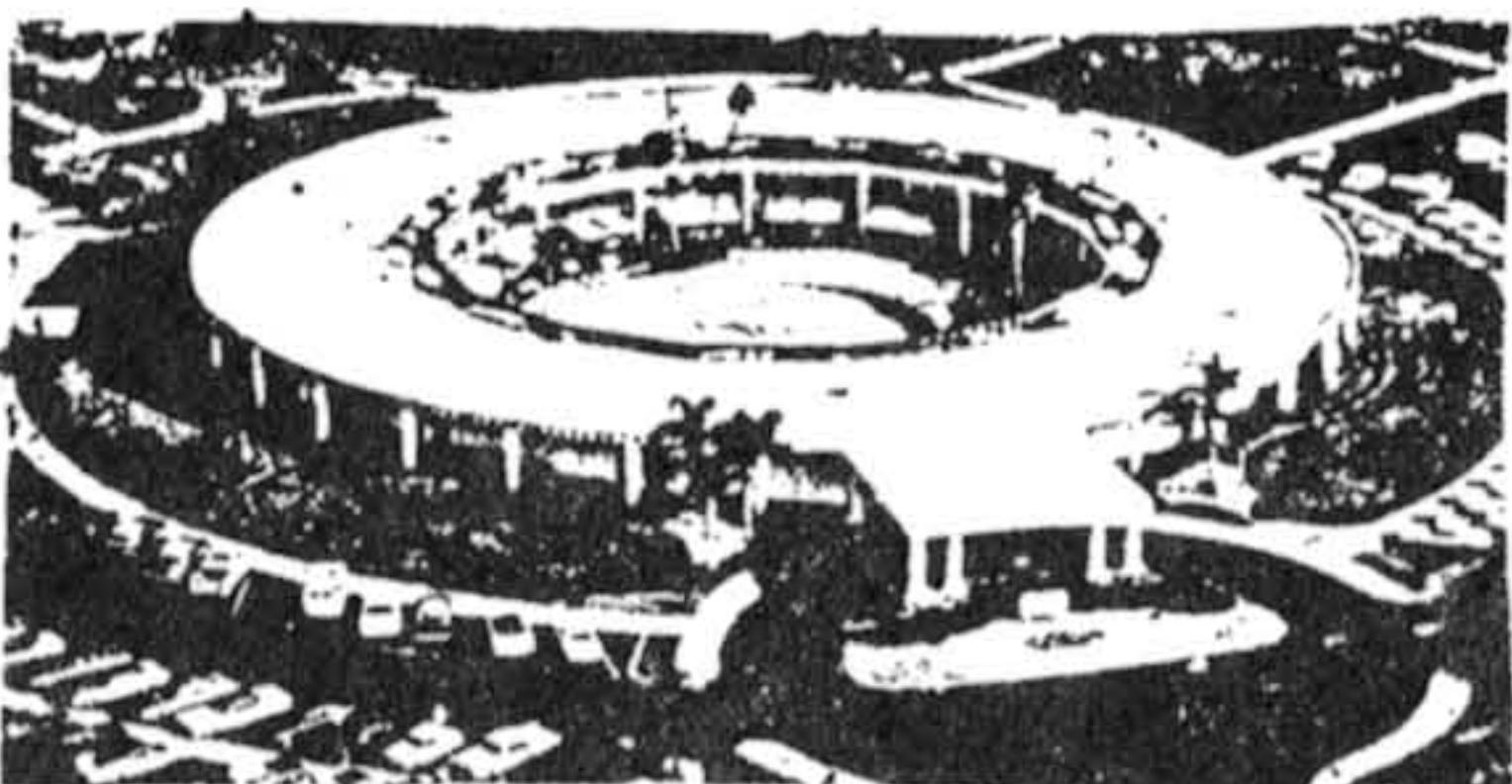
**THE CHART . . .**

A count of the clubs listed above adds up to 54. Now there are 37.

*See the next pages to find out what happened to the other 17*

## THE OTHER 17 . . .

Sun City, Arizona, is a Del Webb development. A few members of the Sun City clubs objected to their paying ALBA dues. Pursuing the matter through the legal department of the Webb organization, they forced the clubs to stop payment and to drop affiliation with the Division. Later the Sun City ALBA Club was organized, but it was subsequently declared ineligible and affiliation was terminated.



*At a happier time the Sun City clubs hosted the United States Championships, not once but twice. The hospitality was beyond expectations. Participants and spectators had an enjoyable time.*



The Laguna Hills Club. The members believed that they faced a similar problem so they formed an ALBA club which was later declared a club within a club forcing termination of affiliation by the Division.

They found a solution to their problem by arranging to have control of one of the three greens at Laguna Hills. The Saddleback Club was organized, became affiliated, and continued on that basis until the end of 1986 when the original Laguna Hills Club met the requirements and reaffiliated with the Division.

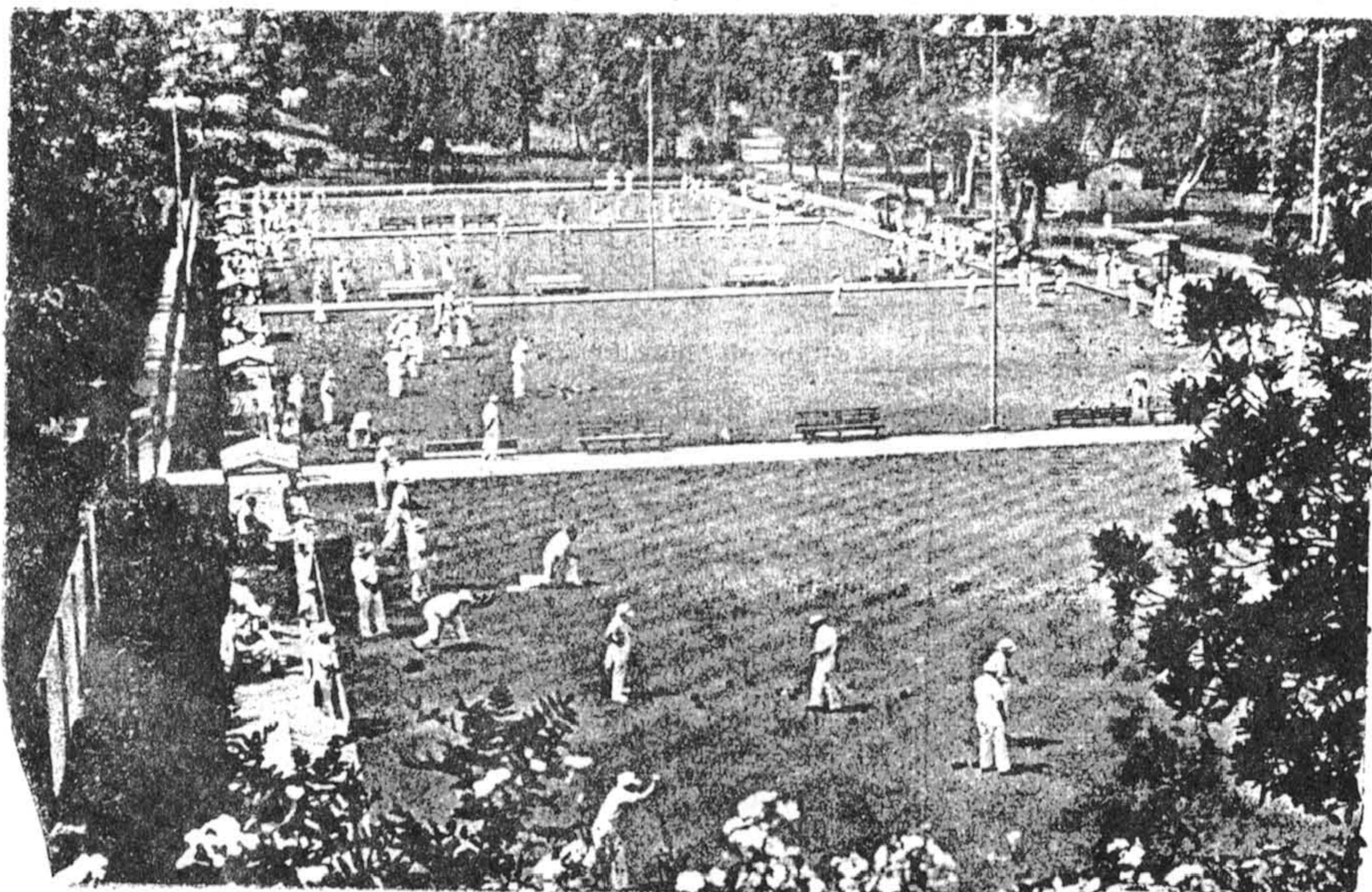
The Claremont Club went out of existence at the end of 1986. Membership, largely of retired people neglected to make a serious effort to keep the club alive after the city withdrew financial support. The inevitable happened - the facility went down hill, and the club faded out of the picture.

Seal Beach had to call it quits after 1975. The facility there had always left something to be desired, and the enthusiastic members there could not attract enough interest to make it a successful operation.

The Los Angeles Club, with three fine greens, was originally located in Exposition Park, Los Angeles. Development of the Park for other construction caused the greens to be removed. The City built new greens at another location that proved to be unacceptable to the club members and unattractive to potential new members in that general area.

The Harlingen, Casa Fiesta, Glenhaven, Mobile Park West, and Coronado Clubs were all questionable from the start. Early optimism failed to generate a continued enthusiastic effort, and, after one or two years, these clubs discontinued affiliation.

## AND THEN THERE WAS "THE ARROYO SECO CLUB"



It would be unfair to pass over Arroyo Seco (dedicated in 1932) as just another club that is on the list of seventeen. The club became a part of bygone history because the Los Angeles Parks Department could no longer justify using a part of its limited Funds to maintain the four greens that were suffering from very little use. Perhaps it is just as well that the greens were replaced with tennis courts. The park had become an undesirable place for bowls.

### Tournament Headquarters

Now to some of the events that made Arroyo Seco great. Being centrally located, it became the unofficial headquarters for the Division Tournament program. The Southwest Division Open Tournament always drew the maximum number of entries that could be accommodated. Looking down from a hillside vantage point, it was a beautiful sight to see 168 white clad players engaged in keen competition.

### 1971 National Open Tournament

The 1971 Open was played here under ideal conditions. A highly unusual finish occurred in the triples final with Jim Candelet of the Eastern Division skipping against George Bowbeer of the Southwest Division. Candelet was

one down coming into the last end. Demonstrating his skill, he killed this end and four other ends in a row as darkness closed in. Could the game be finished? Oh, yes! Tournament Director Carroll Chase ordered cars to be driven to the fence, and, with headlights turned on and matches lighted to show the location of the jack, Candelet won. Spectators agreed that he was good but lucky.

### International Visits

In 1973 some 20 members of the Quantas Lawn Bowling Club of Australia played here in the Southwest Open. A delightful group with Norman Mathews as their spokesman. Then in 1975, 32 touring Welsh who were led by Trevor Toms, then President of the International Bowling Board, played here in an invitational event against teams from the North District of the Division. This was followed by an official test match against teams from the five Districts of the Division - 20 players from each side meeting the official requirements for an international match.

### KCET - City Watchers TV

Again in 1975, Arroyo was the setting for the production of a 30 minute City Watchers show aired by KCET. It was a busy day in the Park - cameras at many locations, cables running all over with a production crew in the area from 8:00AM until 6:00PM. Fifty-six triples teams from San Diego to Santa Barbara were the players. Bill Byrne, an Arroyo Seco member, arranged for the contact, and subsequently edited the show down to 15 minutes which provides a fine presentation for our promotional activities.

### Home Savings Tournaments



In 1976, Home Savings & Loan sponsored the first of four triples tournaments. Invitations to all clubs brought entries that filled the four greens. These were mainly club players who shared in the distribution of over \$1000.00 in prizes. In a special drawing, Arnie Mortensen won a large color television set. In addition to all this a delicious buffet lunch was served to all.

And then disaster struck. Vandals broke into the clubhouse. Windows were smashed, trophies destroyed or stolen, files ransacked, and papers scattered inside and outside the building. They must have fully satisfied their enjoyment of destroying just for the sake of destroying.

And so the great Arroyo Seco, acknowledged center of lawn bowling in the Southwest was destined to fade out of the picture to become just a fond memory. Records could not be found - the club finally disappeared in 1982.

#### ASSOCIATIONS AND DIVISION . . .

As more clubs were formed, it followed that an association was necessary. So, before looking at clubs we must focus on how the Southwest Division was organized.

California Lawn Bowling Association. Records show that this association was formed in 1921 with a membership of four clubs. Names of the founding clubs are not known, but it is logical to assume that there were two each from Northern and Southern California. Ultimately the California Association consisted of the Northern California Lawn Bowling Association and the Southern California Lawn Bowling Association.

Northern CaliforniaLawn Bowling Association. The earliest record in our files indicates that there were five clubs - Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco, Richmond, and Lakeside.

Southern California Lawn Bowling Association. Mel Hooper, a member of the Redlands club, is credited with being the organizer in 1924. Hooper was the first President and served in that capacity for three years until 1927 when he was named Honorary President. By 1931, the association had 10 member clubs.

Angelus	Los Angeles	Redlands
Claremont	Pasadena	Riverside
Exposition Park	Pachappa	Long Beach
Beverly Hills		

By 1933 five additional clubs had joined:

Highland Park	Inglewood	San Diego
Holmby Park	Laguna Beach	

The Southwest Division in 1944 consisted of affiliated clubs in Northern and Southern California. Its constitution was adopted in September 1944, and the Northern and Southern Districts worked in harmony over a long period of years. Most of the clubs in the Southern California Lawn Bowling Association were affiliated with the Southwest Division.

Then in 1959, with 17 affiliated clubs, the Southern California Lawn Bowling Association petitioned the American Lawn Bowls Association that they be granted Division status and the Southwest Division name. It further proposed that the clubs in Northern California continue to have Division status under another name. The council of the A.L.B.A. declined to take any action except to recommend that the matter be processed through the then existing Southwest Division. This complicated and delayed getting the desired results while negotiations were going on between the Association and the Division.

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Finally a favorable decision. The following is the introductory portion of a resolution promulgated by the Southern California Lawn Bowling Association: "Whereas, effective October 1, 1967, the Southwest Division of the American Lawn Bowls Association was constituted to include that part of Southern California north of the Mexican border to the northern county line of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties; also that part of Nevada north of the Arizona and California border to the northern county lines of Mineral, Nye and Lincoln; and the States of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas; and..."

So the division status was granted and we rightfully gained the use of SOUTHWEST DIVISION as the proper name for the division as we know it at this time. The Pacific Inter-Mountain Division was then founded and we have continued to have pleasant relations with the northern California clubs in that division.

## AND NOW - THE ACTIVE CLUBS ...

This portion of our story deals with clubs listed in the 1988 directory. The division has not kept a detailed record on the clubs, that is, the organizers, the founding dates, details concerning growth and names of members. The research effort directed questions to the clubs on these and other matters and the following then developed.

As the division grew, it was divided into districts for the purpose of electing representatives to serve on the Executive Board. At year end 1988, there were 37 clubs, each assigned to their proper geographical district. Each district is equally represented on the Executive Board regardless of the number of clubs and number of members in the district.

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### *CENTRAL DISTRICT*

Pasadena Lawn Bowling Club. A group that was interested in lawn bowling urged the city to build a bowling green. When the green became a reality the club was organized in 1921 and the charter members elected the following officers: J.W. Lacham, president, C.C. Baldwin, vice president and J.D. White, secretary/treasurer. There were 18 members at the outset and membership grew rapidly. Located in Central Park, there are two greens and a clubhouse that was paid for by the members and then given to the city.

A study of records at Pasadena would cause a researcher to conclude that the Pasadena Club put in place a solid foundation upon which

the game of bowls was built in the Southwest. Nothing has surfaced to challenge such a claim and for the purpose of this report it seems fair to acknowledge that the Pasadena club holds the honored position of having had the greatest influence on what ultimately caused the Southwest Division to be established.

The first A.L.B.A. vs. British match was played on the Pasadena greens. The arrangement was made by a past president of the English Lawn Bowls Association, but the International Bowling Board subsequently took the position that it was not an official international match. Official or not, the tournament attracted the attention of bowlers everywhere and

the Southwest enjoyed well deserved publicity as an ideal place to play bowls.

#### Friendly Valley Lawn Bowls Club.

The Post Office address is Newhall but the club is in a private community put together by a developer and named it Friendly Valley. There is one green put in by the developer and a clubhouse built and paid for by the members of the club. The club was organized on January 16, 1966.

The prime movers that brought about the formation of the club were Bill and Rose Todd, Dan and Dorothy Mahan along with Floyd and Kathryn Taylor. There were 25 members at the start with the Todds and Mahans serving as the first officers.

The members have been an enthusiastic group, have regularly entertained others and a goodly number have been playing in tournaments throughout the division. Friendly Valley — it is an invitation to a fun place to go, on the edge of the desert with weather as you find it.

#### Alhambra Lawn Bowling Club.

Over the years it was rumored that bowling greens would be put in at Alhambra. Early on, various groups of winter visitors joined together and played as teams from Alhambra. Then finally along about 1980 the city received a large grant with which to develop and expand an existing recreational area and bowling greens were incorporated in the plans. When the facility took form, members from adjoining clubs cooperated in the development of a club under the leadership of Jim Bartow. The club was organized in 1983 with Bartow as president. There were 43 members at the start. There are two greens in a public park. As with any

new organization there have been the usual start up problems but the enthusiasm of the group reflects a strong desire to grow and become an active partner with the other clubs in the division.

#### Glendale Lawn Bowling Club.

In 1949 the City of Glendale built a bowling green in their Central Park. On April 3 a group named H.M. Parker honorary president, and bowling began. Then on April 30, 1951, at the suggestion of a Dr. Schrump, a club was formally organized and incorporated under the name of Glendale Lawn Bowling Club.

In 1955 the club proposed to the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department that a clubhouse be built. On January 30, 1956 the club advanced funds to the City for the purpose of building the clubhouse and Frank Murray, a member and contractor, undertook the construction of the building.

#### Santa Anita Bowling Green Club.

The location itself has an interesting history. The facility is built on what was a part of Rancho Santa Anita. A Scot who married the daughter of an Indian chief received the land in 1841 in a grant by the Mexican government. Title passed through several hands and in 1875 a large portion of the acreage was purchased by E.J. "Lucky" Baldwin. Following other sales a portion of the original grant became the site of an Army balloon school in 1917. Later deeded to the county, it became the Arcadia County Park. The park was developed as a WPA project and two bowling greens were put in. June 17, 1937, with J.D. Stanley as spokesman, a group of interested men had a meeting at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce

and the formation of the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club got under way. Organization was finalized on June 22, 1937, Stanley was elected president and he, together with Ed Berry and Harvey Moss, undertook teaching the fundamentals on how to bowl to the other 17 charter members. In 1987 the combined membership of men and ladies was over 260. The club was incorporated on March 4, 1955.

The club, under the leadership of Bob Weitkamp, made a successful appeal to the county for a fourth green — it was dedicated on October 21, 1977, with numerous officials in attendance.

Having four greens, the club has been the host for many major tournaments for both men and women. At the behest of Joe Zook, the club incorporated a charity event which at a later time was replaced by the City of Hope Triple from which the hospital benefitted in the amount of many thousands of dollars.

### CITRUS DISTRICT

Pomona Lawn Bowling Club, Opening day, March 1, 1958. Mayor Arthur Cox together with several chief administrative officers represented the City of Pomona. Lawn bowling officials included Charles Middleton, President of the American Lawn Bowls Association, Arnold Angel, President of the Southwest Division, and Bill Hay who responded to the mayor's greeting. There were many other widely known Southwest Division and club officials in the crowd of over 200 well wishers in attendance.

Milton Ball, the first president, is credited with having brought about the establishment of a lawn bowling club in Pomona. The club proudly

displays a listing of the nine 1957 organizers, and the names of the 63 charter members on March 1, 1958. The city put in the first green, and a clubhouse and equipment was paid for by the members. Later a second green was added. An upgrading and improvement of the general facility was undertaken in the early 1970s, paid for by two sizeable donations from members and some help from the Joslyn Foundation. A large amount of work was put into this project by the members.

Ever mindful of the true purpose of a lawn bowling club, the daily club games have regularly attracted a good turn out. By means of an interesting invitational program, the club has enjoyed entertaining visiting groups. There has also been a charity event on the schedule since 1979.

The club has always been a strong supporter of division activities with a number of members holding positions of trust in the division.

Redlands Lawn Bowling Club. Mel Hooper, a champion in every respect, arrived in Redlands from Canada in 1920. Fascinated by the climate, the educational opportunities, and the friendly people, He chose Redlands for his new home. Thus the scene was set.

Hooper canvased business and professional people, soliciting their support to interest the city in constructing a bowling green in a city park. It was not an immediate success, but with the assistance of Dr. F.H. Folkins things got started. A green was constructed in Smiley park and a club organized in 1922 with 32 charter members. Officers were J.M.

Colwell, Dr. F.H. Folkins, and A. Richardson with the ever active Mel Hooper as games chairman.

With success assured plus an increasing membership, a second green became a requirement. Back to the city. Then an agreement was made for sharing the cost and relocating the club in Sylvan park.

Hooper, an organizer, took club members to other clubs for match games. Being an outstanding tournament player, the Redlands name was carried far and wide with his entry in division and national tournaments. Hooper shared his enthusiasm for the sport by assisting a number of clubs to become organized. In recognition of his ability, he was elected president of the Southwest Division in 1952.

In the following years, the club continued to support division activities and in 1981 Russel Hadwiger was elected president of the division.

### Riverside Lawn Bowling Club

It seems as though the keeper of the records "closed the store" and forgot to take out the books. So from another source a rather interesting-story developed.

Lawn bowls at Riverside had an unusual beginning, but it was certainly not a false start. After the Redlands club was firmly established, the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce along with the superintendant of parks and Mel Hooper made a trip to Riverside. There they met with the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council for the purpose of getting them interested in the game of bowls as a municipal undertaking. Sure enough, it happened.

Fairmont Park was selected as the site and the city put in a bowling

green. A lawn bowling club was organized in 1926. Names and numbers are forgotten. A clubhouse was built and later remodeled and enlarged with financing and labor furnished by the members. A second green was put in place in 1955 and a third green was opened for play on April 29, 1967.

Little known or recognized by visitors is the symbol of the raincross which is the official logo of both the city and and lawn bowling club. The bell is for the mission and the cross evolved from an Indian legend. The blessings of both have been a constant support of the club.

The club became a member of the association because that was the thing to do. It has long been active in the affairs of the division and has graciously hosted the Southwest Division annual open tournament for a number of years.

### ***COAST DISTRICT***

#### Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club.

Whoever was responsible for the selection of this ocean front location for bowling greens must have been a master planner. His name is long forgotten, but all who have played on these greens owe him a debt of gratitude — bowl a bowl, watch the waves.

Judge Cravath was one of a group that was responsible for getting things started. The club was organized in 1931 with about 25 members. There was one green that was made possible through the donations by individuals. A second green was put in place in 1951 and a clubhouse was built in 1973. The club is known for graciously entertaining many visitors who vacation in the area. Records show that William Jennings Bryan, Jr., put on a thank you tourna-

ment in the late summer of 1967. There were over 100 friends and local celebrities whom he had invited as guests for a party and games in appreciation of the friendship extended during his visit.

Dr. Harvey Maxwell, author of the American Lawn Bowls Guide, was a long time member and generous contributor. Dr. Maxwell was president in 1967. It was through his efforts that the club became affiliated with the division.

**Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club.** The club history credits organization to a group of 7 men who met on November 26, 1929. Details are not available but it is reported that active bowling started on February 8, 1930, on a green that was put in by the city. Over 60 players from other clubs attended the opening ceremonies. A second green was added in 1934 and a third in 1940.

Evidence is missing but there must have been a difference of opinion in some matter because another club of men only was formed in the mid 30s. Our relationship with the other group has always been cordial and we have retained our position with an enthusiastic group of men and women.

Division activities have regularly had our support and some men, while members of both clubs, have served in an official capacity in the Southwest Division. Two of our ladies deserve special mention. Jeanne Rood and Phyllis Madden made valuable contributions to the association while serving as associate editors of BOWLS.

**Santa Ana Lawn Bowling Club.** A WPA project in 1935 transformed a portion of the Santiago Creek area

into a city park. Park Superintendent Dale Griggs, on a trip to England, was exposed to the game of bowls. He brought back plans on how to build a bowling green, 4 sets of bowls, and the foundation for the club was set. The 20/30 club took interest and the club was organized in 1938 with Thomas W. Halliwell elected president.

A second green was later put in place and in 1969 the clubhouse was remodeled and a covered patio was added. On December 11, 1969, in a special meeting, it was decided to apply for affiliation with the Southwest Division. In 1981 the greens were officially named "The Dale Griggs Bowling Center" in honor of the man who got the whole thing started

**Recreation Park Lawn Bowling Club.** In the fall of 1937, a group of professional and business men met several times with the intent of forming a new lawn bowling club. Under the leadership of Doctor Robert Montgomery, the 17 organized the club on November 17, 1937. They chose the name of Kola Wila Lawn Bowling Club and adopted a constitution limiting membership to men only.

The present name was adopted in 1944. The selection was logical since the 3 greens are located in the beautiful Long Beach Recreation Park. The clubhouse has a large meeting room that meets all normal requirements of members and guests. There are locker rooms and a fully equipped kitchen. The patio overlooking the center green is a favorite place for brown bag lunch.

The club became affiliated with the association in 1939 and has strongly supported division activities. Those members who enjoy

keen tournament play have regularly entered major division events, some of which have been played on our greens. We especially remember Arnold White with his style of play, a real class bowler who won honors in national and international competition.

Over the years our greens have been open to visitors and we have enjoyed entertaining tour groups from Australia and the British Isles. A memorable official international test match was played here on February 16, 1975. It was the Welsh International Bowling Party led by Trevor Toms, the president of the International Bowling Board, versus the Southwest Division, A.L.B.A. Using a scoring system devised by the visitors, the Southwest Division carried the day with a score of 6 to 4. Members' names that are not forgotten include Dr. Cary and Dr. MacDonald. Their favorite game was doubles and as an encouragement to others they donated trophies. So, the Cary-MacDonald Doubles is still on the Division Tournament schedule.

Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club. On the old camp grounds. In 1919 William V. Jones, newly arrived from Canada, enlisted a group of friends in developing a bowling green and a lawn bowling club. A sandy site on the Balboa peninsula was turned over by the city and dirt was hauled in. Lumber was given by a local dealer and people worked. Donations by business men and individuals helped defray the cost and bowling started in 1938.

Credit is given to Harry Hammond, Donald Fullerton, and Dr. John Neblet, all from Riverside, in helping to promote the club.

The club was organized and be-

came affiliated with the association in 1939. There is no record of the number of members at this time, but the organizational efforts of Fred Story and A.J. Twist, the first officers, established a solid foundation for growth. Continued growth in membership developed the need for a second green. So, having outgrown the peninsula location, the harbor moved inland in 1960. Through the cooperation of the Newport Beach Parks and Recreation Department and the Irvine Company, an inland location became available. With funding by the Joslyn Foundation and donations from individuals, two greens were ready for play in 1972.

Corona Del Mar has a nice ring to it. The club located on the North Crown Drive has two fine greens and an inviting clubhouse.

### **EAST DISTRICT**

Sun City Lawn Bowls Club. In this California desert community the development of interest in lawn bowling is an interesting history in itself. It all started with a meeting of twelve people in December 1962. Other meetings followed with 41, 11, 15, and 33 in attendance. The original twelve organized the club and elected Charles Guinn, Chairman, Charles Heacock, Co-Chairman and Nellie Burkhardt, Secretary.

The Del Webb Corporation, developers of the community, put in the first green. The second green was put in when the club convinced the developer that there would be requirements for another green to accommodate the players who would take up the game. The projection of future requirements proved correct

because as early as 1976 the combined membership of men and women had reached over one hundred and fifty. There is year round bowling with hours adjusted to meet weather conditions.

The club has always had an interest in organized bowling affairs and from time to time various members have served on the executive board of the division. Ross Bahrs was president of the Southwest Division in 1982. The greens have been offered for the play of division tournaments whenever needed.

**Hemet-Joslyn Lawn Bowling Club.** Raymond L. Kuntz was the visionary enthusiast who brought lawn bowls to Hemet. On June 18, 1976, with costs shared by the city and the Joslyn Foundation, a green started to take shape. Little by little the essential items for the successful operation of a lawn bowling facility were acquired with funds from individuals, the Joslyn Foundation and the city.

The thoughts then turned to a clubhouse. After ten years of careful planning and effort by Dr. Seymour Kranson a fully equipped clubhouse was built. This was made possible when the city agreed to funding if the club would match the funds. The Joslyn Foundation again came to the rescue and generously donated the necessary amount. Dedication ceremonies took place on February 21, 1988.

The club was organized in 1976 with Raymond Kuntz elected the first president. There were 30 charter members but 40 others who never bowled joined to give support to the venture. Application was made for

affiliation with the Southwest Division and it was approved by the delegates in the 1978 annual meeting of the division.

**Smoke Tree Ranch.** The Ranch, located in the Coachella Valley with the Little San Bernardino Mountains in the distance, provides a beautiful setting for a bowling green. It is in a private community within a community. The recreation facilities are available to guests staying on the ranch. An ardent group of Colonists (people who own homes on the ranch) stage several week-long tournaments each year. Otherwise the green is open for play to visitors who come to the ranch by way of an invitation.

Once past the gate-house, the desert atmosphere is captivating and the bowling green extends an undeniable invitation. The club has had varying numbers of members over the years. When organized is a question - the activity is run by committee. After much encouragement by tournament playing guests, the club became affiliated with the division in 1983.

**Cove Communities Lawn Bowling Club.** Fittingly, on St. Patrick's Day 1986, a green was dedicated at the Joslyn Cove Communities Senior Center in Palm Desert. The adjoining building has provisions for many activities and includes everything to support an active lawn bowling club. Thanks to the Joslyn Foundation and other benefactors, a lawn bowling club could be established in this community.

The joint effort of Harlan Kittle, Hank Clark and Dorothy Robinson was successful in bringing about the formation of the club on April 10, 1986. There were 18 members at the start. They elected Harlan Kittle, president, Don Tonneslan, vice president, Marie Nay, secretary and Irving Shapiro, treasurer.

On the day of dedication there was immediate action on the green. A demonstration event was played and tactics described for the spectators. Then bowlers from eight clubs in the division, together with players from Canada, joined for play in regular games.

The club applied for affiliation with the Southwest Division shortly after it was organized. The application was approved by the delegates in the 1987 annual meeting of the division.

**Leisure World L. B. Club of Arizona.** The club started out as Golden Hills and when the pay dirt ran out it settled back, and as may have been expected, took on a leisurely way of life.

Following the leadership of Eldon Schmad, the club was organized on October 18, 1974 with 27 members. There is one green which was put in place by the developer of Golden Hills. The club is listed as having affiliated membership with the Southwest Division since 1975.

**Sun City Lawn Bowls Club of Arizona.** With headquarters at the Lakeview greens, the club is located in a beautiful setting in the Recreation Center area.

The beginning of the club was in the spring of 1985 when Neils Kragh and a few interested Sun City bowlers met to discuss the possibility of forming a club that would affiliate with the American Lawn Bowls Association. A club was organized in October 1985, application was made to the Recreation Center of Sun City and a charter was granted on December 19, 1985.

Application for affiliation with the Southwest Division was approved in January 1986. While most of the members limit their play to the local area, some of the original 40 regularly enter the major tournaments.

**Sun City West Lawn Bowls Club.** When the Del Webb Corporation built Sun City West, Arizona, a four green lawn bowling complex was included at the Johnson Recreation Center. This brought about the formation of the Johnson Lawn Bowling Club. Lacking majority support, the club could not meet the requirements to become an affiliated member of the Southwest Division. Then on learning of a similar situation at another club, the Sun City West Lawn Bowls Club was organized. It arranged for a green at the Johnson Center and applied for membership in the division. The application was considered and approved at the annual meeting of the division in 1985.

## ***NORTH DISTRICT***

**Santa Barbara Lawn Bowling Club.** Charles Waugh, city Park Superintendent, was instrumental in having a green built as a WPA project. The City then paid for a locker room and

furnished several sets of bowls. The club was organized in 1937 with 11 members, Roy Cameron as president and Hugh Cummings, secretary. In 1956 Spencer Adams donated funds to build a clubhouse. Then in 1960, Mr. Adams along with other members paid for the construction of second green. In 1966 the clubhouse was enlarged with funds contributed by members.

Known locally as "The Downtown Club", the national spotlight focused on the club when the United States Championships were played here in 1979.

**MacKenzie Park Lawn Bowls Club.** Joe Bell was the first president and a past president of the Southwest Division. It was through his forceful effort that the club was brought into being. The club was organized in 1965 — 70 members. It has two greens with the cost having been shared by the club, City and a foundation. Here, on what was formerly Army Hospital grounds, there is a lawn bowling facility that has unique esthetic appeal. The clubhouse was an old pumphouse that serviced the still standing vine covered tank that gives shade to the luncheon area. In the other direction there is an unbroken magnificent view of the Santa Ynez Mountains.

The club, always a cheerful host, has entertained many touring groups from overseas with a warm greeting demonstrated by the welcoming banner. In 1972 and again in 1985 the American Lawn bowls Association United States Championships were played on the MacKenzie greens.

**Oxnard-Joslyn Lawn Bowls Club.** After repeated efforts by a few enthusiastic lawn bowlers who located

in the city, and with the support of some members of the clubs in Santa Barbara, the City of Oxnard Parks and Recreation Department was moved to provide a bowling green. With the assistance of the Joslyn Foundation a green was built in an existing park. The club was organized on August 8, 1987, was approved in the annual meeting of the division on January 9, 1988 and delegates Ralph Ecton, William Melton, and Angel Ochao were welcomed and seated.

#### **Santa Maria Lawn Bowling Club.**

The City of Santa Maria made available a well located piece of property, and with a grant from the Joslyn Foundation one green was put in place. The club was organized on August 24, 1978 with 29 members. T. A. Stevenson was the driving force and founder of the club and was elected it's first president.

Application for affiliation with the Southwest Division was approved at the 1979 annual meeting of the division. Harry Wood, one of the founding members, was immediatley seated as a delegate.

The highlight of the fifth anniversary celebration on September 23, 1983 was the dedication of the clubhouse which was made possible bythe City of Santa Maria, donations by members, and the Marcelius L. Joslyn Foundation.

#### **Cambria Lawn Bowling Club**

The Bowling green, which does not have the conventional grass playing surface, is immediately adjoining the Jolsyn Adult Center. It has 8 rinks and the draw and pace offer an unbelievable challenge for anyone who is not accustomed to playing here on a regular basis.

The club was organized in May 1968, and records indicate that there

were 95 members including Remy Hudson who was the first president. The local Lions Club is credited with having provided financial support that made it possible to lay down the original Astroturf playing area.

### ***ORANGE DISTRICT***

**Laguna Hills Lawn Bowling Club.** This is a private community in which there are three fine greens in two locations. Always there are movers & shakers who make things happen, and Ellery Files was no exception. He was the first president when the club was organized in 1966. On opening day just prior to play on Sept. 2, 1966, he greeted over 300 lawn bowlers and guests, including officials of the Golden Rain Foundation and Leisure World, Laguna Hills.

Visitors have always been welcome but because of community rules they must arrange thru a member for gate-house clearance. The club has entertained many major tournaments and was the host club for the United States Championships in October 1970.

The records show a hiatus in affiliation with the division which developed because of a misunderstanding concerning membership. During that period the Saddleback club was organized and held membership until the problem was resolved and the Laguna Hills club once again became an active Division member.

**Meadows-Irvine Lawn Bowling Club.** After clearing through the gate-house when entering the mobile home park, one immediately comes to the centerpiece of this private community which is a lawn bowling green with parking spaces on each side and a spacious building shared by other organizations plus

the lawn bowling club. Details concerning the organization of the club are a bit foggy. Early division records place the Meadows in Santa Ana, followed two years later by moving it to Irvine. In any case, everything is right where it was to start with. Club records report organization in 1971 with 16 members.

Having a bowling green right at the back door was an invitation for a number of the experienced bowlers in the division to locate in the park. The early settlers were joined by recognized championship players such as Bob Russell, Don Buckley, Carroll Chase and later by the ever enthusiastic Austin Johnson. From the beginning the Meadows put teams in the top tournament events.

Early problems with the green were corrected when members Don Buckley and Jerry Cullen took on the greenskeeping job and brought it into top condition for tournament play.

### **The Groves Lawn Bowling Club**

The trees are gone but the memory lingers on. Earlier experience in executing plans for a mobile home park encouraged the developer to incorporate a bowling green in an area designed for recreation and social activity. Some of the first to locate at The Groves were not the kind to waste an opportunity to play games. The green immediately saw action. The heavies in getting a club started were Russ and Jean Marshall, Ken and Doris Bolton, Mick and Sadie Vierstra and John Lingenfelter. The club was organized in 1978 with 50 members on the roster. The green was acclaimed as one of the best, and following a personal visit, the chairman of the United States Championships Committee recommended having a tournament played here.

Following negotiations with the club and the park management an invitation was extended and the 1982 championships were played on our green. On almost any Sunday, many of the top tournament players in the division have gathered here to play in keenly contested informal matches.

Division activities have had strong support by the club. Three members served as president of the division. Bill Shonborn held the offices of secretary/treasurer of the division and was later elected to that same office by the council of the American Lawn Bowls Association.

It was rumored that there was a mad dog running free in the park. It is now a proven fact that it was only a dog — not mad. Sorry, MD, we just had to include this for the sake of the record.

**Casta Del Sol Lawn Bowling Club.**  
1978-1988. From then to now it is hard to chronicle in capsule form. Here, in a private residential area, is an incomparable lawn bowling facility - one green, well located by the developer in a setting that is far removed from any distraction.

The club was organized on October 7, 1978 with 23 members that had been brought together through the enthusiastic efforts of Verne Hammill and Blase Melaragno, who then, with Norah Cox, served as the first officers. Before the first anniversary there were over 50 members. Early in 1980 Richard Folkins moved to Mission Viejo and Casta Del Sol became known as the home of a World Champion.

A club tournament program got started on March 16, 1980, and tournament chairman Dick Lowcock quickly followed by scheduling visitations with Meadows-Irvine and The

Groves clubs.

The first of the Casta Del Sol Mixed Triples, a five day event with 64 players, was held in 1981. It was an immediate success and under the direction of Folkins became an annual tournament sponsored by the Mission Viejo Company.

The never ending effort to provide a pleasant hospitable atmosphere was given a lift when ground was broken for a new pavilion in 1983. The pavilion, with funding shared by members, the Mission Viejo Company and the Joslyn Foundation was dedicated in the spring of 1984.

Experienced bowlers Vic and Lucille Christensen, Blase Melaragno and Norah Cox are credited with the rapid development of the "Casta Kids" as Folkins termed the large number of inexperienced players who joined the club.

#### **SOUTH DISTRICT**

**Rancho-Bernardo Lawn Bowling Club.** While officially being a part of the City of San Diego, Rancho Bernardo is some 20 miles north of the main part of the city with lots of open space between. Here in a strictly residential community located in a pleasing rolling hills area, the developer placed an activity center that included a bowling green. That was an invitation to a group of 29, that the club lists as the prime movers, to organize a lawn bowling club in 1965 with 87 members.

While far removed from the main body of affiliated clubs, Rancho Bernardo has been a strong supporter of the organized bowls association. Several members have served on the division Executive Board and Bob Briegel has willingly

had division tournament responsibilities.

National lawn bowls attention was drawn to the club when Chris Gulbrandsen and Charles Lee played in the 1978 United States Championships, and again when Gulbrandsen represented the division in the U.S. 1979 singles championships.

#### Escondido Lawn Bowling Club.

There is a certain modesty in the report from this club that seems to be an attempt to hide a justifiable pride. The questionnaire that was returned simply says that the club was organized in 1963 with about 5 members and a half green paid for by an individual. The first offices were Edgar Haley, Al Widener & Ernest Opacity. That is it — nothing more. The history is really not about a bowling club. A better description is that from time to time — depending on an experiment in progress — it had a plot of ground on which a limited number could play on what would be the finest lawn bowling surface in the country. By careful observation one could see that this was an experimental plot on which Doctor Edgar Haley could practice, not as a surgeon, not as a bowler, but as someone who wanted to gain the knowledge on how to build fine bowling greens. It was his lab, he had paid for it and he was at liberty to do with it what he wanted. The real bit of history is that here Edgar Haley became a world-wide authority on the construction and maintenance of bowling greens and that he has willingly shared his knowledge with others for the asking.

Oaks North Bowls Club. The Rancho Bernardo community grew as additional sections were opened. With the expansion, an activity center was developed in the Oaks North area and again a bowling green was put in place. Immediately the personable Chris Gulbrandsen, along with others already active in bowls, undertook to organize the Oaks North club in 1973.

Finally, on February 26, 1974, the club was established with 16 members. The first officers were Charles Ray, James Stone and Roy Tozier.

Interest in division affairs was encouraged when member George Reynolds was elected president of the Southwest Division in 1974.

In 1987 Paul Rotter was elected to the same office and Walter Doyle was sec./treas. in 1986 & 1987.

#### San Diego Lawn Bowling Club

On May 7, 1931, five British born lawn bowlers, with John Morley as their spokesman, met at the Chamber of Commerce and organized the club. There were no greens, but since Morley was the Park Superintendent, that was not a problem. An ideal site was selected in the beautiful Balboa Park, and two greens were constructed by the city. It sound easy but it was a struggle.

A year later, the club with five members, issued a formal invitation to all clubs in the Southwest to the official opening of the San Diego Lawn Bowling Club on June 11, 1932 at 2:30 PM. A clubhouse was built in 1933 with the help of the WPA. There were 20 members when the club became affiliated with the Division .

In 1976, the combined membership of men & women was over 150.

Club games were a fixture from the start with many feature tournaments hosted by the club. There were a few qualified players who entered major events. In 1939, a four man team won the rinks championship in the second international tournament played in San Francisco.

The five founders would have enjoyed the 1983 United States Championships played here. From the opening parade with Marine Color Guard and Pipers to the finish of the singles, when even the participants were not sure who had won when the last bowl came to rest, it was the highlight of 57 years of lawn bowls in San Diego.

#### ***WEST DISTRICT***

**Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club.** In the heart of a palatial residential section of the city there is a lawn bowling club. The clubhouse and two greens are in a public park. The first green was put in place by the city. When Marcellus Joslyn became a member, he together with other members paid for the construction of a clubhouse and the purchase and installation of essential appliances. A second green was paid for by the Marcellus L. Joslyn Foundation. It was dedicated in 1958.

Details are missing and there is no record of the founders and the date the club was organized. It has been noted that the club was a member of the Southern California Lawn Bowling Association in 1931. It has been affiliated with the Southwest Division since it came into being.

Alert to the requirements to serve a growing membership, a patio was put in place in 1972. Then a program to remodel and expand the club-house was completed in 1985.

When the "Joslyn Green" had to be replaced, the cost of reconstruction was shared by the city and a grant from the Joslyn Foundation. A plaque commemorating this improvement was unveiled in 1988. The north green is named the "Cella Green" in appreciation of the many contributions over the years by Dorothy Cella, the doer of everything.

#### **Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club.**

In 1925, James L. Kennedy and O. N. Beasley teamed up with several others and built a bowling green alongside a bank owned by Beasley. When bowling got underway there were 15 members in the club. With Beasley as the first president, the club embraced organized lawn bowling and was affiliated with the association.

The Beasley - Kennedy duo were motivators and in 1929, following some urging by these wheelhorses, the city council built what is called the "Beasley Green" in Roxbury park and made a clubhouse available. In 1937 a second green was put in place with funds donated by members, and it was named the "Kennedy Green". That was followed in 1947 when a third green was put in with funds donated by George Meyer, an ardent member.

At the time of the 25th anniversary there were 140 members. When the 50th anniversary issue of the Beverly Bias was published it gave a comprehensive history of the club.

Many names that are familiar in bowling circles were noted as having been active members. Among them was Walt Disney in whose honor the Disney Masters Tournament is played each year. There was Cress Tilley who was editor of the BOWLS magazine for many years. Also, Ezra Wyeth for coaching, and Bill Hay for his leading role at the club and president of the A.L.B.A. as well as the International Bowling Board.

Teddy Roosevelt was mentioned, not as a bowler, but because member George Hoffman charged up San Juan Hill with his Rough Riders. There were some serious tournament players, one of whom was Jim Kennedy. It was he who was a member of the Dehner, Hooper rinks team that won all the National Tournament honors in 1936.

In 1986 a renovation of Roxbury park was completed. The three greens had been redone and the indestructable clubhouse building had been replaced with an even more indestructable building. A meeting room, kitchen, and locker room are there for the members.

**Hermosa Beach Lawn Bowling Club.** Following dedication ceremonies in 1934 or 1935, the club had a long history of active participation in Southwest division affairs. For a number of years it was an attractive place for top flight division tournament players to meet on a Sunday for match games when a major event was not otherwise on the schedule.

The club failed to attract new members from the surrounding community and after years of declining membership it passed out of existence at 1988 year end.

**Santa Monica Lawn Bowls Club.** The club was organized on November 8, 1948. The green and clubhouse are in Douglas Park on the site of the original Douglas Aircraft plant. H. W. Parker was elected the first president and Marcellus Joslyn and Senator Lawrence Phipps, Senator from Colorado, were named Honorary Members. Dr. Edgar Haley, Escondido, and Rupert Haley, Santa Barbara, are the only living charter members.

Mr. Joslyn donated the green to the city of Santa Monica on December 10, 1947, and the clubhouse on April 17, 1949. The green was dedicated with an appropriate ceremony on May 14, 1949.

In 1976, Ferrell Burton, Jr. spearheaded construction of a completely new green which was paid for by a donation from the Joslyn Foundation and a Senior Citizen Grant.

It is not clear just when the club first affiliated with the association, but minutes of a January 1953 meeting show that delegates from the Santa Monica club were in attendance. A 1970 record notes that the club then had 42 members. Since then the club has continuously been an affiliated member of the Southwest Division.

It should be of interest to note that Douglas park where the green is located was the site of the Ince Studio - one of the first movie studios in California. This property then became the first factory of Donald Douglas where the first in the long line of the famous DC-3 aircraft was manufactured.



## THIS and THAT - THESE and THOSE . .

Nov. 11, 1921 Did they ride the Big Red cars? At dedication of the Pasadena green 50 players were from Los Angeles.

Dateline 1927 Charles Paddock, Olympic sprint champion and newspaper columnist wrote, "Lawn Bowls Not Old Man's Game, But One Which Affords Thrills Aplenty to All Ages."

Trivia 1939 Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club. James A. Paterson, a new bowler, carried the jack with three direct hits, the last taking it into the ditch and leaving him with three live bowls within 3 feet of the jack. Paterson humbly claimed beginners luck.

Sep. 6, 1958 Harry pays. Minutes of a special meeting of Southern California Association report 19 present and 6 absent. Problem - a protest by VP Harry Whitescarver on a July 26 playdown. Much talk, some argument, problem resolved and then Harry said it was time to eat lunch - he to foot the bill and pleased to do so.

Dateline 1962 Bill Hay - a nationally known voice (radio that is) became the first American to be elected president of the International Bowling Board. No attempt is made to enumerate his honors - he simply had the honor of holding every office that could be held. He became a member of the Beverly Hills club in 1941. A highlight of his long illustrious career was that as president of the A.L.B.A. he was the spokesman and team captain of an association touring party that visited England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, playing bowls as they went and being royally entertained by their hosts. The party sailed from New York on the Queen Elizabeth on July 1, 1948, returning October 6. The touring group included Southwest members C. F. Manhan and W. C. Daniels of Pasadena; T. Stead and Dr. E. J. Cary of Long Beach and Ken Haley, father of Edgar and Rupert, of Santa Monica.

Dateline 1971 President Joe Bell traveled 8000 miles while making an official visit at every club in the division.

Dec. 1, 1968 Financial report of the Southwest Division showed a receipt of \$1,050.37 from the dissolved Southern California Lawn Bowls Association.

Jan. 26, 1973 The A.L.B.A was at a loss on what to do with the Association trophies. So, some members of the Southwest Division arranged for their display by the Helms Foundation in Los Angeles. On August 29 the trophies were entrusted to the Los Angeles Athletic Foundation to be displayed in a trophies museum yet to be built. These beautiful silver trophies remain the property of the A.L.B.A.

Dateline 1975 The ever busy and much traveled President Chase flew by private plane to make an official visit at the Arizona clubs.

Dateline 1976 Ferrell Burton, Jr., a member of the Southwest Division, was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the American Lawn Bowls Association. He served with distinction for six years, resigning in 1982. Since

then he has concentrated on the BOWLS magazine as Editor and Business Manager. A strong supporter of the division, but being fair, he gives equal space to the other five.

January 1977 H. Austin Johnson. Suddenly he was on the scene. For him, lawn bowls was fun and he wanted others to share in the enjoyment of the game. He instituted the "Austin Johnson Fun Days" and the Two Plus Two Rinks. He helped set up the Las Vegas Triples and worked out the all-league playoffs. Austin was a positive figure on and off the green and was always ready to support any program that was good for the sport. Then he was gone. The memorial reads 1909 - 1985.

October 1977 The A.L.B.A. National Open Tournament played in the Southwest. Art Hansen was honored for having promoted and managed the largest lawn bowls tournament ever held in the United States - 317 players. Had to use greens at Beverly Hills, Long Beach, Riverside, Pomona, Claremont and Pasadena. Great job by Rowland Rapp who hustled everybody around and had only one player miss the bus. He found a volunteer to take him to Long Beach - all the while the young fellow sang, "Get me to the green on time".

Trivia 1977 Carpet bowls at Pasadena Hilton Hotel - Headquarters A.L.B.A. National Open. Impatiently waiting for the motor coach to arrive, bowlers got in a few practice ends on the lobby carpet.

April 1978 The Canadian National Bowls Team here for a six day practice session. The Friendly Valley, Claremont and Pasadena clubs graciously made their greens available. In a wind up informal match our guys beat their guys.

Dateline 1982 Bill Shonborn, a member of The Groves, is elected Secretary/Treasurer of the American Lawn Bowls Association. His conservative handling of the business affairs irritated some members of the council. When his insistence of fair play was ignored, he tendered his resignation in 1985.

Dateline 1985 Art Hansen announces his retirement. March 1989 - Norm Balch asks, "Are you ever going to really retire?"

Aug. 23, 1985 A fitting memorial. The First Marcellus L. Joslyn Mixed Triples Tournament was played at the Santa Monica club over a three day period. The Joslyn Foundation together with the Santa Monica club sponsored the event. Remy L. Hudson, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation presented the prizes in the closing ceremony. The tournament is scheduled to be played annually on the greens of clubs that have been supported by the Foundation.

Dateline 1987 Art Hansen in response to a critic, "I have held almost every office in the Southwest Division and was twice elected President of the American Lawn Bowls Association. I never asked to be elected and was never asked to resign."

Dateline 1989 From Mesa , Arizona. Hoopes the greatest. "Although Ted Hoopes pushed too hard to gain his objectives, he was the greatest

factor in Promoting and organizing lawn bowls in Sun City and Arizona areas. Submitted by Eldon Schmad, Leisure World.

March 1989 A visit with Hugh Folkins. At the Redlands club, fearful that an eleven year old would team up with his brother and dominate the tournament play, the older members established a rule that the minimum age for membership would be 15. Because he had been taken in earlier, Dick Folkins was allowed to retain his membership but brother Hugh had to wait until the rule was relaxed so that he was accepted at 14. He laughingly said, "They stunted my growth".

### THAT DOES IT!

#### THE PLAYERS . . .

Generally speaking, somewhat less than 10% of our members participate in the major tournaments played in the division each year. Even so, those who do, act as sort of a binder in bringing about a better understanding and closer relationship between the clubs in the division. We take a measure of pride in what some of our players achieve and the honors that are brought to clubs and the division. Reflecting on time - from then to now - hundreds of our members have participated in, in major tournaments. Some were better than others and consistently won or placed high in the events in which they entered. Others were outstanding and would have been elected to the Hall Of Fame if we had such a place of honor. Not all can be named here so we limit our listins to those who won fame, if not fortune, while playing bowls as keen and outstanding players.

The Dehner era In 1924 two young men from Lincoln, Nebraska, arrived in Pasadena, brothers Al and W. D. (Hap) Dehner. Within a few short years they became the dominant players in the Southwest. They traveled the tournament circuit, gained top honors wherever they played and were acknowledged to be outstanding ambassadors of good will on and off the green. In 1936 they teamed up with Mel Hooper of Redlands and Jim Kennedy of Beverly Hills and headed east to play in the national tournament.

On August 6 a telegram was received at the Pasadena Western Union office addressed to Charles J. Fox. It read; "Hot dog we defeated Florida Brooklyn Springfield Buffalo and Chicago and won the East West Championship Buffalo. Today won final in tough game score 17 to 15 these results definitely give our team the complete United States rink championship for 1936 fone Flo and Beasley Beverly Hills, Al Hap Jim and Mel." Then, on returning home, the local paper carried a story and picture under the headline; "They brought everything home but the Brooklyn Bridge". In 1947, playing in the Great Britian vs United States International Tournament at Arroyo Seco, the Dehner brothers defeated the top British team of E. E. Keech and A. E. Taylor. Certainly, there were other first flight tournament players in the Southwest during this era but none so frequently champions as the Dehner brothers.

**The Folkins era** The Folkins name was placed in the record by a 1924 newspaper clipping that reported a Doctor Folkins played for Redlands on a rinks team. The "Here We Come" flag was run up the pole in 1935 when at 15 years of age, his son Hugh was the subject of a feature story in the Oakland Tribune - it declared that he was a coming champion. Right on target the prediction proved true and the Folkins era came into bloom in 1950 when brothers Hugh and Richard played in the National Open Tournament. Richard, known to all as Dick, won the Singles, with Hugh he won the Pairs, and together with a third player they won the Triples. The Official A.L.B.A. Almanac shows that Dick Folkins won the National Open Singles 4 times, the pairs 4 times and the Triples 5 times. Hugh won the Singles once and twice with Dick in the Pairs and Triples 3 times.

The Dick Folkins strength again showed in the United States Championships, winning the Singles in 1974 and 1975 and the Pairs in 1976, 77 and 79. Dick was also a strong contender in the World Bowls games, winning the Triples gold at Worthing, England in 1972 and the Pairs silver at Johannesburg in 1976. Richard Folkins was, without a doubt, the premier lawn bowler in the the United States for many years. Health and age finally took their toll.

In this same period many strong tournament players came into the picture. Some were local and developed from competing with the best in the division. Some brought their skills with them from other places. This combined to give the Southwest a group of the finest players in the association. Neil McInnes's usual comment was "If the big fellow doesn't win it, I will". It usually worked out that way. Neil won the United States Championships Singles in 1972 and 1982 and won the Pairs 6 times. He has also won the National Open Singles, Pairs and Triples events.

In international competition McInnes played with Folkins in winning the Pairs silver medal in the 1976 World Bowls games in Johannesburg. He has been a member of the A.L.B.A. World Bowls team 3 times. His native ability together with his dedication to serious practice sessions has made him a real champion. Jerry LaPask was teamed with Dick Folkins in winning the Pairs in the United States Championships in 1976, 1977, 1979 and the National Open Pairs in 1977. Arnold White brought a classical style to the green that is seldom seen in this country. He was a steady player, conservative in his approach to the game and always concentrating on how best to play the next bowl. Arnold was on the winning Pairs team in the 1980 and 1981 United States Championships with Neil McInnes and with Keith Lance in 1984.

A review of champions must include Bob Russell and Don Buckley, U.S. Championships Pairs winners in 1964 and Tom Stirrat and Fred Howarth in 1960. Frank Petit was the National Open Singles champion in 1974. Others on the list, and not to be forgotten, are Ezra Wyeth, Carroll Chase, Bill Shonborn, Rudy Prinz, Rowland Rapp, Ed Harris . . . . Where does one stop?

## TOURNAMENTS - TROPHIES . . .

The 1944 constitution of the combined Northern and Southern California Associations specified certain tournaments to be played annually and alternately in the North and the South. Intense rivalry developed and it was not unusual for 50 to 60 players from either area to travel in order to participate.

### These were the specified events.

Triples - for the Lewis Cup.

Championship Doubles.

Singles - for the Getty Cup.

North - South Triples. Fox Trophy. Equal number of North vs South teams

Northern Association Trophy. Secondary event in Lewis Cup Triples

Southern Association Trophy. Secondary event in the Championship Doubles

Brooks Memorial Trophy. Rinks. Required 4 teams each North vs South

California State Trophy. Rinks with one team each North vs South.

Later, by mutual agreement the trophies were retired and the events were discontinued in favor of the state events now scheduled, namely, the State Triples and State Rinks with one team each from the PIMD vs the Southwest Division. At a later time a novice singles and novice doubles was added to the state program

### Tournaments and trophies in the Southwest.

Because of the large number of clubs in the area a tournament program was established with certain events to be played each year. The tournaments were named for individuals who donated perpetual trophies. Over the years wall plaques were added for other events. By 1976 the total had reached 36 and all were displayed or stored at the Arroyo Seco Clubhouse.

When the Arroyo Seco building was looted many trophies were stolen or destroyed. Shortly thereafter, all trophies were declared retired but it was agreed that certain tournaments should continue to be identified by the names with which they had long been known. They are:

#### Murray-Allison Singles.

The minutes of the 1965 annual meeting of the Southern California Lawn Bowling Association reported that William Allison and Frank Murray had donated trophies for singles tournaments to be played for each year. Frank Murray was a member of the Glendale club and was the President of the Southern California Association in 1958. William Allison was a member of the Holmby Park Club, and was the President of the Southern California Association in 1967

### Fox Mixed Doubles.

Charles J. Fox retired as President of the Police Gazette Publishing Company in 1930 and moved to Pasadena. He was widely known as a patron of sports and had a special interest in lawn bowls. Fox had the ability to attract attention to lawn bowls and he generously donated many fine trophies.

The first international match between the British and the United States was arranged by Fox - it was played in Pasadena on September 24, 1927 with following tournaments in 1928 and 1929. The competition was for the Charles J. Fox International Lawn Bowling Challenge Cup.

### Cary-MacDonald Doubles.

Doctor Raymond Cary was a member of the Recreation Park club and was President of the Southern California Association in 1945. He is credited with having founded the Coast League and was known to be a strong supporter of a positive visitation program by all clubs. Doctor MacDonald was likewise a member of the Recreation Park Club. He is noted as having been a co-founder of the Coast League along with Dr.Raymond Cary.

### Quinnell - Contenti Rinks

Henry Quinnell, Uncle Harry to Mrs. Carroll Chase, came to the Southwest from Ontario, Canada, in 1949. There was not a rinks tournament on the schedule at that time so he suggested the event and offered a trophy. The Quinnell Rinks has been played ever since. Harry died in 1963. Joseph Contenti. The Contenti name was coupled with Quinnell in the 1976 schedule to form the Quinnell-Contenti Rinks tournament. Joe was known to be a keen and accomplished tournament player. Ed Harris,hoping to make the rinks tournament more attractive, influenced Contenti to offer a trophy.

### Sheere Doubles

Chet Sheere was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Southern California Lawn Bowls Association, 1956 - 1964. A Chet Sheere Memorial Trophy and tournament was proposed in the annual meeting of the association in 1965 and the doubles tournament was subsequently scheduled later that year.

### **Names associated with other trophies or plaques that were retired.**

Mel Hooper	Ed Harris	Joseph Bell
Carroll Chase	Tom Gardiner	Sun Valley
C.C. Teel	Frank Petit	George Reynolds
Arnold Angel	Carl Waterbury	W. K. Haley
Art Grimmel	W.G. Hay	Verne Potter

In time, other tournaments were added to the schedule, and all were listed in the 1970 through 1988 division directory.

## DIVISION PRESIDENTS 1970 - 1988

1970 Dan Mahan....Friendly Valley  
1971 Joe Bell.....MacKenzie Park  
1972 Frank Petit.....Pasadena  
1973 Verne Potter.....Claremont  
1974 George Reynolds...Oaks North  
1975 Carroll Chase.....Meadows  
1976 Ezra Wyeth.....Beverly Hills  
1977 Arthur Hansen.....Arroyo Seco  
1978 Geo. Tichenor.....Laguna Hills  
1979 Rowland Rapp.....Arroyo Seco

1980 Ellis Minner.MacKenzie Pk.  
1981 Russel Hadwiger.Redlands  
1982 Ross Bahrs....Sun City, CA  
1983 Wm. Shonborn.The Groves  
1984 Jack Williams....San Diego  
1985 Keith Lance.....The Groves  
1987 Lloyd Roark-Santa Barbara  
1987 Paul Rotter.....Oaks North  
1988 Laird MacDonald....Escond.

## DIVISION SECRETARY-TREASURERS 1970 - 1988

1970 - 1975	Ed C. Harris.....Arroyo Seco
1976 - 1978	William Shonborn.....The Groves
1979 - 1985	Arthur Hansen.....Pasadena
1986 - 1987	Walter Doyle.....Oaks North
1988 -	Arthur W. Newlon.....Pasadena

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### THE LADIES . . .

This history of lawn bowls in the Southwest would be shamefully incomplete without an expression of appreciation to the ladies who so generously supported the overall program.

We have come to think of the ladies as the providers of the coffee and cake. Unquestionably there is more. They have devoted more hours and much energy in serving in the capacity of hostesses, further, they have provided the feminine touch without which many of the niceties we have enjoyed would be missing.. The records show that many clubs have had a lady secretary, and that others have entrusted the leadership to a lady president. Unfortunately, we cannot list the names of all who have held office or otherwise contributed time and effort in some supporting role.

Beyond the social, there has been the competition on the green. The lady bowlers have played an important role in the daily club games, club visitations and in the invitational tournaments.

This bit of our history acknowledges that the ladies have brought many honors to our organization, both on and off the green.

### THE PARADE PASSES ON . . .

*Over the years, thousands of members have answered the call of the bowl, and hundreds of leaders have given of their time and talent for the benefit of the organization. In this history report, some are named - most are not. All must recognize that this is an inherent problem when dealing with a matter as complex as an association such as ours.* Art Hansen, Editor.

## MARCELLUS L. JOSLYN

By Joe Richardson

Beyond any doubt, the man who has done the most for lawn bowling in Southern California is the late businessman and humanitarian, Marcellus L. Joslyn. Until his death in 1963, at the age of 90, he was a devoted and fiercely competitive lawn bowler. He founded the Santa Monica Lawn Bowls Club, and was President for many years of the Holmby Park L.B.C. During his lifetime, he financed, wholly or in part, the building of greens in Beverly Hills, Holmby Hills, Santa Monica, Cambria, Hermosa Beach, Long Beach, Newport Beach, and Laguna Beach.

Mr. Joslyn felt that not enough was being done for the nation's senior citizens and, when he established his philanthropic Joslyn Foundation, he specified that at least 20% of its income was to be spent for the welfare and recreation of people over 50. This has resulted in parks, adult recreation centers and many, many improvements to the facilities at Southern California's lawn bowling clubs. The Foundation has currently financed greens in Hemet and Santa Maria plus a new 2 green complex in Rancho Bernardo.

Marcellus Joslyn's generous, almost missionary zeal in encouraging the spread of lawn bowling has brought such happiness to so many that we, new converts and oldtimers alike, shall always be deeply in his debt.

Mr. Joslyn delighted in writing poems, many of which have been published and some of which celebrated his favorite sport.



Marcellus L. Joslyn 87, at right, on bowling green at Holmby Park, enjoys the sport with Mrs. M. Wesley Parker, his daughter, Arthur Rehwold, retired Southern Pacific Executive, and Mrs. Rehwold who is delivering the bowl.

