

## Lawn bowling Q & A WHATSIT ALL MEAN?

If you're new to lawn bowling...in fact, if you've been playing the game for quite awhile, you've heard terminology from time-to-time that doesn't quite register on your inner-Google. And, before you have the opportunity to ask for an explanation, it's your turn on the mat, or everyone is heading home, and your question disappears into the blogosphere.

With the assistance of men's SWD past-president Clair Ott, here are some typical inquires and explanations:

**\* What are "Division points"? How do you get them? What are they good for? Who is eligible to receive them?**

Certain tournaments on the men's and women's annual tournament calendars are designated "Division-sponsored". According to a pre-established schedule of values, these specific tourneys generate "points" for players who finish in the top positions of each event.

At the end of each season, the top-ranked (most points) men's and women's players are announced as members of the honorary All-Southwest Team for that year. Their rewards are a commemorative pin, lots of congratulations, and bragging rights.

Some bowlers use their earned points and All-Southwest ranking to cite personal success when applying for the U.S. National Team.

Earned points do not carry over from year to year.

*NOTE: A current copy of the SWD tournament "Blue Book" is available (or should be) at every Southwest Division LBC. Ask your club tournament director or club officers should you wish to peruse one. A listing of bowlers who earned points during 2010 is found on the SWD web page. Click on the Men's or Women's Division buttons.*

**\* What is Ladies Day and who can attend Ladies Days?**

Ladies Day is, what the name implies: a 'women only' day of bowling and friendship for members of the Women's Southwest Division of USLBA. It is held once a month (several exceptions) at rotating So. Cal. bowling greens.

ALL SWD women are invited to attend.

A schedule of dates is issued at the beginning of each year, and sign-ups are sent to each club. Clubs are requested to post the schedule and sign-ups on their bulletin board.

Every club has at least one SWWD representative should you wish further information. Information is also available at the SWD website: [swlawnbowls.com](http://swlawnbowls.com)

**\* Some announcements and flyers received by clubs include the terms: "mixed" or "mix and match". What does that refer to?**

These announcements usually have to do with club invitational events. "Mixed" means boys and girls together—not all-men and not all-women. For example: a "mixed" triples event would call for two men and a woman, or two women and a man.

"Mix and Match" means any combination of genders—all men, all women, or mixed.

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## SO. CAL. WOMEN SWEEP U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Southwest Division entries at the United States National Championships captured both the Women's Singles and Pairs events at the annual competitions, held this year October 23–27, in Sun City, Arizona.

Hermosa Beach LBC's Rosa Gandara won a record-breaking fifth Singles title in six years; a feat even more remarkable considering she has been bowling only 7 years.

Pairs honors went to the team of Kottia Spangler (Riverside) and Anne Nunes (Newport Harbor) for the fourth time. Career-wise, it was Spangler's seventh Pairs title. She also won a Singles championship in 1985. Nunes recorded a Singles crown in 2003.

The National Championships bring together the top Singles and Pairs teams from lawn bowling's seven regional divisions, with winners in women's and men competitions cited as America's national champions. Because of the size of its membership, the SW Division enters two sets of teams, to bring the field of competitors to eight teams in each men's and women's event.

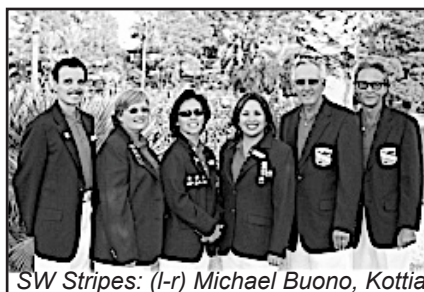
Men's Singles was won by Arizona's Jack Behling, edging out three second place finishers for his title, including San Diego's Michael Buono. Men's Pairs went to Richard Broad and Jeff Covell, from Seattle,

Other Southwest Division entries, Singles players Heather Stewart and Steve Smith, and Pairs duos, Sybil Bernash/Jan Hargraves, Phil Salt/Roger Teske and Joe Siegman/Bill Kagan acquitted themselves well, but no cigars.

The four days of competition was accented by assorted social events for participants and sponsors. Opening ceremonies marked the final official duty for retiring USLBA president Isabella Forbes (Long Beach). Incoming national president Marty Schans (Sun City, AZ) hosted the ceremonies, which featured a traditional bagpiper-led procession of participants.



*SW Stars: (l-r) Sybil Bernash, Jan Hargraves, Steve Smith, Heather Stewart, Bill Kagan, Joe Siegman*



*SW Stripes: (l-r) Michael Buono, Kottia Spangler, Anne Nunes, Rosa Baer, Roger Teske, Phil Salt*

## 10 COUNTRIES DAZZLE CROWDS AT M.A.P. INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY

Players representing ten countries made up the field for the 9th annual Michael Ashton-Phillips (MAP) International Challenge, held October 3–9, at the Newport Harbor and Laguna Beach bowling greens.

Sizable crowds were on hand daily to watch participating countries: Australia, Canada, China, England, Hong Kong, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland, Wales and USA.

Scotland's Robert Grant and Martyn Rice won the Pairs event, winning 11 of twelve matches. It was Scotland's third consecutive gold medal in the Pairs. China's Jacky Wong and Ye Sui Ying took the silver medal. Blair Sommers & James Talbot, Ireland, and Charlie Herbert & Brian Stewart, USA, were co-bronze finishers.

Ireland's Talbot, who finished Silver in the Singles last year, won the 2010 gold medal. Andrew Hopkins, of Wales, was the silver medalist. Co-bronze medals went to Robert Grant and Martyn Rice, both playing for Scotland.

The Newport and Laguna Beach bowling clubs hosted various events for the participants, including BBQ and pizza parties.

The MAP tournament, the only sanctioned international bowls event held in the United States, is named in memory of



2010 Pairs gold medalists Robert Grant and Martyn Rice, holding the MAP International trophy, flank Singles champion James Talbot

the late Michael Ashton-Phillips (Beverly Hills LBC), a past-president of the men's Southwest Division, who represented the U.S. overseas on many occasions as a member of the U.S. National Team. His wife, Sandy, provided the seed money for the tournament, and has served as its co-chair. MacKenzie Park's Sam DeLisle is MAP Tournament Director.

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### \* What are the "Playdowns"?

The United States Lawn Bowls Association (USLBA) sanctions an annual U.S. National Championships. They are Singles and Pairs events for men and for women.

Competitors who participate in this premier American event are the champion men's and women's Singles player and Pairs team from each Division. The champions are determined by regional qualifying tournaments called "Playdowns".

The USLBA has seven U.S. regional divisions. Each of these divisions conducts its own Playdowns to determine its candidates for the National Championships.

Because of the size of its membership, two sets of Southwest Division qualifiers are invited to participate, making up a field of eight teams competing for top honors.

All USLBA members who are United States citizens, male and female, are invited to compete in the gender-based Playdown competitions.

Playdown dates are prominently listed on the SWD annual calendar.

### \* What is the "Blue Book"?

The men's Southwest Division publishes a handbook called "The Blue Book" that describes the nature, format and special attributes of every Southern California men's lawn bowling tournament. It also informs about various other important aspects of SWD tournaments, including the "points" system.

Every SWD club should have at least one copy of the Blue Book available to its members. If not, request a copy.

### \* What is the USLBA and what is it's standing in the world lawn bowling community?

The United States Lawn Bowls Association (USLBA) is a member of the World Bowls Board (WBB), which is affiliated with the Confederacion Mondiale des Sports de Boules (CMSB), which is an affiliated member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The USA is one of 48 nations that make up the WBB, lawn bowling's international sports federation. The number of member countries in the WBB is greater than the size of many federations whose sport appears in the Olympic Games.

At last count, the USA had the eleventh largest WBB membership.

### \* What do the USLBA, WBB, CMSB and IOC do for you?

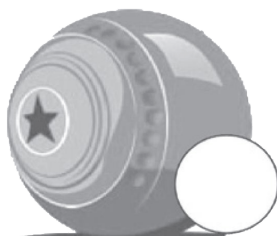
They collectively do what most federations and associations do for its members: work to keep their sport active and relevant. They set and enforce standardization of rules and equipment worldwide. They sanction the highest levels of competition, including the quadrennial World Bowls, biennial Asia-Pacific Championships and Atlantic Championships, as well as national, regional and local events via its associate members. They monitor the conduct of the sport and its operatives worldwide. They provide timely publications, advice and information. And, they are working to get bowls into the Olympic Games.

Established in the United States in 1915, the USLBA (and predecessors) has adhered to the international standards and fostered its own development and enhancement of the sport.

The USLBA has no paid employees. All national, regional and local officers are pro bono volunteers.

**DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION? SEND US YOUR QUERY!**

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## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**Australian Paris - MacKenzie Park**

- 1 Amador Martinez, Armand Escalante (tie)
- 1 Michael Siddall, Stan Bloom
- 3 Loren Dion, Tom Dion/Beryl Hebert
- 4 Raul Perez, Doris Sneddon

**Joe Duran Triples - Santa Barbara**

- 1 Sam DeLisle, Stan Bloom, Arnon Blau
- 2 Loren Dion, Eva Ho, Ian Ho
- 3 John Mulholland, Chris Kennedy, Hildegard Kennedy
- 4 Barry Pickup, Bud Viard, Joe Strieff

**Mike and Mimi Majer Mixed Pairs****A Green**

- 1 Charlie Herbert, Maryna Hyland
- 2 Bob Nunes, Anne Nunes
- 3 Jim Olson, Robin Olson
- 4 Michael Siddall, Eva Lee

**B Green**

- 1 Rick Gregory, Debbie Gregory
- 2 Larry Mumma, Jo Mumma
- 3 Wayne Bowbeer, Margaret Sexton
- 4 Chris Kennedy, Hildegard Kennedy

**Tournament Trophy:**

Charlie Herbert & Maryna Hyland

**Aussie Pairs - Riverside****A Green**

- 1 Michael Siddall, Patrick Chan
- 2 Marinko Tudor, Houdini Ho
- 3 Evelyn Tiel, Jim Semanek
- 4 Paul Gresbrink, Steve Dowd

**B Green**

- 1 Kelly Warren, Ryan Neptune
- 2 Rick Gregory, Debbie Gregory
- 3 Robert McMahon, Allan Einhorn
- 4 Larry Mumma, Jo Mumma

**Chicken Coop Open - Newport****A Green**

- 1 Anne Nunes, Michael Siddall
- 2 Kottia Spangler, Brian Stewart
- 3 Kim Heiser, Tony Baer

**B Green**

- 1 Cathy MacDonald, John MacDonald
- 2 Candy DeFazio, Malcolm McDonlad
- 3 Patty Lucas, Dale Lucas

**Men & Women Vet-Novice Pairs****Laguna Beach****North Green**

- 1 Patrick Chan, Bob Beck
- 2 Roger Teske, Greg Gatusso
- 3 Ed Quo, Scott Roberts
- 4 Steve Smith, Mike Mercer

**South Green**

- 1 Leonard Wasserman, Ryan Wasserman
- 2 Jim Olson, Garret D'Aigle
- 3 Dee McSparran, Fred Anast
- 4 Tom Courtier, Greg Torres

**MacKenzie Park**

- 1 Amador Martinez, Sherry Creager
- 2 Joe Brown, Teri Komatsu
- 3 Armand Escalante, Jose Rodriguez

**Sun City**

- 1 Theota LeDonne, Jim Popevis
- 2 Kelly Warren, Hrvana Clark
- 3 Clair Ott, Jim Semanek
- 4 Roland Schneider, Arthur Almaguer

**Joslyn Mixed Triples - Holmby Park****A Group**

- 1 (Newport) Ian Ho, Ivan Hyland, Maryna Hyland
- 2 (Newport) Gary Fischer, Jerry Grady, Dee McSparran
- 3 (San Diego) Boyce Stringer, Mary Ann Beath, Melanie Vizenor

**B Group**

- 1 (MacKenzie Park) Mike Newton, Chris Kennedy, Hildegard Kennedy
- 2 (Hermosa Beach) Morris Lane, Jim Muller, Pauline Renshaw
- 3 (Holmby Park) Colin Stead, Linda Bator, Sam Benjamin

**Quinnell Rinks - Santa Monica**

- 1 Ian Ho, Eva Lee, Kottia Spangler, Anne Nunes
- 2 Tony Baer, Stu Bell, Marty Bierman, Amo Green
- 3 Bill Hiscock, Len Wasserman, Dee McSparran, Olga McCord

**Waterbury**

- 1 Newport Harbor
- 2 MacKenzie Park
- 3 San Diego

**5-Man All Star**

- 1 (MacKenzie Park) Loren Dion, Sam DeLisle, Jim Morton, Bruce Phillips, Stanley Bloom
- 2 (San Diego) Steve Smith, Bill Brault, Jim Olson, Howard Harris, Leonard Wasserman
- 3 (Santa Anita)

**SWD Women's 5-Star**

- 1 (San Diego) Christine Ludwig, Robin Olson, Gail Hodgson, Brenda Wright, Lynda Borkum
- 2 (Newport Harbor) Maryna Hyland, Jan Hargraves, Eva Lee, Dee McSparran, Anne Nunes
- 3 (Laguna Beach) Gisela Schmid, Kottia Spangler, Karen Wagner, Tanya Hills, Linda Roberts (tie)
- 3 (Long Beach) Rosa Baer, Bernie Crabtree, Ann Kirchberg, Eileen Lancendorfer, Rickie Neal

**Mix or Match Triples - Sun City****A Green**

- 1 Tony Baer, Bill Brault, Dee McSparran
- 2 Howard Harris, Christine Ludwig, Lynda Borkum
- 3 Kottia Spangler, Anne Nunes, Carrie Fossati
- 4 Rob Robbins, Theota LeDonne, Carol Robbins

**B Green**

- 1 David Rahm, Pam Munson, Joe Rahm
- 2 Melanie Vizenor, Jim Wyatt, Gerrie Giseburt
- 3 Jerry Grady, Jan Hargraves, Brett Nista

**Mixed Pairs (Men Skip) - S. Anita****A Green**

- 1 Ed Quo, Anne Nunes
- 2 Bill Brault, Kottia Spangler
- 3 Liam Courtney, Dee McSparran

**B Green**

- 1 Kelly Warren, Tanya Hills
- 2 Bill Wolff, Cheryl Barkovich
- 3 Tom Davis, Eileen Lancendorfer

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## DEAR DR. GOODWICK..... RX for more consistent excellence



Dear Dr. Goodwick,

Rumors are flying about the new "Laws of the Sport of Bowls". What do you know? What can you tell? When will they take effect?

*Anxious*

Dear Anx,

The USLBA Council is scrutinizing the Domestic Regulations as I type. Some laws have already been approved. If there are no surprises, all are likely to have been approved by the time you're reading this issue of *The Green Jack*. So, in no particular order.....

1. The "hammer" rule is dead and gone. Whoever wins the end must roll the jack.
2. The "one minute rule" is still alive and well.
3. In the new rulebook, every law will have its own number. For example:

- 28.1.1.4 If the bowl is displaced by an opponent and it has disturbed the head after it is displaced, the skip of the team that played the bowl should choose whether to:
- 28.1.1.4.1 replace the head and have the bowl replayed; or
  - 28.1.1.4.2 replace the head and place the bowl where the skip believes it would have come to rest; or
  - 28.1.1.4.3 declare the end dead.

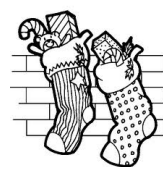
4. In team games, the **skips will be responsible for keeping the scorecards**, not the second. Yes, the skip has always had that responsibility in pairs.
5. The **minimum distance for a delivered jack is reduced to 21 meters—that's 68'10 3/4"**. You might as well memorize it now. That number will be around for a long time. And get ready to change your hog lines.
6. Cell phones and other noise emitting electronic devices are punishable by death. Just kidding. But it is a violation of possession of the rink if another player can hear noise (or music, or whatever) coming from your equipment.
7. If Appendix A.4 has been invoked (restricting players' visits to the head), the skip who will roll second may remain at the head end until the other skip has delivered his first bowl.
8. At the National Championships and the U.S. Open, teams' below-the-waist attire may be colored.

There are several logistical requirements to prepare before going to print, and then all the books will have to be distributed. Everyone wants that process to go smoothly and quickly so there will be an effective date as close as possible to January 1st. Chances are, they will be declared to be in effect before you get your copy of the book, and I would guess that all USLBA members will get their books before the end of January.

Those who aren't USLBA members...shame on you (for \$1.67 a month)!



The Green Jack wishes you a very  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New  
Year !!!



**Mark Your Calendar** - The Men's and Women's Annual General Meetings are 10 A.M. Saturday, January 29, 2011, at Santa Anita