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Forbes capture both Men's and Women's Pairs titles



Women's Pairs champs Beth Forbes and Kathy Macpherson; Runners-up Cindy Cote and Diane Kruger.

Photo courtesy of Bud Ricucci

The Women's Pairs semi-finals was played on April 8 and found **Jackie Williamson** and first year bowler **Debby Barrett** bowling against veteran **Beth Forbes** and **Kathy Macpherson** who is just in her second year of bowling. The other match pitted four experienced players, **Marita Nierth** and **Betty Hamilton** against **Cindy Cote** playing with **Diane Kruger**.

Beth and Kathy found themselves down 6-0 in the early going but struggled back to surge ahead 8-6 before Jackie got 3 points in the 8th end to take the lead back 9-8. However, Beth and Kathy scored four shots in the 10th and that was the difference, winning 14-12.

The game between Marita and Cindy was a close one with several lead changes. Marita and Betty were ahead 10-9 in the last end when Cindy moved the jack back for a count of three to win 12-10 and move on to the final against Beth and Kathy.

The final game was played on April 9 and Beth and Kathy vaulted out to a 7-0 advantage and coasted to an 18-8 victory.

This is **Kathy Macpherson's** first tournament win while **Beth Forbes's** collects her third Women's Pairs title.

In the Men's semi-finals, **Don Cote** and **Tony Vassallo** won their game against **Earl Shaner** and **David Mazur** 13-6 to advance to the title game.

The other semi-final match had **Charlie Hunter** and **Jon Peele** playing **Bill Forbes** and **Hugh Kerschbaum**. Charlie and Jon were ten shots down at the halfway point in the game. They managed to win the last three ends but lost by four, ending their run to the championship game.

The championship was another example of a large lead for one team evaporating before their eyes. Don and Tony quickly moved out to a commanding 10-1 lead and before

they knew it, Bill and Hugh had scratched back to tie the game at 14 in the 14th end. The Forbes-Kerschbaum duo tallied four in the 15th and went on to win 18-14.

This is **Hugh Kerschbaum's** first title while **Bill Forbes** claims his fourth Men's Pairs Championship.



Men's Pairs Runners-up Tony Vassallo and Don Cote; Winners Hugh Kerschbaum and Bill Forbes

Photo by Bud Ricucci

Fox Hill Mixed Triples Winners: Cote, Macey, Hamilton

The Fox Hill Mixed Triples is our club's only event played under the lights. Ten teams were assembled from the 30 entrants by blind draw by tournament manager **Jim Gingrich**.

The final game was played on April 15 and both teams were skipped by women. **Cindy Cote**, **Ron Macey** and **Betty Hamilton** faced **Angela Carkhuff**, **Betty Steele** and **Jesse Hadaway**. Cindy's team maintained a large lead most of the game until Angela scored five in the 15th end to close to 15-12. In the final end, Angela was laying five shots again when Ron cut the count to just one to save the day or the night in this case. Cindy's team won 15-13.



Fox Hill Champs runners-up Angela Carkhuff, Jesse Hadaway and Betty Steele and winners Betty Hamilton, Ron Macey and Cindy Cote.

Photo by Jim Gingrich

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The President's Corner

Some thoughts from
Brian

Negativity – There is bound to be some in every club or organization and our club is no exception.

Very little in life is perfect. We all have our ideas about how things, events, etc. should be organized or run. Please try to remember that everything - all the work at our club is done by people who volunteered to give up their time to make our club work. All have the same idea in mind and that is to make our club a better place for everyone.

Positive suggestions are always welcome and can be given to the various board members or presented at any upcoming board meeting. The next one is May 1st after bowling.

Keep a good thought, do good things and see you on the rinks.
-Brian



Coming attractions this summer

Memorial Day – May 31

Sylvia Mackey is this year's chair. Check the bulletin board soon for details and sign up sheet.

Fourth of July

Ellie and **Ron Macey** will be managing the day's events of bowling and games.

Labor Day – Sept. 6

Bowling in the morning followed by lunch.
Doris and **Wally Green** will be your hosts.

Pill Bowler of the year named at Founder's Day

Founder's Day was held on Saturday, April 17. It is our club's last major event of the season and includes bowling followed by lunch and presentation of the award "dangles" to winners of tournaments during the year. The highlight of the day is the announcement of the Ralph Knight "Pill Bowler of the Year" award. Pill board coordinators vote on who they think contributed most to the club's daily games. This year's well deserved winner is **Tom Cole**. You can see Tom every day at ten o'clock bowling and then he often stays after to work on a pet project on or off the rinks. He is always thinking about ways to make our club a better place to bowl.

The bowling event was a twelve end contest where the players changed positions every four ends. There were 62 members who bowled and the winners were **Bill Forbes**, **Dan Strassheim** and **Bob Moder**.

Rules and Etiquette

Be careful placing the mat

By Bud Ricucci

Most of us know that the front of the mat must be placed at least two meters from the rear ditch at the start of each end. But were you aware that the rules may allow you to move the mat and redeliver the jack after your opponent has placed it and delivered the jack? Law 19.1.3 states "If after the jack has been delivered, but before the first bowl has been delivered, a player finds that the mat has not been positioned within the distances described in paragraph 1, (two meters from the rear ditch or 25 meters from the front ditch) *the opposing player should place the mat as described in paragraph 1 and re-deliver the jack, but the opposing player should not play first.*

So, the rules allow you to challenge the mat's position, but you must do so before the first bowl has been delivered. If it's short, you may place the mat and redeliver the jack but your opponent still bowls first.

Deaths

Honorary Member **Harold L. Esch**, passed on April 18 in Mount Dora at the age of 88.

Harold was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and moved to Orlando in the 1930's. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942 and served honorably until the end of the war. He began his career in lawn bowling at the Orlando Lawn Bowls Club in 1935.

He was an honorary life president of USLBA and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1999. He was the bowler of the decade for 1960-1969. In the US Open he was on winning team in triples in 1974 and 1975, pairs in 1963, 1969, 1975 and 1987 and he won singles in 1958 and 1976. He received the W. G. Bill Hay "Bowler of the Year" Award in 1974. In 1980, he was named "Bowler of the Tournament" at the National Open.

Harold represented the Southeast Division 16 times in the U.S. Championships finals, winning the Pairs in 1962 (w/C. Swafford) and 1967 (w/A. Hughes); and runner-up in Singles three times. He was a member of USA World Bowls Teams in 1966 (Australia) and 1976 (South Africa), and team manager in 1988 (New Zealand). In 1987, he managed the U.S. Asia-Pacific Championships team.

Off the green, Harold was ALBA President from 1958 to 1960 and, beginning in 1956, served 35 years as a Southeast Division national Councilor. In 1992, he was elected ALBA Honorary Life President. Harold has been ALBA, now USLBA, National Historian since the office was created sometime during the 1960s. He has also held positions as secretary-treasurer of the International Bowling Board (IBB) 1982-84, and 44 years as Southeast Division secretary-treasurer, 1950-1994. Harold published the monthly ALBA Newsletter (forerunner to BOWLS USA) from 1950 to 1960, and compiled and published the "Lawn Bowling Handbook" in 1947.

A true legend of our sport, Harold was also respected as one of the finest gentleman to ever set foot on the green.

Mount Dorans take Men's and Women's Pairs and Men's Singles In Southeast Division Playdowns

Every year each division holds playdowns to determine which men and women will represent that division in the U.S. National Championships in both pairs and singles. The event is open to anyone who is an American citizen and is a member in good standing of the USLBA. The Southeast Division playdowns were played from April 19-26 at the Sarasota LBC. Pairs are played first followed by singles. If a team wins the pairs competition, they do not play in the singles. It is a round-robin tourney, which means each team plays every other team to determine the winner.

There were six men's pairs teams entered with four from Mount Dora and two from Pinehurst. The clear winners in the men's pairs were **Abe Kaplan** and **Earl Shaner** from Mount Dora who went undefeated in five games. Runner-up spot went to Al Pelliccio and Dan Delgarn of Pinehurst.

Mount Dora also took top spot in the Women's Pairs with **Angela Carkhuff** and **Jean Adams** who will represent the Southeast Division in pairs for the second year in a row. **Marita Nierth** and **Bobbi Elwell** were runners-up but did manage to defeat Angela and Jean in the round-robin.

The Men's Singles event was won by **Brian Smith** of Mount Dora who won all but one game in the six game round-robin. Brian lost only to runner-up **Bud Ricucci** who defeated Al Pelliccio in a playoff for the second spot.

Linda McDougall of Sun City had an unblemished record in the women's singles going undefeated. **Marita Nierth** and **Bobbi Elwell** from Mount Dora were tied for the second spot and had to play each other to determine who would be runner-up to Linda. Bobbi bested Marita to claim the runner-up spot.

The runners-up in pairs and singles would be wise to block out the dates of the U.S. National Championships on their personal calendars because they will be assigned to go to the Championships if the winners are unable to fulfill their obligation to attend.

Mount Dora bowlers made up the vast majority of participants in this year's playdowns. Our club sent eight men and nine women for a total of 17 out of 28 entrants.

Those bowling from our club were; **Bobbi Elwell, Angela Carkhuff, Jackie Williamson, Jean Adams, Marita Nierth, Barb Smith, Diane Kruger, Jan Kline** and **Kathy Macpherson** for the women. The men participating were; **Earl Shaner, Brian Smith, Sy Carkhuff, Mike Maneilly, Abe Kaplan, Bud Ricucci, Lee Kline** and **Dave Kruger**.

This year's U.S. National Championships will be held at Sun City, Arizona from October 23-27, 2010.

Ricucci winner of Bill's Game

Originally scheduled for Jan. 22 but postponed due to inclement weather, Bill's Game was played on April 2. It is a singles event in which players move from rinks one through eight and face increasingly difficult skills challenges. Four bowls are played and each bowl that accomplishes the various challenges gets points equivalent to the rink number. On rink one four successful bowls gets you four points and so on up to rink eight in which the maximum would be 32 points.

This year 30 members showed up and paid \$2 to play for small cash prizes.

Those finishing in the money were:

Bud Ricucci - overall winner 81 points
Kathy Macpherson – Women's winner 45 points
Jesse Hadaway – Men's winner 60 points

This was Bud's second win in Bill's Game having also won the event in 2004.

George and **Sue Roberts** and **Bill Carey** ran the game this year and made it a very enjoyable day for all. Bill has agreed to take over as tournament manager next year.

American Diabetes Association tournament attracts 18 teams

Submitted by **Earl Shaner**

Eighteen pairs teams competed in the first American Diabetes Association (ADA) benefit tournament on Sunday, April 11. Two of the teams were from Lakeland, and one each from Clearwater and Sarasota. We started at 9:00 Sunday morning and bowled three 12-end games. The format was high-against-high after randomly selecting opponents for the first game.

The winners were determined by games won, net points (shot differential) and percentage.

The top five teams received prize money and ADA tote bags. And from the remaining 13 teams, the one that scored the highest number of points in the last game also received prize money.

A portion of the entry fee from each team will go directly to the ADA along with a number of donations that were received. As a result, the total amount to be sent to the ADA is \$415.

Plans are to hold this tournament again and it may become an annual event. The winners were:

1st - **Sy & Angela Carkhuff**
2nd - **Michael Maneilly & Bobbi Elwell**
3rd - **Bill & Bonnie Bish**
4th - **John & Christine Garbett**
5th - **Tom Eppich & Dave Kruger**

High Last Game
Marita Nierth & Jean Adams

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House Director Ruth Pivonka; Social Activities Director Ellie Macey; Grounds Director Ron Macey;
Membership Director Lee Kline; Long Range Planning Director Sue Roberts.

Here are some things you need (or might want) to know

Sue Roberts has been extremely busy the last few weeks planting all types of flowers and other plants to help beautify our club. Look for the new plantings in front of the clubhouse and along the side of rink 14 and various other locations. Thank you, Sue.

Under the heading of arboreal maintenance, **Tom Jagel** spearheaded the successful effort to gain control of our resident *Quercus nigra*. Helping him in the massive task were **Jim Gingrich**, **Ron Macey** and Brian Peters.

Brown bag bowling will resume on May 25 at 6 pm and continue through July on every second and fourth Tuesday except in May when it will be on the last Tuesday.

The club's board has requested that **all members print their names** when signing in for pill games. **Mac McKean** keeps records on pill bowling activity and at times he is unable to decipher the member's handwriting.

Open house for new members will be Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30 pm. Classes will run from 6:30 to 8:30 pm Monday, May 10 through Thursday, May 21. Bring a friend or neighbor down to the open house. The majority of students who join and stay as members are

the ones who had a friend or neighbor introduce them to the game.

If you would like to view photos from the club's annual banquet, **Jim Gingrich** has placed them on the internet. Go to www.homespun101.com and enjoy.

Jackie Williamson, **Mike Maneilly** and **Dave Kruger** were instrumental in the success of the pairs tournament to benefit the American Diabetes Association held April 11. **Earl Shaner**, tournament manager also reports that **Nancy Cestare** and **Jane Keneipp** performed as "fence walkers" to help introduce onlookers to our sport and let them roll a few bowls on rinks 1 and 2. One local couple plans to come to the Open House on May 5 and participate in the next class.

Sign up sheets for **Memorial Day bowling and lunch** will be going up soon. Plan to join us on May 31 at 9 am for the festivities.

This is your **final issue** of *The Lawn Bowler* for the season. It is a privilege to produce the newsletter and your editor is looking forward to another fun year when we resume with the November 2010 edition. If you are traveling back north for the summer, please travel safely and we will see you in the fall.