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December Annual Meeting

The 2009 Annual Meeting was an opportunity to wrap up the current year and introduce the changes for the new year. New club officers — John Hickson, President; Ginger Harris, Vice President; Marianne Maloney, Secretary; Frank Matyskiela, Treasurer — were elected and the new board members, Penny Bayless, Bud Birkenseer, and David Hale were introduced. Ed Walker will fill the seat of Frank Matyskiela in his last year on the board.

Outgoing President, Bonny Turner, welcomed the new officers and board members and thanked Betsy Young for her 10 years of service as Secretary and Ed Walker for his 7 years of service as Treasurer. She thanked outgoing board members Ann Knopf and Terry Hogan for their past two years of service, and Don Hughes for helping the club in many ways, especially with all of our repairs.

The President's Report

In her final report, Bonny recapped our past year, commenting that we seem to have developed a good balance between bowling and social events. We have had more bowlers on the green on a regular basis than we have had in recent memory. We also have put a greater emphasis on coaching, skill development and advanced games. She particularly praised the articles in *Wicks* by E.B. Parkell and John Hickson that have helped many bowlers gain greater knowledge about the intricacies of the game. Our social events have drawn us all closer together. This year we again made a number of improvements around the club, such as the new kitchen sink and faucet and the new slats on the pergolas. We will be installing a storage shed and the lockers and bathrooms undergo remodeling in February. These projects would not have been accomplished without the help of many club members.

The Good Guy Award

This award is given to someone who had contributed more than his or her fair share to the club during the year. This year it is being presented to Terry Hogan, who is always at the club working on everything — watering, cleaning, re-



Richard Wheeler (right) presents his original painting to a delighted Peter Knopf, winner of the fundraising raffle.

pairing, coaching and especially inspiring and managing the Senior Games.

Tournament Director, Bud Birkenseer, announced the winners of the 2009 PALBC Tournaments and presented them with beautiful trophies he made himself. More than one member mentioned they would have tried a little harder if they knew those trophies were to be presented to the tournament winners.

From Our New President

John is looking forward to working with a totally new set of officers. He recognized Bonny as an outstanding President who took on the job after being in the Club for only two years. John particularly commented on her management of our very successful 75th Anniversary events, her professionalism, clear vision, and management skills. He presented Bonny with a gift of Senior Game wine glasses, a bottle of wine, and bottle of champagne for Bonny to share with Brit to celebrate the completion of her two great years as President and to recognize his contribution in support of her and the club.

Holiday Tea

The meeting was adjourned and a full house enjoyed an exceptional spread of goodies and beverages provided by many of our club members.

The festivities closed with the raffle of a beautiful painting offered by member and artist Richard Wheeler. Peter Knopf was thrilled to have won the painting.

What's Happening at PALBC

Greetings from Our New President, John Hickson

Welcome to what I hope will be another exciting year for the club. I look forward to seeing you on the green and/or at our social functions throughout the year. I encourage you to come out now as the green is running well and you can work off some of those added calories from the Christmas festivities!

On February 1st the contractor moves in for about eight weeks to install two ADA compliant toilets and to renew both men's and women's bathrooms/locker rooms. It will cause some inconvenience through February and March but the plans look great and the end result will be worth the wait.

Finally, please help the treasurer by sending in your dues as soon as possible (if you have not yet done so) as we have to report our membership to PIMD by late January.

I wish everyone good bowling and a happy New Year.

Locker Room Construction Finally Starts

ALL LOCKERS MUST BE EMPTIED AND PADLOCKS REMOVED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 29. The Men's and

women's locker rooms will then be closed from February 1st for two months. There will be port-a-potties on site during this time.

PALBC's "First Lady"

The excellent article written by Peter Danner about the club's first president, Virginia Arnott (in last months *Wicks*) has now been reproduced and framed by Terry and Liz Hogan. Terry presented it to the club at the board meeting on January 5th and it now hangs on the wall in the clubhouse below the inter club shields. Thank you Terry and Liz for this gift and Peter for your research for the article.

Who needs to pay \$3 at the local coffee shop!

Some of you may have already seen the new specialty coffee machine in the kitchen and indeed sampled the new "one cup" coffee. There are various choices, such as hazelnut, Dark Magic, Caribou, French roast decaf, and even hot cocoa. The cost is only 50 cents a cup (to cover the cost of the sachets) so, give it a try.

Our special thanks go to the secret coffee lover who generously donated this to the club so members can now get themselves a really good cup of coffee at any time. We will, of course, continue to use the coffee urn for large social events.

In the Umpire's View

"Vices" and "Seconds" and Rules, Oh My!

In the November issue, I discussed the various duties of the "Skip." This month, I'd like to cover the duties of the "Vice" or "Second." On page 40 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (LOTSOB), you will see that they list the duties of the Second. [Nowhere does the rule book mention the word Vice.]

Rule 37.3 The Second

The Second should:

- be responsible for the score card supplied by the controlling body while play is in progress;
- enter the names of all players of both teams on the scorecard;
- record, on the scorecard, all shots scored for and against the team as each end is completed;
- compare the scorecard with that of the opposing second as each end is completed; and
- at the end of the game, hand the scorecard to the Skip who should record on it the time that the game finished and then sign it.

I have to admit, I've never seen a Skip record the time that the game finished. Also, the Skips normally sign each others scorecards, rather than their own. (I always assumed that it was done that way to assure that the skips had the same scores on their respective cards.)

I see no reason, on a local club level, to put the time the game finished on the scorecard. I suppose that on a National or Inter-

national level there is a reason that the USLBA Rules Committee has seen fit to include it in the LOTSOB.

Paragraph 2 of this rule concerns the use of only one *score-card* and one *scoreboard* in place of the second card. We don't play with one scorecard and the scoreboard, but it's a good read for anyone wanting to know the rules.

Beyond the Rule Book

That's what it says in the rule book. But, what about the other responsibilities and niceties of a Vice?

A Vice (Second) should:

- let the skip know if the head has changed. Otherwise, stay out of the head unless the skip asks a question;
- kick the bowls in to help make the raking faster;
- make sure a "toucher" is chalked before the next bowl comes to rest. (otherwise, it is no longer a toucher);
- be watching their Skip on the mat in the event he/she is asking for information on the head;
- pick up the jack and hand it to his/her "Lead" after the points have been counted;
- know the hand signals and use them. (*Wicks*, June and August 2009);
- follow the direction of their skip without arguing;
- be supportive and nurturing of their Lead. This is true at all times, but especially with novices and those whose games may not be "what they used to be."

Next month we will cover the duties of the Leads.

— E.B. Parkell

Banish the Winter Blues

With no social events taking place during February and March because of the construction, join your friends and fellow bowlers at PALBC on Saturday, January 30, for an afternoon and evening of good fun and food to lift your spirits. Bowling will be at 2:30 pm followed by hors d'oeuvres and a light supper of homemade soup, bread, and cookies.

If you wish to stay later, the fun continues with a games night after supper. The club has many games on hand or you may bring your own favorite.

All this for \$6 plus a \$2 donation for wine or beer and 50 cents for soda or specialty coffee.

Those who plan to attend should email Jean Wren at wrenjp@gmail.com or sign up at the club.

The Bay Area Senior Games

In cooperation with the Bay Area Senior Games 2010, we will be involved in providing competition opportunities for athletes over 50 years of age.

There will be 11 sports involved and unlike the National Senior Games 2009, there is no qualifying — registration is open. Lawn Bowling will hold a Mixed Triples tournament on April 10 and 11. We will also have a one day Open Pairs tournament on Wednesday April 14. If you are interested in participating, see Terry, Bud, Alan, Michael Ashworth, or John Hickson.

We hope to draw half our competitors from PIMD clubs and half from Palo Alto.

Preacher's Corner

More than once recently, members have gone to the club and found one or more of the doors unlocked. They have included the main clubhouse door and the men's locker room door. Luckily nothing has been lost.

In the future, will the last person leaving the club please check to make sure that:

- the heater is turned off;
- all interior lights are turned off;
- all doors are securely locked and not just closed;
- both outside gates are locked.

PALBC CALENDAR

January

- 16 New storage shed installed.
- 18 Begin moving equipment into new shed.
- 30 Draw games, 2:30 pm. Soup and dessert follow bowling, 5:00 pm. (see above)

February

- 1 Renovation of bathrooms/locker rooms begins.
- 2 Board Meeting, 3:30 pm.
- 6 Regular draw games, plus advanced draw games for skips only, 1:30 pm.



Coach's Corner

Let's Get Bowling!

It's a New Year, so how about making a resolution to come and bowl at least once a week during the winter! We are lucky to have a green that allows us to play throughout the year, so take advantage and enjoy some winter exercise.

It is also a good time to work on improving your game. If you have a particular problem, don't keep struggling to correct it. Talk with Terry Hogan, Alan Bushell or myself and we will be happy to give you some tips to put you on the right track.

— John Hickson

Autumn

Nature getting ready for winter,
 ginkgoes turning golden, dropping
 golden leaves on green grass,
 liquid ambers clinging to deep red foliage,
 trees along Churchill with leaves turning
 bright shiny red,
 a small Japanese maple lit by sun
 displaying many shades on it's small
 delicate leaves,
 bright orange persimmons on bare branches.

— Fred Hawley

Welcome to our New Members

Michael Coiner

Jim Corr

Ralph & Darlene Cowden

Mario Giorgianni

Mary Scott

Peter Young

Pedro Zalbidea

Join Our Team of Active Volunteers

The City of Palo Alto maintains the green, surrounds, and exterior of the building. Otherwise, our club is operated entirely by volunteers with the exception of the monthly cleaning service and biannual carpet cleaning.

All bowling members are encouraged to become involved in an activity or committee. Listed below are the committee chairpersons which is followed by a list of activities that need additional volunteers. You may wish to volunteer in some capacity where you have expertise or interest. If so, please let us know where you could offer assistance by reviewing the items below and contacting a member of the Board. We would be delighted to work with you.

Committee Chairpersons

Membership: Ed Walker

Hospitality: Jean Wren

Games (inter club): Ginger Harris

Games (intra club): Bud Birkenseer

House and grounds: Bob Leonard

Coaching: John Hickson, with Terry Hogan and Alan Bushell

Supplies (clubhouse): Ginger Harris

Supplies (bowls): Jon Yee

Wicks editor: David Hale

Wicks mailing: Roberta Durham

Bowls correspondent: Ian Harris

Telephone tree: Penny Bayless

Sunshine: Terry Hogan

Web site manager: Athol Foden

City liaison: John Hickson

Facilities rental: Penny Bayless

First aid and health: Sarah Babin

Club historian: Peter Danner

Draw masters: Sam Herbert and Frank Matyskiela

PIMD representatives: Ian Harris and Frank Matyskiela

The following activities need additional volunteers.

Operations

Greens (rolling and weeding)

Gardening

Plant watering

Housekeeping

Hospitality

Health and safety (CPR, first aid)

Website

Rentals (opening, set-up, closing)

New member recruiting

Special Committees

Event planning

Marketing (publicity, public relations)

Fundraising (grants, sponsorship)

Volunteer organizer

Correction

For the record: Ed Arnold was undoubtedly many things to PALBC, including *Wicks* editor for practically two decades, but he was never club president as stated in the first paragraph of the November article about the Ed Arnold Tournament.

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