

# The Mount Dora Lawn Bowler

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## *Carkhuff defeats Momkes for Men's Singles Championship*

**Di Olsen** had 24 men sign up for the Men's Singles event and they were placed into four groups of six by blind draw and each player in a group played the other five to determine the group winner.

Two groups had winners with perfect 5-0 records. They were; **Bud Ricucci** and **Hans Momkes**. **Sy Carkhuff** won his group with a 4-1 record as did **Joey Mills**.

The semi-final games were played on March 18 with Bud playing Sy and Hans facing Joey. Sy eliminated Bud 18-13 and Hans defeated Joey by a score of 18-12. This set up the Final between Hans and Sy.

In the championship game which was played March 25, Sy took an early lead that he never relinquished defeating Hans 21-7. This is Sy's fourth singles title. **Di Olsen** and her committee did a grand job in this year's tournament. It

*Men's Singles  
Champ  
Sy Carkhuff  
& runner-up  
Hans Momkes*



Photo by  
John Burke

should be noted that the high turnout is attributable to at least six brand new and fearless members deciding to enter the singles to get some valuable experience.

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## **Sixth Singles title for Angela Carkhuff**

Not to be outdone by the men, 22 women signed up for the Women's Singles Tournament held March, 21-25. This is the highest participation in Women's Singles in recent memory.



Like the men, about seven of the players were members with a year or less in the club.

*Women's Singles  
Runner-up Cindy Cote  
and Champ Angela  
Carkhuff*

Photo by John Burke

The format was a round robin which assured everyone would play four games before the semi-finals commenced. The semi-finals were played March 24, with all four winners of their groups coming in with 3-0 records. Those winners were; **Di Olsen, Angela Carkhuff, Ruth Brown** and **Cindy Cote**.

In the semi-finals the ladies drew rinks to determine who each would play. Di and Cindy drew the same rinks as did Angela and Ruth. Cindy beat Di 18-12 and Angela took Ruth 18-14. The Championship match played March 25 saw Angela move out to a 13-3 lead and won 21-11 over Cindy.

This is Angela's sixth singles title and also marks the third time she and Sy have held the singles titles simultaneously. Thanks to the committee of **Di Olsen, Rick Walker, Margaret Van Dongen** and **John Burke**.

## **Meet your new board members**

New to the Board of Directors as of March 15: Club Secretary **Robin Armitage** was born in Milwaukee and raised in the suburb of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. She is a 1979 graduate of the University of Wisconsin on the Madison Campus. Her major in college was Elementary Education. After graduation she married Charles Armitage and moved to Mount Dora, Florida. Robin taught in the Lake County School System for 34 years before retiring in August 2014. **Glenn Taylor, Doris** and **Wally Green** introduced her to lawn bowling. She is working part time now at Eustis Elementary School but there is no place she would rather be than on "the rinks".

**Beth Forbes**, incoming Treasurer, has held several positions at the club including Secretary, Games Director, Membership Director, VP and President. Hailing from New Jersey she worked for DuPont for 17 years. She joined the club in 1989 with husband Bill.

Social director **Tricia Eustis** was born and raised in Binghamton, NY and lived in Fort Lauderdale, FL for 30 years. With part time residences in Denver and Chicago as bases for United Airlines, she worked as a flight attendant and has been around the world a few times. Tricia been a bartender, waitress, realtor and pari-mutuel's clerk for a number of years

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## The President's Corner

Some thoughts from *Dave*



**Dave**

The first board meeting is complete with the new board of directors. We are organizing the tournament and the new social season and having a lot of fun doing the job. This BOD has a lot of talent and you can expect good things from your representatives. Some of the future plans will include using our club as the hub for Lake County Senior Games and a possible Spring 2016 Business Invitational for Mount Dora businesses.

Our club is proving to be an asset of the city of Mount Dora. I would like to thank the many volunteers for the hours working the tournaments and the highly successful social season but then that's why we are in the club. Every seemingly small (and large) task adds up to the kind of club we all want to make a home away from home. Thanks again for your support as we will need all of us to continue to have a good time.— *Dave*

### A refreshing change

Our Games Directors and Tournament Managers understand that complaints from members about how tournaments are run are part of the job and they soon develop a thick skin. It seems that you just cannot please everyone and no matter how a tournament is run there are always those will complain. So it was very refreshing to hear of one of newer members let **John Burke** know her feelings on the just completed Men's and Women's Pairs. She wrote in an email "I would have liked to express to the whole group today what a wonderful two weeks it has been. I sure have learned a lot from marking for the guys last week and then bowling in the ladies singles this week. You are so organized and everything runs so smoothly. Also as being the "newbie" from the latest class I also have to say how nice, patient and kind the "veterans" have been. I am excited to keep learning. I'm so glad I've become part of this group and look forward to many years of Lawn bowling."— Sincerely, **Jo Ellen Braun**

It is members like Jo Ellen that will take this club into the future and make it stronger than ever.



*New board members Dave Sarych, Robin Armitage, Tom Eppich, Beth Forbes, Terrie Boyd, Stuart Smith, Judy Bublitz, Tricia Eustice, John Reid and Bonnie Bish*

## Rules & Etiquette

### Leads – Stand up for yourselves!

By Bud Ricucci

A couple of our newer members have complained that playing as leads they have been told to retire to the bench after delivering their bowls and changing ends. Nowhere in the rulebook does it specify where leads should position themselves after bowling. Years and years ago it was expected that leads would sit on the bench after changing ends. That way of thinking has changed and now leads are encouraged to stay on the rink and in the game. Being observant of the head building strategies will help improve their understanding and enjoyment of our sport.

**Rule 12.1.2** talks about the position of players at the head-end of the rink. Leads are in compliance with the rule if, while their team has possession of the rink, they stand behind their team's vice skip near the center of the rink (not near the boundaries) and most important remain still while players are set to deliver their bowls. When the opposing team has possession of the rink they should retire away from the head with their vice skips. Leads should speak up if they see something the vices may have overlooked such as a misidentification of a player's bowl.

### New Board (cont'd)

She and her husband have three children and two grandchildren. She loves arts and crafts and is an intermediate needle worker. Her passion is being an advocate for animals and their care. She says the best thing she has done recently, is joining the lawn bowling club last May. Great people to be with and the challenge of the game is so rewarding.

**Judy Bublitz** is our new Games Director. She was born and raised in Auburn Hills, Michigan and attended Avondale High School. Judy graduated from Michigan State and married her high school sweetheart, Terry. They had three sons who have presented her with five grandkids. Judy lost her husband in 2003 and moved to Florida in 2004 after retiring from Flint Community Schools after 32 years. She joined the club in 2005 and has been an enthusiastic and productive member ever since being named Pill Bowler of the year in 2011-12. Judy also served on the club as Membership Director in 2012-13.

**Tom Eppich** will be our new Membership Director. Tom has been a member of our club since 2004. He and his wife, Pennell, moved to Mount Dora in 2004 and are originally from Michigan. A CPA, he graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit. Tom's career included being an Audit Partner with Ernst & Young and a CFO with various companies. Tom currently serves as a board member and CFO for Talismark, a Lake Mary company in the waste industry. Tom was an elected city council member in Mount Dora from 2009-11.



## Mount Doran's dominate Open Pairs

Tournament Directors **Marita Nierth** and **Jackie Williamson** report that twenty teams entered the Open Pairs held March 30 & 31 including three teams from Sarasota LBC. This year's winners are **Sy** and **Angela Carkhuff**. Continuing their March hot streak, they defeated **Judy Bublitz** and **Bud Ricucci** in the Championship Final played on Mar. 31.

Pat Beggs and Debbie Foster of Sarasota placed third in the Championship Flight by beating **Mike Maneilly** and **Bobbi Elwell** in the sixth and final game. **Tom Eppich** and **Tom Jagel** took first place in the A Flight, **Gary Williamson** and **Don Ross** won B Flight and **Ron Macey** and **Ken Kossin** were victorious in C Flight.

Jackie and Marita thank committee members **Jo Ellen Braun**, **Robin Armitage**, **Tom Bussell** and **Marcela LaMontagne**.

## Club Singles Championship

The fourth edition of the Club's Singles Championship had the husband & wife team of **Angela** and **Sy Carkhuff** playing each other for the title on March 28. They both won their gender's Singles titles earlier in March. Sy prevailed 21-15 over Angela to take the Championship.

## Fox Hill Triples

The Fox Hill Citrus event was held March 2 through March 5. Sixteen teams entered the mixed triples single elimination tournament.

In the semi-finals on Friday, the team of **Beth Forbes**, **Rick Fitzgerald**, and **Jo Ellen Braun** defeated **Tom Eppich**, **Dave Desecki**, and **Lucy Keller** by a score of 16-13. In the other semi-final, **Earl Allen**, **Stuart Smith**, and **Becky Fitzgerald** triumphed over **Steve Lamontagne**, **Tony Vassallo**, and **Barb Hoy-Mills** by a score of 18-5.

This led to an exciting finish on Saturday in a game where the lead changed often. Beth led early by 4-3 after six ends, but Earl's team rebounded to grab a 12-7 lead after eleven ends. Beth's team came back to grab a 13-12 lead after fourteen ends. In the fifteenth end, Earl's team scored one to make it a one point game going into the final end. The dramatic finish came as Earl's team scored two in the final end to eke out a 15-14 victory. The winning shot came on a closely contested measurement.

This tournament saw a large participation of new bowlers including two on the winning team. There were 23 new members in the field of 48. The winners received bags of oranges and the runners-up received grapefruit jelly. Congratulations to Tournament Managers **Fran** and **Earl Allen**, who were managing their first tournament. Assisting were committee members **John Burke**, **Lee Kline** and **Margaret Van Dongen**. *Editor's note: Thanks to John Burke for providing the content for this article.*

## Our club members perform superbly at Southeast Division Open

Our women played at Clearwater and the men played their games at Sun City Center. We sent 12 women and ten men to play in the event held March 5-10.

Women from our club who participated in the SED Open were; **Jackie Williamson**, **Marita Nierth**, **Bobbi Elwell**, **Kathy Macpherson**, **Barb Smith**, **Jan Kline**, **Angela Carkhuff**, **Jean Adams**, **Robin Armitage**, **Terrie Boyd**, **Judy Bublitz** and **Tracy Wulbrecht**. Those finishing in the money included; **Angela Carkhuff** who won Bowler of the Tournament by winning the Championship Flight in singles, won A Flight in Pairs with **Jean Adams**, and 2nd place in Championship Flight in fours playing with **Jean Adams**, **Bobbi Elwell** and **Tracy Wulbrecht**. **Terrie Boyd** took place 3rd in Singles in the Championship Flight. **Judy Bublitz** won first place in B Flight in Singles with Tracy as runner-up. **Marita Nierth** was runner-up in C Flight singles. **Barb Smith** and **Jan Kline** won C Flight in Pairs and **Bobbi Elwell** and **Tracy Wulbrecht** placed second in B Flight Pairs.

Our men traveled to Sun City Center to play in singles, pairs and trips. Those finishing in the money were; **Brian Smith** who placed fourth in the Championship Flight in singles. **Mike Maneilly** won A Flight Singles. **Hans Momkes** was runner-up in C Flight and **Gary Williamson** won D Flight. In Pairs, **Bud Ricucci** and **Gary Williamson** won five straight games to make it to the Championship game but lost to Pat Beggs and Garry Watts of Sarasota. Playing in Triples, **Bud Ricucci**, **Hans Momkes** and **Jon Peele** placed fourth in the Championship Flight. **Lee Kline**, **Gary Koch**, **Earl Shaner** and **Randy Woods** played but did not finish in the money.



*Fox Hill Winners:  
Stuart Smith, Becky Fitzgerald and Earl Allen.*

## Tentative club calendar for April

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| 2        | Club Board meets after pill bowling.        |
| 7        | <b>Mix or Match Triples</b>                 |
| 9        | FOUNDERS DAY, bowling & awards lunch        |
| 14       | <b>Lake County Senior Games Tournament</b>  |
| 18-24    | <b>SED Playdowns Mount Dora</b>             |
| 30-May 1 | <b>Open House &amp; Hot Dogs (Saturday)</b> |

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

Nine of our club members took the Bowls Canada Club Coach course which was held in Sarasota and Sun City Center by Heather Comba and Paul Courtice of Maple Leaf LBC. They are **Judy Bublitz, Beth Forbes, Barb & Brian Smith, Kathy Macpherson, Bud Ricucci, Marita Nierth, Randy Woods** and **Tom Bussell**.

A thank you to **Joey Mills** for grinding down an uneven spot between sidewalk sections near the bottom of the stairs between rinks two and three. **Cindy Cote** had recently tripped over this spot and fell bruising her knees. Now there is no tripping hazard to worry about.

It was quite gratifying to observe that **in both the Women's and Men's Singles many new members took the plunge and signed up to play**. At least seven of the 22 women's entrants were brand new and a similar number of new men members out of the 24 entrants. Last year only ten women entered the singles. Make no mistake, these new folks can bowl and are the future leaders of our club and winners of many tournaments.

**Our next Open House is set for Saturday, April 30 and May 1** at 10:00 am with hot dogs on the 30th and

the class will run from May 2 through May 13. Round up a few friends, neighbors or relatives to come and join us.

**More than 110 members attended the Annual Banquet on March 23.** Cocktail hour was followed by a choice of tasty salmon or beef for dinner. The theme was "One Magical Night" and Mr. Magic O the magician wowed the attendees with his amazing feats of prestidigitation. Many thanks to the committee members who made the night a special one.

**JoAnn Holzman** was observed weeding and dead heading the flowers in the circular garden on a very warm day in March during the Men's Singles Tournament. Another example of our newer members pitching in to keep the grounds looking beautiful.

**If you are playing Mah Jongg, Euchre, Bridge, Bunco, Trivia or in the art class and leave by the Edgerton Court door, it is still your responsibility to make certain that all gates and doors are closed and locked in addition to ensuring lights, fans and air conditioning are turned off.**