

# The Mount Dora Lawn Bowler

Newsletter of the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club

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## *Vazquez and Macpherson Take Mixed Pairs title*



*Mixed Pairs Champs - Louis Vazquez & Kathy Macpherson.*  
Photo by John Burke.

A healthy number of 24 teams were formed from those who signed up to play in our club's Mixed Pairs tournament which was held from Dec. 14-16. Two 14 end games were played on Monday and Tuesday in which the number of teams was whittled down in the single elimination format. By the end of play on Monday afternoon 16 teams had been eliminated leaving eight teams in contention.

Tuesday morning brought warm weather and good bowling. In a defensive struggle, **Hans Momkes** and **Judee Lund** eked out a win over **Gary Williamson** and new member **Jane Zulia** by a 10-9 score. **Lee Kline** and **Gloria Vest** bested **Bill Molly** and **Trish Eustice** 14-10. **Louis Vazquez** and **Kathy Macpherson** eliminated **Terrie Boyd** and **Joey Mills** 15-8. **Gary Grant** and **Sylvia Mackey** were up 13-4 after eight ends and fended off a late surge by **Tom Eppich** and **Joy Stull** to win 16-12.

In the afternoon semifinals, Hans and Judee triumphed over **Lee Kline** and **Gloria Vest** to get to the final and Louis and Kathy defeated Gary and Sylvia to nail down their spot in the final.

The 16 end championship game played Wednesday morning was a tight, tactical contest in which neither team could muster more than one point in the first ten ends. The score was knotted at five after ten ends. The pivotal end was the eleventh as Louis and Kathy racked up six points to bolt ahead 11-5. They won the next four ends to seal the victory 17-8 over Hans and Judee. This is **Louis Vazquez's** first ever win as a skip and the first trip to the winner's circle for **Kathy Macpherson** since 2010. They played well together as a cohesive team.

Thanks to **Randy Woods**, **Gary Koch**, **Tricia Eustice**, **John Burke** and the rest of the committee for a well-run event.

## **Twentieth Holiday Bowl is in the books**

The Holiday Bowl, started in 1995 to tie in with Mount Dora's Christmas weekend, is the club's biggest tournament. It is open to all bowlers who are members in good standing of Bowls USA. The event was not held in 1998 because our new clubhouse was under construction.

The first two years the tournaments were run as mixed triples events, and then changed to fours to allow more players to participate. In 2001, it changed back to mixed triples and has remained that way since.

Most of the participants have been from other clubs but Mount Dora has always reserved seven openings for local teams. This year due to a drop off in outside participation, 16 outside teams and 12 Mount Dora teams made up the 28 team field. Additionally, four Mount Dora members played on outside teams.

What makes our tournament so unique is the special treatment the participants receive from our many hardworking volunteers. Holiday Bowl committee members have done an outstanding job over the years in providing the players a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings and making sure their lunch needs are also met. The Friday night cocktail party is always a fun event and well attended. Combine all this with the Downtown Christmas Walk on Friday evening and it is no wonder that our Holiday Bowl is an enormous success year after year.

## **(Holiday Bowl results on page 3)**

### **Club Membership tops 300**

Marketing & Publicity Committee Chairperson **Tom Eppich** reports that as of mid-December the club's membership stood at 316. The breakdown by membership class is as follows: 243 Active, 48 Associate and 25 Honorary. As of October, our club ranked second in active membership trailing Newport Harbor, CA. which had 277 active members to our 218.

This is the first time we have exceeded 300 members since December 2005 when total membership reached 321.

We normally lose some members after the first of the year but we will gain members with the January class which starts on Jan. 18.

See page 2 for new members added since last month.

**Happy New Year!**

## The President's Corner

Some thoughts from *Bonnie*

I hope everyone had a wonderful, happy, festive holiday. Those that made resolutions for the New Year included bowling more frequently, keep in mind, thou shall not break.

We had a packed house for the Christmas Party. It was a smashing success, thanks to the committees involved.

Preceding the Christmas Party was the Holiday Bowl. Several of our club bowlers were successful in capturing winning places in event. Thanks to all the committees involved, as well as, those that assisted in the lighting and decoration of the house and grounds for both of the above events.

The New Year brings with it lots of activities, Home League, NCFL and many socials and club tournaments. Check the board. Mark your calendars. Participate in as many as you can, the more the merrier. You will love it.

The Annual Meeting will be held in February, all members should attend. This is your chance to participate in decisions that affect your club.

See you on the rinks.

— *Bonnie*



*Bonnie*

## Rules & Etiquette

### Signaling the result of end – Is it final?

By Bud Ricucci

There is a general misconception in regards to the finality of indicating the number of shots scored in an end. So we all know the procedure in determining which bowls are in the count. Vice skips agree on each shot one at a time and remove those bowls from the head (hopefully placing them on a towel as they go). After determining the shots, we also know that they need to indicate the number of shots to the skips. What if, after indicating the number of shots one vice notices that they have missed a bowl that may be in the count or maybe have misidentified a bowl? Many years and several rulebooks ago there was a clause in the laws that indicated that once the vices signaled the score to the skips that score was final. But that statement of finality did not allow for the possible error in identifying bowls or by missing a bowl that was in the count that was overlooked. That statement was removed from the rulebook which now allows the vices to correct any errors made in signaling the shot count as long as the jack and bowls in question have not been moved.

Sportsmanship is the key here. No one wants to win or lose an end or possibly a game because of an oversight in determining the shot count.

## Umpire Candidate Clinic

The first Umpire Candidate Clinic was held at our club in July with five attendees. Four eventually took and passed the requisite exams to become umpires.

The next clinic is scheduled for Jan. 29 at Sun City Center from 12-4 pm. Head Division Umpire **Bud Ricucci** will conduct the clinic for those who are seriously interested in becoming umpires in our division. Additional umpires are needed to fill expected vacancies and for the U.S. Open scheduled for our division in 2016 and 2017. All clubs in the division have been provided with signup sheets to post on their bulletin boards.

## In Memorium

Charlie Hunter, 85, passed December 6th after four days of hospice care at the home of Margie Lamb, the “love of his life” for the last nine years. He became a member of the club in 1999 with Margie joining in 2007. Charlie’s hobbies were his Old Time Music Machines which he loved telling about, his harmonica playing and his favorite pastime of making flying birds. He is survived by Margie, three daughters, eight grandchildren, two great and one on the way. He will be dearly missed by all. *(Submitted by Margie Lamb.)*

Heartfelt thanks to all for the many cards, calls and special remembrances I received during this sad time. So much appreciated.

Sincerely and Love,  
Margie Lamb

*“Do not try to force off a bowl that is sitting on the jack unless you are deliberately trying to move the jack to another position. So many players waste bowls in this fashion, when they should be content to draw a near second, preferably just behind, but in any case a second is needed”*

*A.T. Evans – Competitive Bowls*

## New members since December

Please add to your directory

### **Jim & Roneen Munro**

1007 Belmont  
Tavares, FL 32778  
352-269-4092

### **Jim & Janice Hays**

2101 Overlook Drive  
Mount Dora, FL 32757  
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**That awkward moment...**

when someone asks you to choose between them or...

**LAWN BOWLING**

## Holiday Bowl '15

### Locals place four teams in top five



*Holiday Bowl winners Pat Beggs, Debbie Foster and Walt Steeves of Sarasota LBC and Canada holding Lakeside Inn Trophy.*

This year's undefeated winners of the Lakeside Inn Trophy, Pat Beggs, Debbie Foster and Walt Steeves, hail from New Brunswick, Canada and play out of Sarasota LBC in the winter. Both Pat Beggs and Walt Steeves represented their province this year at the Canadian National Championships. When asked why they bowl so well on rubico they replied that they play frequently in tournaments at Clearwater LBC which has a rubico surface. This proves the point that good bowlers can adjust and bowl on any surface.

The championship game saw Beggs, Steeves and Foster playing against Mount Dora's undefeated team of **Ron Macey, Russ Davis and Sue Sarych**. Also undefeated was **Brian Smith, Barb Smith and Joey Mills** who finished in third place.

Teams finishing in the money were:

- 1st: Pat Beggs, Walt Steeves, Debbie Foster – Sarasota
  - 2nd: **Ron Macey, Russ Davis, Sue Sarych** - MD
  - 3rd: **Brian Smith, Barb Smith, Joey Mills** - MD
  - 4th: **Bart Etori, Jon Peele, Terrie Boyd** - MD
  - 5th: **Bud Ricucci, Judy Bublitz, Don Cote** - MD
  - 6th: John Williams, Sandy Wall, Dave Murray - OTOW
  - 7th: **Angela Carkhuff, Beth Forbes, Sy Carkhuff** - MD
  - 8th: Peter & Donna Bauman, **Jackie Williamson**  
– Lake Land, MD
  - 9th: Burl & Barb Roller, Ron Ridley – Essex, Clearwater
  - 10th: Cindy & Gary Higgins, Mike Comba  
- Sun City Ctr.
- High last game: Don Butchers, **Gary Williamson**, Mary Butchers – The Villages-MD

## Southeast Division Annual Meeting Highlights

The Southeast Division Fall Meeting was held on Dec.9 at Sun City Center. Some of the highlights of the meeting are listed below:

There have been 3 entries submitted for a Division slogan. No decision yet.

Bowls USA Hall of Fame awards were presented to Jack Phillips and Patti Grabowski, both from Sun City Center. Gerry Smith (Sarasota) received a Bowls USA President's Award.

It was announced that the SE Division Playdowns for 2016 will be held at Mt. Dora from 4/18 - 4/26. The winners will play in the National Championships in Sun City, AZ from 10/24 - 10/28/2016.

The East Coast Challenge, which was cancelled for 2015, will be held during the Columbus Day week-end in 2016. All 2015 and 2016 Playdown winners will automatically be eligible to play in the East Coast Challenge.

The Division website will be undergoing a redesign. It was also stressed that people need to send information to the webmaster for posting on the website.

Daniel Jittu, Pres. of the Sarasota LBC, discussed plans for the US Open to be held in FL in 2016 and 2017. He is still looking for sponsors and still needs a tournament manager. He hopes all greens which will be used will be running between 12-15 seconds.

Heather Comba (Maple Leaf LBC) has received permission from Bowls Canada and from the Coaching Association of Canada to give the Club Coach Workshop in Florida. This is a one-day workshop that will be held in late-February/early March either in Sun City Center or Sarasota. The cost will be \$55 per person and a minimum of 10 participants will be required. *(Report provided by Jackie Williamson).*

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### Tentative club calendar for January

- Jan 4,11,18,25** *Home League* 1:30 pm
  - Jan 5,12,19,26** NCFL: 9 am & 1 pm
  - Jan 7** *Lady Skip Benefit tournament*, all day.
  - Jan 9** Club Board Meets, 11:30 am
  - Jan 14** Mount Dora at Lakeland
  - Jan 15** *Bill's Game 1:30 pm*
  - Jan 16** **Open House & Hot Dog Lunch.**
  - Jan 18-29** New Member Class 9-11 am.
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## Mount Dorans perform well at Florida State Senior Games

The Florida State Senior Games of lawn bowls was held at the Clearwater LBC on Dec.9. Our locals did well with **Jackie** and **Gary Williamson** winning all three 12 end games to take the Silver Medal and **Mike Maneilly** and **Earl Shaner** winning two and winning the Bronze Medal. **Bill** and **Bonnie Bish** also represented Mount Dora. Other clubs participating were On-Top-of-the-World, Sun City Center and Clearwater which boasted the winning team. *(Information provided by Jackie Williamson).*

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Current club officers: President Bonnie Bish; Vice President Dave Sarych  
Treasurer Di Olsen; Secretary Gloria Vest; Games Director John Burke;  
House Director Stewart Smith; Social Activities Director Terrie Boyd; Grounds Director John Reid,  
Membership Director Rick Walker; Long Range Planning Director Don Cote.

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

On a recent beautiful weekday afternoon your editor passed by the club to check on things and noticed that there was not one member bowling. So we want to remind everyone that **from Nov.1 until April 30 there is afternoon bowling commencing at 1:30 pm with a sign in of 1:15 pm.** Players make up their own teams/games. If the temperatures are too cold for your liking at 9 am, remember the 1:30 pm option. Call some friends and come on down and enjoy an afternoon of bowls.

**Home League** begins on Jan.4. Home Leaguers will play seven 14 end games on successive Mondays afternoons starting at 1:30 p.m.

**The club's nominating committee** will be picked by President **Bonnie Bish** by January 15 and that committee will be tasked with finding nominees to fill the soon to be vacant board positions. Directors for Membership, Games, and Social Activities are elected in even numbered years. They will also be looking for a woman vice president as **Dave Sarych** moves to president. If the nominating committee contacts you to fill one of these positions and serve your club, please accept the offer. It is an honor to be considered to serve as an Officer of the club or on the Board of Directors.

There is more to **being a good skip** than building a head and bowling last. A good skip pays attention when his team is bowling, gives encouragement and praise, offers advice when a team mate is struggling and never blames his team. A good skip gives clear directions and says something positive to his team when changing ends. We all have bad days and skips should remember that everyone on the team is trying their best to bowl well.

We have our next **Open House and hot dogs on Saturday, January 16.** Start thinking about inviting friends, neighbors and relatives to the Open House and the next class which begins on Monday, January 18. The majority of those who join the club are mainly the invitees that existing members bring to the Open House.

**Beth Forbes** name was omitted from last month's issue as Tournament Director of the Men's and Women's Pairs.

**Tom Heneghan** and **Bob Wulbrecht** have decided to end their days as a club umpires and retire from duty. Tom and Bob served as umpires for ten years and both are astute students of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. Their presence on the rinks with measure and rulebook in hand will be missed. Gentleman, thank you for your service to the club and the Southeast Division.