

The Mount Dora Lawn Bowler

Newsletter of the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club

February 2016

Home League results after four games

After four weeks of the Home League, only one team remains undefeated. **Lucy Keller, Wilma Momkes** and **Bud Ricucci** have managed to win all four games against their opponents thus far to claim first place in the Badgers Division. In addition, they have scored a league leading 74 points. **Hans Momkes, Robin Armitage** and **Joy Jordan** are in second place with a 3-1 record.

The Wolverine Division has tie for the top spot with **Ron Macey, Terry Jordan** and **Janice Hays** tied with **Jon Peele, Ken Kossin** and **Barb Dada Downey** with 3-1 records. Ron has the edge at this point with one more total point than Ron.

Tournament Manager **Jim Gingrich** is leading his team of **Dave Mulholland** and **Jane Zulia** to a tie for first place in the Grizzlies Division with three wins and one loss. **Dave Kruger, Karen Salvat** and **Jim Deweese** are also 3-1 but leading on total points 58-54.

Bob James, Al Keller and **Nancy DeSecki** are in first place with three wins and one loss in the Hyena Division.

Home league teams play three more regular season games ending on Feb.15. The semi-finals are set for Saturday, Feb.20 and the Championship game on Sunday, Feb. 21. Check the board for times.

Mount Dora Community Trust provides grant for training bowls

The Mount Dora Community Trust (MDCT) has responded favorably to a letter from the club's board for funds to purchase additional training bowls for training and club marketing efforts. The Trust's Distribution Committee approved an amount of \$7500 which will be used for the purchase of nearly 30 sets of new bowls.

The Fall 2015 Bowling Blast was spoken of in a favorable manner and was a positive contributing factor in the Distribution Committee's final decision.

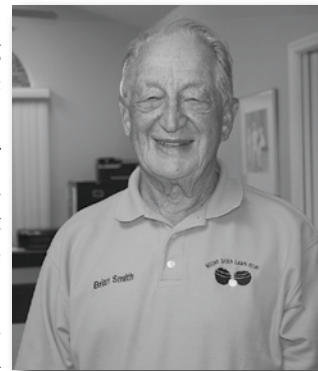
Together with the 20 sets of bowls donated to the club by **Brian** and **Barb Smith** last fall, the club will possess about 50 sets of training bowls most of which will be less than a year old.

The Mount Dora Community Trust is a non-profit organization established in 1972 to help our community. The First National Bank of Mount Dora serves as Trustee of funds that are donated to support community activities and charitable organizations providing services to our community.

Thanks to Tom Eppich for providing most of the information for this article. -Editor

Twice postponed Bill's Game won by Brian Smith

The El Nino weather pattern the Southeast is experiencing caused Bill's Game to be postponed twice on January 15 and 22. Tournament Manager **John Burke** was bound and determined to get the event completed and moved the date to Jan. 29 with crossed fingers. The third time was the charm as 47 members participated in the club's skills challenge tournament on that date.



*Bill's Game Champ
Brian Smith*

Picture courtesy of John Burke

Bill's Game participants try to bowl to specific and increasingly difficult target areas on rinks one through eight. Four bowls are used and points per bowl that finish in the target zone increase from one to eight as you move through the eight rinks. Small cash prizes are awarded to the winners from the entry fees. John Burke determined that the most difficult target to score on last year was rink six. So John and **Tom Bussell** swapped the targets on rink six and eight which had the effect of lowering overall scoring as rink eight's target zone became the most difficult on which to score.

This year's champ was **Brian Smith** who amassed 80 points. The women's top three finishers were: **Kathy Macpherson** (55), **Agnes Strassheim** (51) and **Barb Smith** (45). The men's top three point getters were: **Sy Carkhuff**, (58) **Jon Peele** (57) and **Joey Mills** (54).

Annual Meeting Feb.26

Members will gather in the Daniel's Clubhouse at 1:30 pm on Friday, Feb.26 to elect new officers, adopt new bylaws and hear from officers who have been running the club for the past year.

It's known as the Annual Membership meeting and we want as many members as possible to attend. Pill bowling will be suspended that afternoon.

The Nominating Committee will post its list of nominees for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director for Games, Director for Membership and Director for Social Activities at least 10 days before the meeting. Please plan on attending.

The President's Corner

Some thoughts from *Bonnie*

Again I want to thank all the hard workers in our club. Without you we wouldn't have this wonderful club. I am pleased to see our newest members helping with tournaments and socials.

Home League is going strong as the league ends we will have a soup night. All members are welcome. You may bring a soup, dessert, bread or just an appetite. This is a fun dinner. Please check the club board for the date.

Now is the time to start your spring cleaning to find items for the yard sale March 5 & 6.

There are many more things coming up so please watch our club board and sign up for as many as you can.

Most important is our ANNUAL MEETING February 26 at 1:30. See you on the rinks. — *Bonnie*



Bonnie

Coaching Tips Arm Movement

"The plane of the forward or delivery arm swing should coincide with the aiming line. The bowling arm should accelerate smoothly, so avoiding any need for pushing of the delivery late in the forward swing. It should brush close to the side during its swing. Bowlers should avoid flexing of elbow or wrist so that the radius of the bowling hand's arc stays constant, thereby avoiding an extra movement requiring coordination. They should release the bowl as the arm passes a vertical alignment. The bowl is then at its lowest point and should have attained the required release speed".

— *Rob Judson - Lawn Bowls Coaching*

Happy Valentine's Day!

Introducing our newest members

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Rules & Etiquette

What happens if you play another player's bowl?

By Bud Ricucci

You step up on the mat and are so concerned with the shot at hand that you pick up another player's bowl and deliver it.

What does the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls* spell out when this situation comes about?

- A) The opposing skip returns the bowl to be redelivered.
- B) The bowl is declared dead and is removed from the rink.
- C) The bowl is replaced with the player's own bowl.
- D) The end is declared dead.

Law 29.2.1 states: "If a player plays another player's bowl instead of their own, the other player's bowl must be replaced with the player's own bowl." So C is the correct answer. Note that the rule is succinct and contains no modifying conditions or clauses. So it does not matter if the error is not noticed immediately or if the head is disturbed by the bowl in question. The bowl is simply replaced with the correct bowl whenever it is noticed and the bowl delivered in error will be returned for delivery by the bowl's owner.

It pays to know the rules but if uncertain, always call an umpire.

Bowls USA initiates Grant Program

The **Mission** of the Grant Program is to provide funds for 100% Bowls USA clubs to promote club development and to assist recruiting and retaining members. Funds may be used for projects that are intended to attract new members or to improve the playing experience of the club.

The **Goal** of the program is to allocate funds equally across divisions, if possible. The total amount of grant funds available for 2016 is \$7,500.

Partial list of Guidelines:

- All 100% clubs within a division are eligible for grants.
- The grant application deadline is June 30, 2016.
- The three-member Grant Committee shall review all grant applications for merit.
- Grants may be fully or partially funded based on a review of the proposed project costs.
- Grants may be fully or partially funded based on the total number of grant requests.
- Grants may be used for projects that are intended to attract new members such as advertising, signage, Open Houses, youth programs, pamphlets and flyers, etc.
- Grants may be used for projects to improve the playing experience of the club such as greens improvements, equipment repairs, club house repairs, or rink equipment such as mats, bowls gatherers, score frames, etc.

Grant recipients must submit a follow-up report on the success of the project to the Grant Committee and to the Bowls USA newsletter. Non-receipt of a follow-up report may put the club in jeopardy of receiving further grants.

NCFL results after week three

With one regular season game remaining, four teams in the Gulf Division are tied with 4-2 records. The final game to be played on Feb.9 will determine which trio will win the top spot in that division. Based on cumulative points, **Bud Ricucci, Ron Macey & Jackie Williamson** sit atop the Gulf Division followed by **Brian & Barb Smith** and **Joey Mills**. In third is the Lakeland team of Bev Hitchman, Rae & Audrey Ney. Scott Snyder and Ellis & Monoka Hassinger also of Lakeland are fourth.

The Atlantic Division has a clear winner for first place as **Angela & Sy Carkhuff** teaming with **Ruth Brown** have a perfect 6-0 record and cannot be caught. The winner of the Gulf Division will play the **Carkhuffs** and **Ruth** for the Championship in a best two out of three game format.

The last regular season game and first game of the playoffs will be played on Feb. 9 in Mount Dora with the finals to be played on Feb. 23.

The NCFL is open to any team that wishes to compete. If more teams sign up than there are openings a playdown would be conducted to determine the qualifying teams. If you are interested in entering a team for next season, contact Bob Wulbrecht.

Club members bowl in Grass League

Seven members of our club bowled in the Grass League held in January. **Mike Maneilly, Earl Shaner & Randy Woods** made up one team to replace a Lakeland team which dropped out. **Bud Ricucci** played on a team with two Lakeland players and **Bobbie Elwell** and **Di Olsen** played with Ruth Coddington from Lakeland. **Hans Momkes** subbed one week for Earl.

The Grass League is played on the four Wednesdays in January with alternating play at Sarasota and Sun City Center. Four teams of men and women from those clubs plus Lakeland participate. Lakeland had one full team drop out and parts of two others. Rae Ney of Lakeland asked if some of our bowlers would help fill out their teams to keep the league going and we obliged.

The last week was cancelled due to rain. The final standings showed Sarasota with 31 wins, Lakeland/Mount Dora 21 wins and Sun City Center 20 wins.

Local team takes fourth place at Bert MacWilliams

Playing in cold and very windy conditions, **Sy** and **Angela Carkhuff** won all three games and finished in fourth place at the Bert MacWilliams Tournament held at Clearwater LBC on Jan. 23. The top three teams came from Clearwater and World Parkway. Other Mount Dora teams included **Bill & Bonnie Bish, Jackie & Gary Williamson** and **Mike Maneilly & Bobbi Elwell**.

Cote team wins Lady Skip Benefit Tournament

Cindy Cote led her team of **Bud Ricucci** as vice and **Earl Allen** as lead in winning the Lady Skip Benefit Tourney held on Jan.7. Cindy's trio was the lone team to win all three 10 end games. Second place went to the team of **Terrie Boyd, Fran Allen** and **John Burke**. **Sue Sarych, Brian Smith,** and **Glen Bruno** finished in third place. Cindy's team defeated both of those squads to hand them their only loss.

The Lady Skip was run by **Sue Roberts** and **Betty Steele**. It is held to raise funds for the club's use and Sue reports that \$114 was netted after cash prizes were handed out to the winners. Sue will decide at a later date how to best utilize the funds for the good of the club. This year twelve teams signed up to bowl in the event.



*Bud Ricucci,
Cindy Cote &
Earl Allen.*

Club Annual Meeting Feb. 26 at 1:30 pm

Election of officers and other important matters are on the agenda. Be sure to attend. Pill bowling will be suspended.

Open House draws 20 visitors

The club held an Open House with hot dogs on January 16-17. Approximately 20 people showed for the Open House to take a tour of the grounds and clubhouse and many stayed to roll a few bowls and partake of the franks and other refreshments. As we went to press, the new class is underway with 13 prospects attending. Rumor has it that there are several excellent bowlers in this class. Although scheduled to be completed Jan. 29 the class had to be extended to Feb.2 due to inclement weather which prevented instructors and bowlers from practicing on the rinks.

Tentative club calendar for February

- 1,8,15 *Home League* 1:30 pm.
- 3-5 *Triples tournaments, Men & Women's*
- 9 & 23 NCFL 9 am & 1 pm
- 10 *Australian pairs*
- 12 Club Board meets, after pill bowling
- 13 *Valentine's Day lunch & bowling party*
- 20-21 *Home League Playoffs*
- 25 **Diabetes Benefit**
- 26 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 1:30 pm
- 27 Hot dog lunch

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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

The **Valentine's Day Lunch & Party** sign-up sheet has been posted. Make sure to attend this fun event on Feb. 13. Also, our new members will be introduced. **Margaret VonDongen (Dunlop)** is the chairperson.

Randy Woods is the representative for **Drakes Pride** for the Southeast Division. Contact him for information on bowls and bowling accessories from Drakes Pride. **Ellie & Ron Macey**, **Russ Davis** and **Betty Steele** are our club's store managers. They order bowls from Henselite and other equipment that we stock in the store.

To keep informed by the club by email blasts, please inform **Bud Ricucci** or **Di Olsen** whenever you change your email address. This will also insure that the correct email address is reflected in the next directory.

Remember the club's **Yard Sale** is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 3 and 4. We need items to display in the clubhouse on those days. **Margaret VonDongen (Dunlop)** asks that you save your "treasures" for the sale. Contact **Margaret** or **Sue Sarych** if you have questions or would like to help out on one or both days.

Please check the soles of your bowling shoes.

Our requirements are that footwear used on the rinks be heelless and with little or no tread. We are seeing regular sneakers being used on the rinks with deep treads which leave impressions in the surface of the rinks. These impressions can deflect a bowl or jack off its normal course and are not good for our rinks. Check your footprints while on the rinks. If you can see the tread in the rubico, you need to find suitable shoes. You might consider heelless alley bowling shoes which can be purchased at our two local bowling alleys. And please, no golf shoes are permitted.

The signup sheets for the **Major Marsh tournament** were recently posted. Please get your name on the list to insure your spot in the tournament. Contact Tournament Manager **Dave Mazur** for more information. The date is Feb.18.

If you have the desire to **become a club coach**, your chance is at hand. There will be two classes for prospective coaches to attend. One will be at Sun City Center LBC on Feb. 28 and the other will be held at Sarasota LBC on Feb. 29. A signup sheet is posted on the pavilion bulletin board.