



2011 ALL-SOUTHWEST TEAM

The All-Southwest Division for 2011, based on competition points earned during the previous year are:

Rosa Baer	Carrie Fossati	Dee McSparran
Tony Baer	Rick Gregory	Anne Nunes
Bill Brault	Kim Heiser	Jim Olson
Dan Christensen	Ian Ho	Joe Regan
Liam Courtney	Maryna Hyland	Scott Roberts
Loren Dion	Bill Kagan	Joe Siegman
Phil Dunn	Lloyd Kennedy	Kottia Spangler
Gary Fischer	Eva Lee	Roger Teske

On the weekend of February 5-6, the First Annual Team SW Tournament was staged at Newport Harbor LBC.

The top points earners from 2010 tournaments, 16 men and 8 women, competed in the uniquely formatted triples event, devised by Newport's Gary Fischer.

Congratulations to the best of the best, champions Roger Teske & Bill Kagan (both Oaks North) and Maryna Hyland (Newport), who went undefeated in six matches.

Runners-up were: Joe Regan (Newport), Ian Ho (Laguna Beach), Anne Nunes (Newport). Third place: Jim Olson (San Diego), Kim Heiser (Laguna Beach), Rick Gregory (Newport). Fourth place: Tony Baer (Hermosa Beach), Joe Siegman (Beverly Hills), Carrie Fossati (Newport).

Saturday on the Green

OPEN HOUSES MAY 7

The perpetual quest for new bowlers amplifies on Saturday, May 7th, at bowling greens across the State of California, with the annual "Saturday On The Green" Division-wide Open Houses.

The annual SWD Open House program is just three years old, but has already garnered more than 500 new members for Southland clubs. All Division LBCs are expected to participate.

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Jack On The Rocks

STATE APPROVES LIBATIONS AT LBCs

The California State Assembly has made it possible for Jack Daniels to join every lawn bowling club in the Golden state. Yes. That Jack Daniels; the Tennessee native with a black and white label.

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2011 TEAM SOUTHWEST – (l-r) Joe Regan, Liam Courtney, Roger Teske, Loren Dion, Joe Siegman, Scott Roberts, Tony Baer, Rosa Baer, Gary Fischer, Melanie Vizenor, Phil Dunn, Carrie Fossati, Bill Brault, Anne Nunes, Dee McSparran, Lloyd Kennedy, Eva Ho, Bill Kagan, Ian Ho, Dan Christensen, Rick Gregory, Kim Heiser, Maryna Hyland, Jim Olson. Not pictured, Kottia Spangler.

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Effective January 1, 2011, the State Alcohol Beverage Control Act (AB 2793) added “lawn bowls” to its definition of “club”—which means that lawn bowling clubs can apply for a license to serve alcohol.

This new Alcohol Beverage Act could be a boon to State lawn bowling clubs, and put them on a social level with bowls facilities around the world, where bowling greens are often incorporated within country club type venues.

However, before you invest in twizel sticks, mixers and a wine cellar, note this following pair of conditions:

a) The ABC Act states that a “club” must have at least 100 members in order to apply for and receive a club license to sell alcohol. (The cost of the license is only a few hundred dollars.)

b) The decision to apply for a club license is the responsibility of each club. However, even if a club does receive a liquor license, *it must get approval from its Parks and Recreation Board* to consume liquor in the park in which the club is located.

The development and energy behind AB 2793, from creation to its signing by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, a long and patient process, is the remarkable effort of Santa Barbara LBC bowler Tom Hajdu, whose day job is producing digital music for motion pictures and television.

Hajdu convinced his local State Assemblyman, Pedro Nava, that allowing lawn bowling clubs the option of having alcohol for sale would increase the social aspect of the game experience, attract more prospects to the game, and by doing so increase revenues. The bill was passed by a unanimous vote.

USLBA HALL OF FAME NOD TO HEATHER STEWART

Laguna Beach LBC’s Heather Stewart has been elected to the United States Lawn Bowls Association Hall of Fame. The veteran champion, Southwest Division and USLBA leader, is one of three American bowlers honored this year by the national organization.



A member of USA’s international teams since 1995, Stewart made three appearances

at the Atlantic Rim Games, twice represented the U.S. vs Canada at the North American Challenge, and the Asia-Pacific Games, over a span of five years.

The Laguna Beach resident is also a two-time National Open champion, and represented the SWWD twice at the U.S. Championships.

Stewart was president of the Southwest Women’s Division 1999-2000, and served terms as its vice-president, secretary, membership committee chair, and tournament chairperson.

In 2008 and 2009, she was the SWD’s women’s representative on the USLBA National Council, and has served as the national organization’s secretary (1999) and women’s coach (2006-09).

At her home club, Stewart has served in numerous positions, including as its president 2002-2003.

USLBA Hall of Fame elections are yearly and take place during the National Council meetings. Others elected with Stewart this year are Mary Terrell and Doug McArthur, both members of the South Central Division.

NEW RULES REMINDER

- 1. The “hammer rule” is dead.** In other words, there’s no choice of going first or last. The winner of an end gets the mat and tosses the jack.
- 2. The Skip is responsible for keeping the official scorecard.**
- 3. The minimum distance for a delivered jack is 68’10 ¾”** (21 meters) from the front of the mat. (This is shorter than the minimum distance in recent years.) Hog lines should be adjusted to accommodate this new rule.
- 4. For national tournaments, competitors may now wear color attire below as well as above the waist.** The SWD has adopted the same apparel policy.



NEW 2011 RULE BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE FREE TO USLBA MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB.

TEAM USA GOES INTERNATIONAL

Every year, the United States sends its top bowlers to compete in the ever expanding number of international tournaments throughout the world. The information below shows the various major events being held in such places as Hong Kong, China, Australia and Cyprus.

Southern Californians should take note that, of the 30 participating players selected for the events (some players are competing in multiple events), 20 are members of Southwest Division clubs.

Tiger Bowls and China Open Events (Hong Kong, China 3/11 -- 3/18)

U.S. Stars

Neil Furman (SW)
Abe Kaplan (SE)
Scott Roberts (SW)
Earl Shaner (SE)

U.S. Stripes

Phil Dunn (SW)
Gary Fischer (SW)
Jim Olson (SW)
Aaron Zangl (SW)

World Indoor Championships (Warilla, Australia 4/12 -- 4/20)

Dee McSparran (SW) Charlie Herbert (SW)

Altantic Championships (Cyprus, October 10/17 -- 10/30)

Janice Bell (NW)	Bill Brault (SW)
Bobbi Elwell (SE)	Richard Broad (NE)
Jan Hargraves (SW)	Abe Kaplan (SE)
Dee McSparran (SW)	Jim Olson (SW)
Marita Nierth (SE)	Bob Schneider (CE)
Margi Rambo (SW) (Alternate)	Brian Studwell (SW) (Manager)

Asia Pacific Championships (Adelaide, Australia 11/26 -- 12/11)

Michele Arculli (NE)	Loren Dion (SW)
Carrie Fossati (SW)	Ian Ho (SW)
Dee McSparran (SW)	Steve Nelson (CE)
Anne Nunes (SW)	Joe Regan (SW)
Kottia Spangler (SW)	Michael Siddall (SW)
	Phil Luth (SW) (Manager)

SW MEN ELECT 2011 OFFICERS

Riverside's Conrad Melton has been elected president of the men's Southwest Division Association. The former SWD secretary, who served in that position for nearly a decade, succeeds Howard Harris (San Diego), who has led the Southwest men's organization for the past two years.

Also elected are: Ryan Neptune (Laguna Beach), vice-president; Jim Semanek (Sun City), secretary; and Kelly Warren (Pomona) treasurer. All three are serving their inaugural year on the Board.

Sam DeLisle (MacKenzie Park) continues as the men's national councilor.

District representatives for 2011 are: (*second name is alternate*)

Central	Fred Robles, Jack Quinn
Citrus	Tom Hargraves, Gary Fischer
North	Joe Brown, Stan Bloom
Orange	Bob Schmalholz, Andy Kerr
South	Jim Olson, Howard Harris
West	Colin Stead, Detlef Herbst

Officers of the women's Southwest Division continue as previously elected: Jan Hargraves, president; Melanie Vizenor, vice-president; Patty Lucas, secretary; Dee McSparran, treasurer; Carrie Fossati, national councilor.

LADIES DAYS FOR 2011

The Southwest Women's organization has set nine Ladies Days for calendar 2011. Dates and LBC venues:

March 16.....	Santa Anita
April 20.....	Santa Ana
May 25.....	Long Beach
June 15.....	Hermosa Beach
July 20.....	San Diego
August 17.....	Laguna Beach
October 19.....	Newport Harbor
November 16.....	Riverside
December 14.....	Laguna Woods (holiday party)

DEAR DR. GOODWICK.....



RX for more consistent excellence

Dear Doctor Goodwick,

As a new bowler, I keep noticing how often skips say: "OK! Good back bowl. We needed that!", when I accidentally roll one three or four yards past the jack. They seem to mean it, but I find such statements curious at best, and mostly unbelievable. Why do they say that?

New Bowler

Dear Newbie,

You're right. The skips are being nice. They're trying to prevent you from going into a downward spiral of frustration that is common in new bowlers who can't roll a bowl where they want it to go.

Weight is the most difficult problem to master in bowls. Not being able to deliver the bowl on your aiming line is number two. Bowls looks so easy that new bowlers are prone to serious frustration when they find out the game is waaaaaaay harder than it looks.

That frustration, unchecked, is a major reason why so many new bowlers quit during their first year. There's no fun, not to mention basic satisfaction, and it's embarrassing when you're a chronic doofus at something that requires skill...especially when so many people are watching. So skips try to take some of the sting out of an overly heavy (long) bowl by finding the good in a situation that you may think of as completely bad.

But there is, indeed, some truth in their statement. There certainly is a possibility that someone will hit the jack and knock it to the back of the head. If that happens, your bowl *could* be in a position to score.

The lead's job is bowling to the jack. Usually it's the second's job, too. Covering a jack that gets moved backward during the later stages of an end is the skip's responsibility.

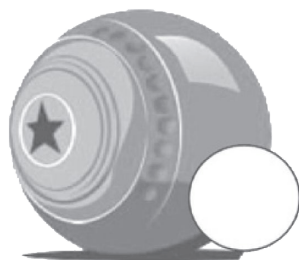
If I'm skipping and my team doesn't have the last bowl, I might roll a pre-emptive back bowl. But doing so depends on many factors: Does the opposing skip have a drive? Is there a clear shot at the jack? What is the current end score and game score? What end are we playing? Who has best back bowl right now? (And, the second and third best back?) Is it possible to draw another shot? Or could I be more effective by adding a block shot in front of the jack?

Nonetheless, your instinct is correct. Mostly, the skip is just trying to prevent you from becoming frustrated. If you're leading, s/he'd much rather you put all three of your bowls within a yard of the jack.

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Alhambra

Beverly Hills

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Coronado

Friendly Valley

Hemet-Joslyn

Hermosa Beach

Holmby Park

Joslyn Lake Hodges

Laguna Beach

Laguna Woods

Long Beach

MacKenzie Park

Newport Harbor

Oaks North

Oxnard

Pasadena

Pomona

Redlands

Riverside

San Clemente

San Diego

Santa Ana

Santa Anita

Santa Barbara

Santa Maria

Santa Monica

Sun City

The Groves

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Bowling clubs will feature free lessons and demonstrations by national champions at participating bowling greens. Each LBC will set its own features and parameters, such as times of operation and partnerships with local parks and recreation departments. The Division will offer an assortment of expertise and promotional materials.

FAQs and all sorts of Open House operational tips and information are accessible on the SWD website: <http://www.trylawnbowling.com>

LAWN BOWLERS INVITED TO PALM DESERT

Cove Communities Lawn Bowls Club in Palm Desert, has issued an open invitation to all Southwest Division bowlers to “come on over and roll some bowls.”

The offer was presented to recently elected SWLBA President Conrad Melton as he and a dozen other Southwesterners participated in the bowls competition of the Desert Recreation District’s 11th Annual Palm Desert International Sports Festival and Senior Games in January.

Cove’s daily draws are Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m.. Their address is 73750 Catalina Way.

For information, call or email club vice president Gale Dawson, (760) 863-1127, or rgdaw@aol.com

Professional Bowls Association

Want to play bowls at international level? If your answer is “yes” you can do so by joining the Professional Bowls Association (PBA). You will be eligible to enter qualifying events arranged by the PBA and WBT (World Bowls Tour).

Membership open to both men and women

Interested?

Contact Frank Souza
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Sun City AZ 85351

623-388-6160 or e-mail: frsfb1up@cox.net

Joining fees \$90 and annual dues of \$110.

Total for new members \$200.

Visit our website at www.bowls-pba.com



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Join or Renew Now
Golden Bias Club**

The club provides monetary support for Team USA players in international competition and needs your help to give the most we can.

Membership contributions are \$50 per year. New members receive a Golden Bias Club pin and a bar to recognize the year. Renewing members receive another year bar to add to the pin.

Team USA travels to Australia in April for World Cup Singles Championships

Team USA travels to Cyprus in October for the Atlantic Championships

Team USA travels to Australia in November for the Asia Pacific Championships

To join GBC, contact Dee McSparran at (949) 374-3006 or lynnlaw@cox.net

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

26 Sat. Mumma Mixed Pairs (Women Skip) Riverside

MARCH

5 Sat. Vet-Novice Mix or Match Triples Santa Anita
 12 Sat. Don Goodrich Senior Triples Sun City
 16 Wed. Ladies Day Santa Anita
 19 Sat. Stirrat Mixed Triples Santa Ana
 20 Sun. Jack Beckley Tri Star Santa Monica
 26 Sat. California Bears (Women) Santa Anita
 26-27 Sat.-Sun. Murray Allison (Men) Riverside

APRIL

2 Sat. Carnival Long Beach
 3 Sun. Amador Martinez Triples Oxnard
 9-10 Sat.-Sun. So Cal Triples (Men) San Diego
 9 Sat. Chris Hyland Triples Newport
 20 Wed. Ladies Day Santa Ana
 16 Sat. Australian Pairs Riverside
 30 Sat. Ladies "Katy Stone" Division Singles Santa Anita
 30-1 Sat.-Sun. So Cal Rinks (Men) Mackenzie Park

MAY

7 Sat. OPEN HOUSE - Division Wide ALL CLUBS
 14-19 Sat.-Thu. Southwest Open Men & Women
 21 Sat. Jean MacAuley Mixed Triples Laguna Woods
 25 Wed. Ladies Day Long Beach
 28-30 Sat.-Mon. Disney Pairs Beverly Hills

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