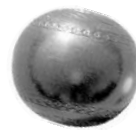


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Champions Ann Walker and Helen Brady.

PALBC Women's Team Pairs Tournament

The five entries in the Women's Team Pairs were scheduled to play a Round Robin, each team in the field playing a game against every other team. With the odd number of teams in the field, five rounds of play would be needed to accomplish this, with one team sitting out each round.

As it turned out, only four rounds were played as Helen Brady and Ann Walker had one of those days and won all four of their games. With a perfect record (4-0) there was no need for a fifth round. No team in the field could mathematically catch the perfect play of Helen and Ann.

There was a lot of fine bowling by many of the teams, and Lynn Booth, a novice, played in her

very first tournament. With her partner Jeanne Brown, she won a game, and nearly beat Helen and Ann. Only a nice final shot by Helen saved the game for the eventual Champs.

Congratulations to our 2010 Women's Team Pairs Champions!

Everyone is a Winner in the Friday Night League

This may be the only competition where one gets points toward a Championship just for showing up, having a little wine and cheese, and bowling with friends. Anyone who showed up for each game, regardless of their results, would have had enough points to finish just out of the money. Of the 25 bowlers who took part in this year's league, 12 went home with prize money.

The Championship came down to the last bowl of the night. Frank Matyskiela, George Stewart, Ian Harris, and Roberta Durham all had a chance to be Champion at the beginning of the night. With a loss for both Ian and Roberta, George was on top with a win and Frank trailing by 1 point and down 1 before delivering his last bowl in the last end. A fantastic wick gave him 4 points and the Championship.

Congratulations to Frank and thank you Bud Birkenseer and Jon Yee for organizing this fun event. We hope to see more bowlers next year.



The winners and Tournament Directors were honored at the end of the last day of the Friday Night League.

What's Happening at PALBC

More New Lockers

Bud and Sam are continuing to work on making additional lockers for the men's room. They expect to have them installed by the end of August, so if you need a locker please let Bud know. Once again our thanks to two great craftsmen.

Strategy Classes

Due to conflicting schedules, the classes will not be starting until Wednesday August 25 at 5:00 pm and will last about two hours. We hope to run them for four weeks. If successful, we will run further classes in October.

All is Green Again

You may have noticed that 4 or 5 large brown patches appeared on the green during July. This was due to a lack of water. The sprinkler heads will soon be adjusted to rectify the problem. In the meantime you will see those areas have all "greened up", thanks to Terry, who has been hand watering them on a daily basis. Great job Terry.

Our beautiful Flowers

We have had many comments recently about the colorful planters around the club. Roberta Durham took on the job of

looking after them this year and we really appreciate the wonderful results she has achieved. She waters almost every day and feeds and prunes as necessary, so thank you Roberta.

Richard Wheeler Oil Painting

The painting donated by Richard Wheeler has been on display for a couple of months now so it is time to start the raffle. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. John and Alan are looking after the ticket sales, so we hope you will show your appreciation of Richard's generosity by helping them sell plenty of books. The metal box containing the tickets will be on the shelf by the "champions board" in the clubhouse. If neither John nor Alan are around you can take your tickets, after completing the stubs which should be left in the box. Do not leave money in the box. John or Alan will collect it from you later. Thank you.



In the Umpire's View

Where Do We Stand?

Last month I covered *Law 36.1, subsection 2*, regarding the position of the players in relation to the rink of play. As promised, here are the other sections of that law and also, *Law 36.2*.

Law 36.1, subsection 1 states: Players at the mat end of the rink who are not delivering a bowl should stand at least 1 meter behind the mat.

Many times when I have been on the mat, I have had to ask an opponent to take a step back. When you are on the mat and concentrating on your shot, you should not see an opponent out of the corner of your eye. It's distracting. In one instance, the opponent, with bowl in hand, was standing about 4 feet in front and to the left of the mat. As it says above, the player should be 1 meter behind the mat.

Subsection 3: As soon as a bowl is delivered, a player who is controlling play, if they are in front of the jack, should take their position as described in [*subsection 2*], i.e., behind the jack and away from the head. (See July's *Wicks* column.)

We have all seen skips walk out in front of the jack eight or ten feet (or more) and direct their teammate to roll their bowl using the skip's foot as a guideline. There is nothing wrong with that and sometimes it even works. But once that bowl leaves the player's hand, the skip should immediately walk back "behind the jack and away from the head."

Subsection 4: If a player does not meet the terms of this law, *Law 35* will apply.

Be a Good Neighbor

Law 36.2 In relation to a neighboring rink

1. A player should not go into a neighboring rink where play is in progress.
2. A player should neither go into nor walk along a neighboring rink, even if it is not being used, while an opponent is about to deliver or is actually delivering a bowl.
3. If the rink of play is an outside rink, a player should neither go into nor walk along the section of green that lies between the outside boundary of the rink and the side ditch while an opponent is about to deliver or is actually delivering a bowl.
4. If a player does not meet the terms of this law, *Law 35* will apply.

While this all seems fairly simple, I often see players, awaiting their turn, standing on the other side of the white rink markers. If that rink is in use, they may be brusquely asked to "get off the rink." Many bowlers like to use the white rink markers as a guideline for their bowls. Also, if you are standing on the other rink you could be in the way of an incoming bowl.

You will notice that for both *Law 36.1* and *Law 36.2, subsection 4* reads: If a player does not meet the terms of this law, *Law 35* will apply.

Next month: *Law 35: Possession of the Rink.*

— E.B. Parkell

Bring on the Paella, Olé

If you receive this Wicks in time and you have not already accepted the invitation to our Paella and Tapas party on August 21, it may not be too late! Penny Bayless will take your last minute reservation at penny@haybales.biz or call 650-324-1192 and if you want to bring a dish for the party contact Jean Wren at wrenjp@gmail.com or call John Hickson on 650-367-9499. Don't miss out on a great evening.

PALBC CALENDAR

Pizza Bowls every Wednesday, 5:00 pm.

August

- 18 Meat Axe, Berkeley. Registration 9:30 am, bowling at 10:00 am.
- 21 PALBC Senior Singles. Registration 8:30 am, draw at 9:00 am.
- 21 PALBC Spanish Theme Party. Draw games at 2:45 pm. Tapas and Paella follows.
- 21 Vet/Novice Pairs, Sunnyvale. Registration 8:45 am.
- 23 Green to be Verticut.
- 24 Skips Games in addition to draw games.
- 25 First strategy class begins. 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
- 28 Quigley Private Party 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm.
- 28 PIMD Quarterly Meeting, Berkeley.

September

- 4 Labor Day Casual Party following draw games.
- 7 Cable Car Classic, PALBC. Registration 9:30 am, bowling at 10:00 am.
- 11 PIMD Open Singles, venue to be confirmed. (Saturday and Sunday)
- 13 PIMD Open Men's Pairs and Women's Triples, Rossmoor. Registration, 8:45 am. (Saturday and Sunday)
- 15 PIMD Open Men's Triples and Women's Pairs, San Francisco. Registration, 8:45 am. (Saturday and Sunday)
- 17 Steve Ringwood Mixed Pairs, venue to be confirmed
- 18 PALBC Men's Singles. Registration 8:30 am, draw at 9:00 am.

New Members

Judee and Johan Lund

Preachers Corner

In the last month or so we have collected an array of clothing which members (or visitors) have left behind. At this rate it won't be long before we see people bowling in the nude! Next time you are at the club take a look at all the articles hanging on the screen by the cabinets in the clubhouse and take anything that belongs to you before everything gets taken to Goodwill



Coach's Corner

More About Foot Placement on the Mat

Last month, I wrote about "foot placement on the mat" and included some diagrams (thanks to the Editor) to help you understand how it can help to avoid foot faulting, and help develop a more consistent delivery on the right line. I also said I would demonstrate this technique before some of our draw games. However, before doing that I was expecting to get some reaction to the article. To date I have had only one member (Con) ask me about it.

Of course, there are many ways bowlers place their feet on the mat, which may work for them. But recently, I have been watching bowlers delivery position closely and there is no doubt in my mind that the presented technique would benefit many of them.

I am now going to start demonstrating before draw games, but I would also be happy to discuss the idea with anyone and help them put it into practice. It costs nothing to give it a try and it might just turn your game around!

— John Hickson

Updating our Kitchen Practices

We ask for your support as we update our kitchen practices. In addition to bowling, many of us feel that fine dining at our fun social events is a big part of our enjoyment at our club. As membership continues to grow, we are looking at the best ways to serve large groups. Preparing and serving food that is handled safely is absolutely key. Education, new practices, and the support of all members are the best lines of defense against food borne illness, a preventable disease.

Here are some basic guidelines we are putting into place:

- General hand washing should not be done in the kitchen sink but in our lovely new bathrooms.
- Most of the time, the kitchen is open for water, coffee, tea, microwave use, storing sandwiches in the refrigerator, etc.
- Anyone who enters the kitchen needs to use the hand sanitizer at the door.
- At special dinner events (pizza nights, theme parties, etc.) only the designated kitchen team should be in the kitchen.
- Anyone handling food needs to wash hands well with soap and water at the sink frequently.
- Please do not come into the kitchen if you are not feeling well or are ill. Stay at home to care for yourself and others.

At the Spanish party on August 21st, we ask you to observe these guidelines. Please look for the new places outside the kitchen for garbage and recycle baskets, and for returning plates and utensils after the meal. Our goal is to make some reasonable changes to develop healthy new standards. We need the support of everyone.

— Sarah Babin, Health Committee

4 August 2010

Members Art and Craft Show

It has come to our attention that the membership of the PALBC includes some very talented and accomplished artists. We are in the very early planning stages of an event to showcase our talented member artists and craftspeople working in various mediums: paint, photography, wood, ceramics, fabric—you name it.

At this stage, we are trying to get an idea of interest and how many entrants we might have. Please send an email or call Bonny Turner at bonnyturner@comcast.net or 650 326-1370 with the following information:

- 1) Name
- 2) Type of art/craft
- 3) Will you want to sell, display, or both
- 4) Any other information you feel will help us in our planning

This information will help the committee in planning the event and how best to display the various works. We do not have a date as yet, but it will be early next year.

A reminder that this show is for members only and not family members or friends.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing how you spend your time when you are not on the green.

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