



SWD ELECTS 2010 OFFICERS

Southwest Division men returned most of its 2009 leadership slate to their posts for calendar 2010, in elections at the SWD's Annual General Meeting. The lone new face among this year's officers is vice-president Phil Dunn, the current co-president of Santa Monica LBC.

Re-elected officers are: Howard Harris, president; Tom Hargraves, secretary; Brian Studwell, treasurer. Sam DeLisle continues as the Division's national councilor.

The AGM also elected its 2010 District Representatives: **Central District:**

Jack Quinn, representative/Gary Jones, alternate

Citrus District:

Jim Semanek, representative/Conrad Melton, alternate

Coast District:

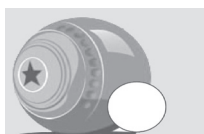
Len Cormier IV, representative/Phil Luth, alternate

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SWWD INSTALLS 2010 OFFICERS

The Southwest Women's Division installed officers for 2010 at its recent Annual General Meeting in Arcadia.

Succeeding out-going president Maryna Hyland is Jan Hargraves, who moves-up from vice-president. Melanie Vizenor is the new vice-president, Patty Lucas secretary, Dee McSparran treasurer, and Carrie Fosatti national councilor. Installations were conducted by Christine Ludwig.



“California Lawn Bowling Day” OPEN HOUSE Saturday, May 8

Southern and Northern California will be holding their annual Lawn Bowling Open House Day, May 8, at bowling clubs throughout the state. An estimated 60 clubs will be participating. SWD vice-president Phil Dunn chairs the So. Cal. version of the popular event.

The successful SWD Open House program was introduced in 2008. In just two years, at participating LBCs from San Diego to Santa Maria, it has garnered more than 400 newcomers to the sport of bowls.

Dunn exhorts every Southland bowling club to “Keep the bowl rolling”.

The Open House concept is personally recommended by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger the original chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

“Guidelines for Conducting an Open House” can be viewed and down-

loaded from the SWD website: www.swlawnbowls.com It explains step-by-step how the Newport Harbor LBC and other lawn bowling clubs dramatically increased their memberships over the past few years via the Open House program.

Chairman Dunn can be reached at: Dunnslaw@cs.com or 310-393-2769 (office), 310-393-9649 (home).



ALL-SOUTHWEST TEAM

The SWD Tournament Committee announces this year's All-Southwest Team. Inclusion on the honor squad is based upon points earned in calendar 2009 Division-sponsored tournaments. Members are listed alphabetically:

**Bill Brault
Dan Christensen
Liam Courtney
Loren Dion
Phil Dunn**

**Charlie Herbert
Ian Ho
Mert Isaacman
Jim Olson
Ed Quo**

**Joe Regan
Michael Siddall
Steve Smith
Brian Stewart**

THE OLD BOWLER

By now you've probably recovered from the overdose of Olympics curling, though many have been left with a gnawing: "why curling, not lawn bowling" after-taste.

Medically speaking, to properly diagnose this malaise, we need to drop the "lawn" from bowling and refer to our sport as "Bowls", as they do around most of the world.

Simply put: Bowls is not in the Olympics because the world bowling community has never proffered a professional effort to join the quadrennial event. At least the Old Bowler and his American predecessors dating back to the 1930s are (and were) unfamiliar with any such effort.

In today's climate, bowls will never make it on the Summer Olympics menu. The window to that opportunity closed many years ago. Yes. There *was* a window of opportunity once-upon-a-time. But today, the International Olympic Committee is eliminating, not adding, Summer Games sports.

Huge numbers of participants, their housing, feeding, the need for a myriad of event facilities and for these elements and logistically able interest sports, little-to-no televi-come expendable.

Did I just

But then
And the Winter

As we all just
the IOC appears to
if not sports, for
not easy for NBC-
they've committed
How many events
schedule had you

Enter curling!
to cover, death-
events going on,
simple staple of
age. It's kind of like

(curling the tortoise). The number of its required competitors falls within reason, and housing them doesn't present the same conundrum as many of the glamour team sports at the Summer Games.

And, curling is TV "gold" for NBC. The matches are played indoors, unaffected by weather. With the field of play in a smallish fixed position, games are uncomplicated to shoot and describe by sportscasters. No hand-held camera crews are necessary, and the fixed cameras show the game and its participants close-up and intimate.

True. There are no crashes, body contact or near death experiences in curling. And, it's a bit of a yawn at times. But, there's uniqueness in those brooms (er, sponge mops). It's simple to follow. And, its there anytime the network wishes to fill time.

But curling is no visual or competitive match for Bowls. While the venue set-up and telecasting technical requirements of both sports are nearly identical (aside from ice vs carpet), TV people would acknowledge that uniquely curving bowls, the broad range of "head" situations, and seemingly limitless palette of potential shots, renders Bowls more visually entertaining and, frankly, appears to be much more of a skill than curling's shuffleboard-like bumps and runs. NBC did a great job making curling

look good. They could do a greater, more creative job with Indoor Bowls.

Most of us were originally familiar with curling having seen the sport from time-to-time over many years on ABC's "Wide World of Sports". We made jokes about the strange "shuffleboard with brooms" event, but we watched it. We were able to watch it because a handful of curling advocates believed in their sport, fought ho-hum, how 'bout another beer lethargy among their contemporaries, and brought it to the attention of ABC.

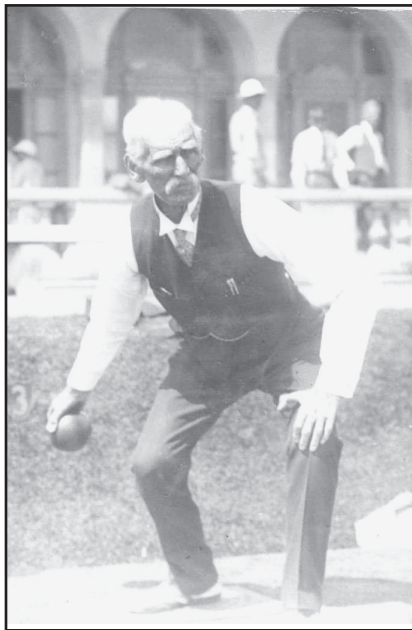
Who among today's bowlers will step out of the lethargy and spearhead a drive to get Indoor Bowls in Olympics?

SOME HISTORY

Known attempts by the Southern California lawn bowling community to get the attention of the International Olympic Committee occurred as early as the run-up to the 1932 Olympic Games scheduled for L.A. At the time, the Los Angeles Lawn Bowling Club and its three greens were situated on grounds adjacent to the L.A. Coliseum, home site of the '32 Games. (In 1958, the Los Angeles club and its greens gave way to construction of the L.A. Sports Arena, which became home of the Lakers, UCLA and USC basketball.)

The way the Old Bowler hear'd it—Sometime during 1930, local L.A. bowlers got the idea of getting bowls into the 1932 Games as a demonstration sport, but were too late to get it considered for inclusion. So, a group of enterprising Angelinos organized the USA's first International Bowls Tournament and scheduled it to be played during the Olympics. Although Football was the official demonstration sport of the 1932 Games, media referred to the unique white-clothed lawn bowling event going on next door as an unofficial exhibition sport.

There's no recorded follow-up to the success of the 1932 L.A. bowls event, and the sport might not have meshed well with the Third Reich's 1936 Berlin Olympics game plan. World War II in-



describe lawn bowls?

there's Indoor Bowls.
Olympics.

witnessed in Vancouver,
be inventing new events,
the Winter Games. It's
to fill all those TV hours
a half billion dollars to.
on this year's NBC
ever heard of before?

With all the complicated
defying snow and ice
curling has become the
Winter Olympics cover-
the tortoise and the hare

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USLBA 2010 US Open

Hosted by the Southwest Division

September 25th - October 1st

Registration at Hotel HQ : September 22nd—24th

www.usopenlawnbowls.com

online payment • registration • information • updates • hotel reservations

Entry Fees

\$40

per person

per event

Closing Date

for Entry

and

Last date for

Refunds

September 1st

Confirmation

of entry will be

available

online

Conditions

of Play

are available

Online

Teams will be

limited

Locations

Irvine

Laguna Woods

Laguna Beach

Long Beach

Newport Beach

Mission Viejo

Santa Ana

Additional locations tbd

Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	WOMEN'S EVENTS	MEN'S EVENTS
Saturday	September 25th	Fours	Singles
Sunday	September 26th	Fours	Singles
Monday	September 27th	Pairs	Fours
Tuesday	September 28th	Pairs	Fours
Wednesday	September 29th	Singles	Pairs
Thursday	September 30th	Singles	Pairs
Friday	October 1st	RAIN DATE	Pairs

» US Open Headquarters & Hotel «

Hilton Orange County/ Costa Mesa

3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, California 92626

Reservations (714) 540-7000

US Open Special Rate : \$89

Double Room & Two Breakfasts

Use Group Code: OLBS

Online reservations go to www.usopenlawnbowls.com

» Opening Ceremony & Welcome Party «

Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club

Friday, September 24th

4:30 pm

» Awards Banquet, Dinner Dance & Raffle Drawing «

Hilton Orange County/ Costa Mesa

Thursday, September 30th

No host bar

7:00 pm

Banquet Tickets \$25 per person

Pay and Register Online or

Send Completed Entry Form & Fees to: Myrna Chan--PO Box 5802, Newport Beach, CA 92662

e: info@swlawnbowls.com t: 949-903-0083

Make CHECK PAYABLE to: **SWLBA** or go to www.usopenlawnbowls.com and register online

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Mumma Mixed Pairs

Green A

- 1st Linda Vandenberg, Michael Siddall
- 2nd Anne Nunes, Bob Nunes
- 3rd Robin Olson, Bill Brault
- 4th Kottoa Spangler, Conrad Melton

Green B

- 1st Gisela Schmid, Scott ROberts
- 2nd Pat Henry, Paul Gomez
- 3rd Ann Kirchberg, Paul Gresbrink
- 4th Sharon Grady, Jerry Grady
- 5th Patty Lucas, Dale Lucas

Chef Works Triples

Green A

- 1st Steve Smith, Bill Brault, Anne Nunes
- 2nd Bill Hiscock, Leonard Wasserman, Olga McCord
- 3rd Howard Harris, Boyce Stringer, Nancy Stringer
- 4th Michael Siddall, Ian Ho, Eva Lee

Green B

- 1st Bill Timms, Vern Konen, Patti Allen
- 2nd Georgie Deno, Dan Johnson, Garrett D'Aigle
- 3rd Roberto Moran, Dee Ellis, Greg Gattuso

Vet-Novice Triples

Green 1

- 1st Patrick Chan, Eva Lee, Bob Beck
- 2nd Ian Ho, Maryna Hyland, George Petyo
- 3rd Reinie Kramer, Kim Heiser, Scott Roberts

Green 2

- 1st Marinko Tudor, Margi Rambo, Joe Gonzales
- 2nd Liam Courtney, Clay Nolde, Dee MC Sparran
- 3rd Neville Sacks, Joe Siegman, Cheryl Barkovich

Don Goodrich Senior Triples

Grey green

- 1st Paul Gresbrink, Frank Moltane, Joe Egerer
- 2nd Albert Schmid, Gisela Schmid, Laurel Verner
- 3rd Terry Collins, Brenda Wright, Vernon Konen
- 4th Andrew Kerr, Chet Mueller, Joe Molletta

Tan Green

- 1st Rob Robbins, Theota LaDonna, Carol Robbins
- 2nd Bud Shelly, John Thatcher, JoAnn LaFranais
- 3rd Joe Bender, Joe Ramos, Tom Young

Stirrat Triples

- 1st Jim Olson, Robin Olson, Anne Nunes
- 2nd Cecile Langevin, Paul Gresbrink, Rick Gregory
- 3rd Todd Werner, Marty Bierman, Jackie Fleming
- 4th Bill Kagan, Duxie Smukler, Tanya Hills
- 5th Charlie Herbert, Steve Smith, Cathie Herbert

California Bears

- 1st Kottia Spangler, Rosa Gandara, Cathie Herbert, Anne Nunes
- 2nd Heather Stewart, Jan Hargraves, Eva Lee, Dee McSparran
- 3rd Linda Jahraus, Kim Heiser, Brenda Wright, Missy Parker

So Cal Triples

- 1st Jim Olson, Phil Dunn, Phil Salt
- 2nd Neville Sacks, Joe Siegman, Marty Bierman
- 3rd Simon Meyerowitz, Scott Roberts, Bob Beck
- 4th Bill Hiscock, Leonard Wasserman, Josh Hood
- Consolation Ian Ho, Tony Baer, Aaron Zangl

Carnival

- 1st Cecile Langevin
- 2nd Ann Kirchberg
- 3rd Dave Price
- 4th Theota LeDonne
- 5th Dick Cochran
- 6th Bob Schmallholz
- 7th Debbie Gregory
- 8th Morris Lane
- 9th Dick Clark
- 10th Dottie Parnell
- 11th Bob Sweetland
- 12th Steve Dowd
- 13th Louis Ambrose
- 14th Don David
- 15th Paul Gresbrink
- 16th Frances Riccardi
- 17th Frank Moltane
- Special Prize Ben French

SWWD : Singles

- 1st Dee McSparran
- 2nd Kim Heiser
- 3rd Rosa Baer
- 4th Tanya Hills
- 5th Jan Hargraves

So Cal Rinks

- 1st Robert Alessi, Lloyd Kennedy, Paul Gresbrink, Ric Gregory
- 2nd Mert Isaacman, Brian Stewart, Brad Parker, Rob Kost
- 3rd Liam Courtney, Ed Quo, Dan Christensen, Aaron Zangl
- 4th Stanley Bloom, Rob Humphries, Bill Hart, Dale Goodmanson
- Consolation Rick Warren, Joe Odgers, Dale Jackson, Chris Kennedy

Aussie Pairs

- 1st Gail Hodgson, Jo Mumma
- 2nd Maryna Hyland, Jan Hargraves
- 3rd Evelyn Tiel, Ann Cantu
- 4th Heather Stewart, Anne Nunes

**NEXT ISSUE COPY DEADLINE
AUGUST 15**

DEAR DR. GOODWICK.....



RX for more consistent excellence

Dear Dr. Goodwick,

Recently I was having a terrible day. I couldn't drop the bowl on my foot. It was so horrible I wanted to say I was sick and go home. What could I have done to get my game back in order?

Like a First Day Rookie

Dear FDR,

Go back to the most basic of basics, and make your delivery as though you're showing a newbie how to bowl in ultra slow motion (except for the downswing and follow through).

Think about your general direction (you don't have to be precise), and think about your weight simply as short, medium, or long, and make your delivery in ultra slow motion, particularly for your backswing.

That's it. Simple, but you must give up being anxious about the results. Three rolls should get you back in the groove.

SWD MEN ELECT 2010

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North District:

Joe Brown, representative/Stan Bloom, alternate

Orange District:

no appointments;

South District:

Jim Olson, representative/Bill Brault, alternate

West District:

Detlef Herbst, representative/Joe Siegman, alternate

SOME HISTORY

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tervened after that, and the next Olympic Games weren't until 1948, in London. Logic would argue: "what better place to introduce bowls to the Olympic family than England?" But, the British chose "Ling" as its exhibition sport. That's Ling, not a misspelling. Doesn't make sense to me either.

It wasn't until Los Angeles was selected to host the 1984 Olympics that the Old Bowler recalls another attempt to achieve Demonstration Sport status was recorded. In the late 1970s, with an eye towards the '84 Games, ALBA (USLBA's predecessor) and the U.S. Olympic Committee chatted and confabbed. The American effort was headed by Southern California bowls activist Ferrell Burton, Jr. (see USLBA Hall of Fame). But they never had a chance. The Burton group was eventually, albeit politely, informed that Bowls' international federation, the World Bowling Board, did not have enough member nations to qualify for Olympics inclusion. In fact, the WBB at the time had more member nations than a third of the sports then included in the Summer Olympics. Baseball was named the Demo sport for 1984.

Today, the WBB international federation has a membership of 52 national authorities. World Curling has 46 national authorities. They played. We watched.

**LAWN BOWLING'S
TOP 10 LIES**

10. We needed one there.
9. Good blocker!
8. But your weight was good.
7. It has nuisance value.
6. You can get around it.
5. Good position.
4. At least you cut it down.
3. It's not in my way.
2. We're definitely holding.
1. No danger.

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Alhambra

Beverly Hills

Cambria

Coronado

Friendly Valley

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Hermosa Beach

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Laguna Woods

Long Beach

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Oxnard

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SCHEDULE - MAY thru AUGUST 2010

MAY

5/1 Sat.

The Groves Mixed Triples

The Groves

5/2 Sun.

Amador Martinez Triples

Oxnard

5/8 Sat.

OPEN HOUSE

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5/15 Sat.

The Jean MacAuley Mixed Triples

Laguna Woods

5/19 Wed.

Ladies Day

Long Beach

5/22 Sat.

Chris Hyland Triples

Newport

5/22 Sat. - 5/23 Sun. Murray-Allison Singles

Riverside

5/29 Sat. - 5/31 Mon. Disney Tournament

Beverly Hills

JUNE

6/5 Sat.

City of Hope Triples

Santa Anita

6/6 Sun.

Senior (55+) Games

Pasadena

6/12 Sat. - 6/13 Sun. US Pairs Playdowns (Women)

Long Beach

6/12 Sat. - 6/13 Sun. US Singles Playdowns (Men)

Newport

6/16 Wed.

Ladies Day

Long Beach

6/19 Sat. - 6/20 Sun. US Pairs Playdowns (Women Finals)

Long Beach

6/19 Sat. - 6/20 Sun. US Singles Playdowns (Men Finals)

Newport

6/26 Sat.

The Delta Marvin Mixed Triples

Laguna Beach

6/27 Sun.

Novice Singles

Newport

JULY

7/10 Sat. - 7/11 Sun. US Singles Playdowns (Women)

Newport

7/10 Sat. - 7/11 Sun. US Pairs Playdowns (Men)

Laguna Beach

7/14 Wed.

Ladies Day

Newport

7/17 Sat. - 7/18 Sun. US Singles Playdowns (Women Finals)

Newport

7/17 Sat. - 7/18 Sun. US Pairs Playdowns (Men Finals)

Laguna Beach

7/24 Sat.

Ralph Ecton Triples

Oxnard

7/31 Sat.

Division Rinks

The Groves

7/31 Sat. - 8/1 Sun. Cary-MacDonald Pairs

Long Beach

AUGUST

8/7 Sat.

Persina Mixed Triples

Newport

8/14 Sat.

Laguna Beach Pairs

Laguna Beach

8/15 Sun.

Vet-Novice Pairs

Laguna Beach

8/15 Sun.

Novice Pairs

Laguna Woods

8/18 Wed.

Ladies Day

Laguna Beach

8/21 Sat.

Pat Gonzales Mixed Australian Pairs

Long Beach

8/22 Sun.

Maccabee Pairs

Beverly Hills

8/28 Sat.

Ruth Erickson Triples

San Diego

8/29 Sun.

Majer Mixed Pairs

San Diego

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