

The Mount Dora Lawn Bowler

Newsletter of the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club

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Senior Games return to Mount Dora

Mix or Match Triples “The Skins Game”



Senior Division winners
Gary Koch and John Burke



Junior Division winners
Jackie and Gary Williamson

This year the games were composed of sixteen pairs teams split into “junior” and “senior” age groups. Three 10 end games were played April 14.

Winners of the Junior Division were **Gary and Jackie Williamson**. They were undefeated and edged out the team of **Bart Ettore** and **Tom Bussell** who were also undefeated. The Williamson's were victorious over the teams of **Dave Mazur** and **Jean Briggs**, **Bill and Ginger Dora**, and **Ken Kossin** and **Dave Desecki**.

In the Junior Division, the Gold Medal went to the Williamson's with the silver Medal being awarded to Ettore and Bussell. The Bronze Medal went to the team of **Rick Fitzgerald** and **Beth Forbes**.

The Senior Division had only one undefeated team. **John Burke** and **Gary Koch** were victorious over the teams of **Jan and Lee Kline**, **Terrie and Stan Boyd**, and **Barbara and Brian Smith** to win the Gold Medal. The Silver Medal went to the Smiths with the Bronze Medal going to **Jan and Lee Kline**.

The committee for Senior Games consisted of **John Burke**, **Judy Bublitz** and **Gary Koch**. **Tricia Eustice** handled the food and beverage service in the morning while **Anne Reilly**, **Mary Rooney**, and **Suzanne Peele** managed the kitchen service at lunchtime.

Walgreens' employees were on hand after the games to hand out goodie bags and took pictures of participants. In addition, free pneumonia shots and blood pressure readings were available. *Editor's note: Thanks to John Burke for providing details on this event.*

The club held its first Skins Game tournament on Thursday, April 7 in a mix or match format. Three nine end games were played with each game divided into three sets of three ends. One skin can be won for each three end set by the team obtaining the most points in that set. One skin can also be won by the team scoring the most points in the nine end game. So four skins were up for grabs for each game and twelve skins total for the three games. Opponents for the three games were determined by a blind draw. Members formed their own teams and a total of 16 teams participated. Cash prizes were awarded from the entry fees.

The team of **Bud Ricucci**, **Gary Koch** and **John Burke** were able to notch 10 ½ skins to win the tournament. Second place went to **Angela and Sy Carkhuff** and **Jean Adams**.

Other teams in the money were:

3rd – **Gary & Jackie Williamson** and **Dave Mazur**.

4th – **Bob Wulbrecht**, **Ruth Brown** and **Judy Bublitz**

5th – **Jim Gingrich**, **Russ Davis** and **Ron Macey**

6th – **Bart Ettore**, **Tom Bussell** and **Joey Mills**

High Last Game – **Mike Maneilly**, **Bobbi Elwell** and **Randy Woods**.

Thanks to **Mike Maneilly**, **John Burke**, **Earl Shaner** and **Randy Woods** for their hard work in creating this interesting format which we hope will be on the calendar again next year. We must also express gratitude to **Outback Steakhouse** for sponsoring the event and providing gift cards for the winners. Please visit their restaurant and let the manager know that the club appreciates their support.



Skins Game Champs Gary Koch, Bud Ricucci and John Burke.

The President's Corner

Some thoughts from *Dave*



Dave

The new board is settling in to the duties of their positions. We are working on a budget for this year and expect to have it soon completed after the next board meeting. In the last year we have tried to rebuild the rinks, grounds and club house. We have been very successful at this endeavor but the cost of all the improvements have to be faced. We have not increased the club dues for 3 years and are trying to hold the line on spending. The fact of the matter is if we want the club to continue to look great on the rinks, grounds and club house, there is a cost to these improvements. The board of directors is formulating a budget to be presented to the members.

The tournament season is over and we had several recently joined members receiving their first winner's award. Many of the "new" members are very good bowlers. We look forward to further success of this new crop of good bowlers and their future dangles. I would also like to congratulate **Sy Carkhuff** on Pill Bowler of the Year. This award to Sy was overdue and well deserved.

We are sorry to see our snow birds take flight as they will be missed. We hope everyone "safe travels" whether going north on trips or vacation. For us who stay the summer we are looking forward to the hot high humid weather with a 40% chance of rain every day for the next 4 to 5 months. I cannot figure why anyone would go north to miss this beautiful Florida summer weather!

Roy is back on the job after his short medical absence. I am sure everyone is happy for his speedy recovery. We all got a chance to volunteer for his duties and can see why we appreciate having Roy with the club.

Remember wear FLAT SHOES and if you see someone without flat shoes ask them to stop bowling as they cause major damage to YOUR rinks and it takes a lot of time and effort to repair the damage. Remember if you practice after hours and are the last one to leave make sure the lavatories, the mat box, pavilion and gate are locked.

See you on the rinks....

— *Don*

In singles play, "two of the four bowls you play each head are of greater importance than the others. They are the first and third shots. If you have the play, your first bowl is your big chance to give your rival something to beat. What an advantage it is to get your first bowl on the jack. Your third bowl is invaluable for consolidating a good position, retrieving an awkward one, or clearing the head for your last bowl."

Fundamentals of Lawn Bowls – Albert Newton

Rules & Etiquette

Mirror, mirror on the rinks

By Bud Ricucci

A member inquired recently about a jack that ended up on the boundary line and how to properly determine whether it is in or out of bounds.

The rink boundaries are the white strips that you see on the backboards at the edges of each rink. Adjacent rinks do not overlap so each rink boundary actually is located in the middle of each boundary marker. To determine whether a jack or bowl is in or out of play in our daily social games we usually make the call by sighting down the line from the far end of the rink. If the jack or bowl is touching any part of the boundary marker we call it in bounds to speed up play.

However, in tournament games this method is not recommended. There are two methods to properly determine if a jack or bowl is in bounds or out. An umpire should be called to make the determination. The umpire and helpers can pull a string from the middle of one boundary marker to the middle of the one at the other end of the rink and with a square make the call. A simpler and less time consuming method is to use the mirror in the Umpire's Kit. The umpire will place the mirror at the end closest to the bowl or jack, line up the line on the mirror with the center of the boundary marker and sight down the rink to the opposite marker. If the bowl or jack is touching the line on the mirror it is in bounds. If not, it is out of bounds. Remember, a bowl or jack that is touching the outside edge of the boundary marker is actually out of bounds. The end is dead if the jack is out of bounds.



Founders Day Festivities

Founder's Day on April 9 began with bowling a game called "Follow the Leader" in which all bowlers on the rink had to bowl in the same direction as the first lead to bowl in the end. In addition, each toucher was recorded for each lead, vice and skip with prizes given out to the leaders at each position. The team with the highest total score also won prizes which were presented after lunch.

After the game everyone retired to the clubhouse to enjoy each other's company and a tasty lunch of subs, chips and Klondike bars. The lead with the most touchers was **Wilma Momkes**. The vice who had the most touchers was **Al Keller** and **Jon Peele** won as skip with nine touchers. **Gary Williamson** skip, **Margaret Van Dongen** vice and **Frank LaRocca** lead won high game.

After lunch, the traditional ceremony of handing out the "dangles" to the season's tournament winners commenced. The day's festivities ended with the presentation of the "Pill Bowler of the Year" award. Games Director **Judy Bublitz** named **Sy Carkhuff** as the well-deserved recipient.

Mount Dora sending three to the National Championships

The 2016 Southeast Division playdowns for the US National Championships were held on our rinks April 18-22. The playdowns are held every year to determine who will represent the Southeast Division at the National Championships in both pairs and singles. This year the Championships will be played at Sun City West, Arizona Oct. 24-28.

The Women's Pairs winners were Sandy Wall and Christine Garbett. Sandy bowls out of World Parkway in Clearwater and Christine plays at Lakeland and the Villages. **Marita Nierth** and **Terrie Boyd** were the runners up with a 3-1 record and will be called on to play in the Championships if the winners can't attend.

Our club was also represented in the Men's Pairs finals as **Jon Peele** and former Central Division member Steve Nelson won five games and tied one to prevail over the other six entries. This will be Jon's first appearance at the National Championships while Steve has been several times playing for the Central Division. The runners-up were the team of **Sy Carkhuff** and **Tom Bussell**.

The Women's singles champion is **Jackie Williamson** who defeated both opponents. This will be her second consecutive year in the Nationals. Jackie played in the pairs last year in Long Beach, California. **Bobbi Elwell** won a coin toss to see who would be the runner-up.

In the Men's singles, **Bud Ricucci** was undefeated in

Do you remember?

May 2011 – Nierth, Bublitz and Mulholland win Fox Hill under the lights. The championship game was played with Marita bowling with Judy and second year bowler **David Mulholland** against **Bob Wulbrecht, Tony Vassallo** and **Linda James**. Marita's trio outplayed Bob's by a 23-12 score and walked away with baskets of oranges and lemons presented by tournament managers **Jan** and **Lee Kline**. This is the first Fox Hill win for each player.

May 2006 – Cindy Cote named Pill Bowler of the Year.

Cindy Cote was stunned to tears at the Founder's Day luncheon when Ralph Knight announced at the Founder's that she was the 2005-6 Pill Bowler of the Year. Cindy became the fifth honoree for the annual Ralph Knight award, previous winners being Ralph himself, Harry Tombleson, **Lorraine Demman** and **Tom Heneghan**.

May 2001 - Ground Sheet eviction set to begin soon.

VP Wayne Menne and Grounds Director **Bob James** and a crew of volunteers plan to start pulling out the 16 ground sheets on the upper rinks first, then refilling with base material and Har-Tru, before moving the project to the lower rinks. The ground sheet removal was approved by club members on a vote of 51-31 at the Annual Meeting Feb. 23. Using moveable mats will allow us to play the game the way 99 percent of the world's lawn bowlers do.

four games of the round robin. **Sy Carkhuff** was the runner-up with just one loss. Bud is making his fifth trip to the Nationals, four times in Singles and once in Pairs.

Mount Dora bowlers made up the majority of the entrants in this year's playdowns. Those participating from our club in addition to those mentioned above were:

Barb Smith, Mike Maneilly, Gary Williamson, Bobbi Elwell, Earl Shaner, Ron Macey, Jean Adams, Angela Carkhuff and Gary Grant. Other clubs from the division participating in the playdowns were from Sun City Center, Sarasota, World Parkway and Lakeland.

Judy Bublitz and **Mike Maneilly** along with Linda McDougall from Sun City ran this year's playdowns and deserve our thanks for all of their efforts. Thanks also to all of the volunteers, markers and umpires who donated their valuable time to help with the playdowns.

AED Classes provided at club

Kathy Macpherson, Chairperson of the AED/CPR committee reports that 33 members attended two sessions conducted by the Mount Dora Fire Department on March 28 and April 5. The club paid the \$75 instructor's fee and each attendee paid \$10 for certificate cards. Member **Dean Sasek** saved the club an update fee by performing the update on the unit himself. Kathy hopes that in the future there will be two AED devices. One kept at the pavilion and one in the clubhouse. Thanks to Kathy and her committee of **Nina Smith, Nancy DeSecki** and **Janice Hayes** for taking on this important task and to all those who attended the classes.

Summer events to look forward to:

Open House – April 30, May 1

New Member Class – May 2 -13 9 - 11 am

Twilight League – Seven consecutive Tuesdays. May 3_ through June 14 at 6 PM. Party at Jeremiah's on June 14. _Contact **Jim Gingrich**.

Memorial Day - May 30: **JoAnn Holzman** is chairing this fun event. Check the pavilion bulletin board soon for details and sign up sheets.

Fourth of July – **Jo Ellen Braun** be running the day's activities including lunch and bowling. Wear your best red, white and blues.

Labor Day – Sept.5: **Becky Fitzgerald** is the event chair and she promises to come up with a fun day of bowling and good food.

Fall Bowling Blast – Sept. 28 @ 6 PM.
Contact **Tom Eppich**

Hot Dog Saturdays – Every third Saturday after bowling. May through September.

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Treasurer Beth Forbes; Secretary Robin Armitage; Games Director Judy Bublitz;
House Director Stuart Smith; Social Activities Director Tricia Eustice; Grounds Director John Reid,
Membership Director Tom Eppich; Long Range Planning Director Bonnie Bish.

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

Please remember to **notify Tom Eppich** Membership Director and **Di Olsen** keeper of the directory **when changing your home address, phone number or email address.**

We don't have the space to thank all of our members who worked very hard to get our rinks and grounds in the best shape possible for the playdowns for the Southeast Division which were just held at our club from April 18-22. Grounds Director **John Reid** thanks the many individuals who volunteered to spread rubico and sweep the rinks while **Roy Ritbergeris** recovered from eye surgery. **Ruth Brown** and her many volunteers spread mulch in our flower beds in preparation for the playdowns. A special thank you to all of those who provided their time to serve as markers for the singles matches. Thanks also to all the ladies who helped in the kitchen during the playdowns. We are so fortunate to have so many members who pitch in to help the club in so many ways. And let's not forget our dedicated umpires.

Your editor apologizes to **Tricia Eustice** for misspelling her last name in the April newsletter. It won't happen again – hopefully.

Open house for new members will be on April 30

& May 1. Classes will run from 9 to 11:30 pm Monday, May 2 through Friday, May 13. Bring a friend or neighbor down to the open house. It seems the students who join and stay as members are the ones who had a friend or neighbor introduce them to the game.

In case you were not aware, **Bowls USA has a web site** chock full of interesting information and the latest news about our sport. Go to Bowlsusa.us and click on any of the many links available including equipment, etiquette, Hall of Fame, Glossary, Team USA, etc.

A reminder – **8:30 pill bowling started May 1.** You must sign in no later than 8:15. The number of ends played reverts back to 12 from 14. Also, bowling at night has commenced with sign in by 6:45, bowling at 7:00.

Head club umpire **Bud Ricucci** is happy to announce the newest addition to our club umpires. **Tom Bussell** passed all the requisite tests to become Mount Dora's 10th umpire.

The *Mount Dora Lawn Bowler* will suspend publication for the summer months. We will be back in the fall with a November issue filled with plans for the coming season. Have a wonderful summer and if traveling, please travel safely.