

The Mount Dora Lawn Bowler

Newsletter of the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club

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Williamson, Allen and Keller are new Major Marsh Champions

Two teams finished with 3-0 records in this year's Major Marsh Mixed Pairs Tournament played on Feb.18. **Jackie Williamson** and **Bud Ricucci** led their teams to undefeated status among the 16 mixed pairs teams who signed up for the event. Jackie's squad took the top spot by outscoring Bud's team 37 - 34. **Earl Allen** was Jackie's vice and first year bowler **Al Keller** played lead.

The Major Marsh rules are unique in that the delivered jack is never centered, requiring bowlers to adjust their normal aiming lines to the off center jack.

Prize money was awarded to the top four teams.

1st: **Jackie Williamson, Earl Allen, Al Keller**

2nd: **Bud Ricucci, Steve Lamontagne, Lucy Keller**

3rd: **Stan Boyd, Ginger Dora, Sylvia Mackey**

4th: **Barb Smith, Rick Fitzgerald, Bob James**

Dave Mazur was the tournament Director and his committee of **Gary Koch, John Burke** and **Di Olsen** are to be commended for a well run and most importantly, fun tournament for all participants.



Major Marsh Champs-Al Keller, Jackie Williamson and Earl Allen.

Photo by John Burke

Home League Champs: Momkes, Keller and Ricucci



2016 Home League Champs Lucy Keller, Wilma Momkes and Bud Ricucci holding watercolors donated by artist and Honorary Member Kit Olmstead (far right).

Photo courtesy of Jim Gingrich

The Home League semi-finals were played on Feb.20 with Wolverine Division winners **Jon Peele, David Gray** and **Lu Schumacher** playing Grizzly Division winners **Jim Gingrich, David Schrock** and **Jane Zulia**. This game was a well-played match by both teams that was knotted at 12 shots each going to the last end. Jim's team got the last shot by virtue of a delicate draw shot by **Dave Schrock** to win 13-12 and advance to the finals. The other semi-final saw Hyena Division winners **Bob James, Al Keller** and **Nancy DeSecki** play **Bud Ricucci, Wilma Momkes** and **Lucy Keller** winners of the Badger Division. This was another tight game which stood at 12-12 after 13 ends after Bob's team scored four shots in the penultimate end. Bud's trio won the last end to continue on to the Championship game the next day.

The championship game, played Feb.21, was a close contest through eight ends as both teams could gather no more than one point per end. At the midway point in the 16 end game the score was tied at four shots each. However, Bud's trio scored three in end nine and two more in the 10th to go up 9-4 and allowed Jim's team just two more, winning 16-6. This is Wilma's first Home League win and first year bowler **Lucy Keller's** first ever win. After 15 years trying, Bud will collect his first Home League dangle at Founder's Days on April 9.

The Home League this year had excellent participation with 20 teams formed from those signing up. Many thanks to Tournament Director **Jim Gingrich** who was faced weekly with having to find substitutes to fill out teams.

Standing room only at Annual Meeting

Outgoing President **Bonnie Bish** called the club's Annual Meeting to order at 1:35 pm on Feb.26th in front of 150 assembled members in the clubhouse. This was the largest attendance at an Annual Meeting in anyone's memory. Treasurer **Di Olsen** reported we have 287 total members; 212 active, 50 associate and 25 Honorary. Member **Jim Hays** gave the audit report on our books finding everything in good order and recommended the club keep its financials on a club owned computer. Grounds Director **John Reid** reported several projects this past year such as the cleaning out and reorganization of the wine cellar and improved appearance of the porch area. He reported that 34,000 pounds of rubico was spread on the rinks during the year. **Terrie Boyd**, outgoing Social Director reported 2,119 meals were served at 10 club events.

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The President's Corner

Some thoughts from *Bonnie*

It has been my honor to serve as President of the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club. I appreciate all the assistance from the Board, Committees and the many Volunteers of this fine club.

The Annual Meeting was the largest I have seen in all the years I have been a member of our club. Thank all of you for attending.

Please continue all the support you give in keeping and improving the high standards that our club has achieved over the past 88 years.

Happiness is Lawn Bowling.
See you on the rinks,

— *Bonnie*



Bonnie

Williamson and Romano win Australian pairs

This year's Australian Pairs tournament played on Feb.11 attracted 46 players which created 23 pairs teams. Tournament managers **Steve Brickel**, **Margaret VanDongen** and **John Burke** selected skips and a blind draw of the remaining 23 players completed the teams.

The format for Australian Pairs is unique in that the players switch positions during each end. The players starting the end rolls two bowls then switch positions and the second to play delivers all four of their bowls. The players switch ends again and the remaining two bowls each are rolled. Scoring is as usual.

Players played three 10 end games and small cash prizes were awarded the top four teams from the entry fees. A prize was also presented to the team with the lowest third game score.

Four teams won all three games. First place winners were **Jackie Williamson** and **Nick Romano** with plus 35 points. Second place went to **Brian Smith** and **Stan Boyd**, 19 plus points, third went to **Bob Wulbrecht** and **Bill Dora** with 14 plus points and with 13 points and in fourth was the team of **Marita Nierth** and **Earl Allen**. Low third game score went to **Bob James** and **Nonnie Barnes**.



*Aussie Pairs champs
Nick Romano &
Jackie Williamson*

Rules & Etiquette

Do you do the "Twist"?

By Bud Ricucci

There a few of our members who during their delivery, twist the mat off the center line of the rink with their trail foot. The next bowler then must rearrange the mat to get it back properly on the centerline. This can be distracting and bothersome to the next bowler. If you are one of those folks who twist the mat, consider straightening the mat back to its proper center line location as you leave the mat saving your opponent from having to do the chore.

Obituaries

Former member John Mallalieu 82, died on Jan.27. John joined the club in 2013. Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, he was a civil engineer before retiring and moving to Florida in 2012. John was a Veteran of the United States Army having served during the Korean War era. Survivors include his seven children.

Correction on Lady Skip Results

Your editor erred in the February newsletter by misidentifying the skip of the third place team in the Lady Skip Tournament held Jan. 7. The third place team was skipped by one of our club's most talented new bowlers, **Nancy DeSecki**. Her team mates were **Brian Smith** and **Glenn Bruno**. The editor apologizes to Nancy for the oversight.

Diabetes Benefit Tournament

Sylvia Mackey and her committee of **Tom Bussell**, **Bobbi Elwell**, **Jean Adams** and **John Burke** did a wonderful job in conducting the fourth annual Diabetes Benefit Tournament held on Feb.25. Thanks also to **Donna** and **Glenn Brown** who performed blood sugar testing for volunteers between games.

Three 10 end games were played by the 20 pairs teams that entered. Teams came from Mount Dora, Sun City Center and Sarasota.

First place went to **Sy** and **Angela Carkhuff** who won three games and led all other teams with 31 plus points. In second place was **Hans** and **Wilma Momkes** and third spot went to Pat Beggs and Debbie Foster from Sarasota. All three teams won three games with plus points the determinant factor. **Randy Woods** and Sharon Farrish of Sarasota won a cash prize for the most points scored over the three games.

Sylvia reports that \$1300 was raised for the American Diabetes Association. Sponsors included The Country Club of Mount Dora, Segway of Central Florida, The Magical Meat Market, The Hometown Market, several local physicians and Mount Dora club members too numerous to be included here. Many thanks to all who donated and participated in this worthwhile event.

Men and Women's Triples 2016

The Women's Triples semi-finals played Feb. 4, had **Cindy Cote, Sue Sarych** and **Jackie Williamson** defeat the team of **Bobbi Elwell, Sylvia Mackey** and **Joann Holzman** 19-6. **Barb Smith, Judy Bublitz** and **Jan Hays** squeaked by **Tracy Wulbrecht, Di Olsen** and **Nancy DeSecki** 18-16 setting up the finals between Cindy and Barb's teams on Feb. 5. **Jackie Williamson** substituted in the final for **Agnes Strassheim** who was injured.

The Men's Trips semi-finals saw **Ron Macey, Stan Boyd** and **David Gray** nudging out **Gary Williamson, Joey Mills** and **Bill Dora** to get to the finals to face **Sy Carkhuff, Dave DeSecki** and **Gary Grant** who took the measure of **Bud Ricucci, Tony Vassallo** and **Bill Molly** by 20-10.

In the finals, Cindy's squad won handily over Barb's and Sy's trio defeated by Ron's team by a score of 19-13. **Jean Adams** and her committee of **Hans Momkes, Gary Koch, Rick Walker, Bobbi Elwell, Mike Maneilly, Barb Smith** and **John Burke** worked diligently to bring off a well run event.



Men's Triples winners, Dave Desecki, Sy Carkhuff, Gary Grant



Women's Triples winners, Jackie Williamson, Cindy Cote, Sue Sarych

2016 NCFL REGULAR SEASON DIVISION WINNERS

Atlantic Division:

Angela Carkhuff, Ruth Brown, Sy Carkhuff (7-0)

Gulf Division:

Bud Ricucci, Ron Macey, Jackie Williamson (5-2)

NCFL PLAYOFF RESULTS

Championship Flight

Winner: **Angela Carkhuff, Ruth Brown, Sy Carkhuff**
Runner-up: **Bud Ricucci, Ron Macey, Jackie Williamson**

A Flight

Winner: Peter Bauman, Donna Bauman, **Beth Forbes**
Runner-up: **Brian Smith, Barb Smith, Joey Mills**

B Flight

Winner: **Marita Nierth, Judy Bublitz, Tom Bussell**
Runner-up: **Hans Momkes, Jon Peele, Tom Jagel**

C Flight

Winner: **Gary Williamson, Jim Gingrich, Gary Koch**
Runner-up: **Mike Maneilly, Bobbi Elwell, Jean Adams**

Annual Meeting (cont'd from front page)

Terri thanked all of the social event Chairpersons for their efforts over the last two years.

Stuart Smith Director for House reported major accomplishments including replacing the clubhouse and pavilion flooring and disposing of many worn sets of training bowls thanks to the generous donation of 20 new sets of bowls by **Barb** and **Brian Smith**.

Outgoing Membership Director **Rick Walker** reported that 70 new members were added to the rolls in 2015. Rick advises recruiting new members must be an ongoing and high priority activity.

Don Cote Long Range Planning Director, spoke about the committee's recommendations including setting aside funds for AC and roof replacements and replacing the kitchen oven with a convection oven.

Attendees also voted to approve Honorary Member status to **Betty Hamilton** and **Bill** and **Bonnie Bish**.

Nominating Committee Chairman **Randy Woods** presented the slate of nominees for board positions. **Dave Sarych** for President, **Mike Maneilly** for VP, **Bobbi Elwell** Social Director, **Robin Armitage** Secretary, **Beth Forbes** Treasurer and **Judy Bublitz** Games Director. The Membership Chair position was left open for nominations from the floor. For the first time since 1998, members made floor nominations. Those nominated were; **Terrie Boyd** for VP, **Tom Eppich** and **Gloria Vest** for Membership and **Tricia Eustice** for Social Director. In the secret balloting that followed, the winners were **Terri Boyd** for VP, **Tom Eppich** for Membership and **Tricia Eustice** for Social. **John Reid** and **Stuart Smith** continue for another year as Grounds and House Directors respectively and **Bonnie Bish** moves to Long Range Planning. The new board takes office Mar.15.

Tentative club calendar for March

- 2-4 **Fox Hill Triples 6:30 pm**
- 3-4 Club Yard Sale
- 11 Club Board (old and new) meets, 11:30 am
- 5-11 **Southeast Division Open (Men & Women)**
- 12 *St. Patrick's lunch & bowling party*
- 14-18 **Men's Singles tournament**
- 19 FIRST MEETING OF NEW CLUB BOARD
11:30 am
- 21-25 **Women's Singles tournament**
- 23 **Annual Banquet 5:30 pm start**
- 30-31 **Open Pairs**

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Treasurer Di Olsen; Secretary Gloria Vest; Games Director John Burke;
House Director Stuart 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

It should be known by all that at the Annual Meeting, Groundskeeper **Roy Ritbergeris** received a well-deserved, extended and heartfelt round of applause in appreciation of his hard work and dedication in keeping the rinks *and* grounds in tip top shape all year long. We are very fortunate to have him.

Every active member of our club is entitled to a copy of the **new 2015 Laws of the Sport of Bowls**. If you have not received one yet, contact Head Umpire **Bud Ricucci**.

The whole club house and all the guests were decked out in white and red for our recent **Valentines social**. Over 100 guests attended and they were treated to a hearty three course lunch. The twice baked potatoes and meat loaf were a big hit as was the black forest trifle. **Margaret Van Dongen** and her marvelous, energetic team served the entire lunch family style. Bowlers, who played 12 ends before lunch, were treated to chocolate “kisses” when they struck the jack. (Submitted by Margaret VanDongen)

Bob Wulbrecht is retiring as Games Director of the North Central Florida League (NCFL). He has served tirelessly in the position for six years and initiated several improvements to the league over that time. He will be a tough act to follow.

Newer members may not be aware that **the club has a website** that contains tabs on News & Events, Bowling, Social Activities, etc. Check it out at mountdoralawnbowling.com.

Get your tickets for the **Annual Banquet** to be held Wednesday, March 23. Tickets are \$25 a person. There will be a social hour from 5:30 to 6:30 followed by dinner in the clubhouse. Expect it to be “One Magical Night.” Tickets may be obtained from **Bonnie Bish, Tracy Wulbrecht, Tricia Eustice, Joann Holzman, Lucy Keller** and **Janice Hays**.

Your editor happened to notice while doing research that the price for tickets to **the Annual Banquet in 1996** was \$22 each. So, ticket prices have increased just \$3 a ticket in 20 years! That makes this year’s prices seem like quite a bargain for a meal and entertainment.

Have you noticed **how well our newest members are bowling?** It is very impressive to see how well prepared they are in all aspects of our sport. Our current group of instructors should be proud of the work they are doing. Thanks to **Judy Bublitz, Marita Nierth, Brian Smith, Bart Etori, Lee Kline** and **Rick Walker**.