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The clubhouse was full as a standing only group of Terry's friends met to share stories and celebrate memories of him.

Good Bye, Old Friend

On a warm, sunny November afternoon we gathered at the clubhouse with Liz, Terry's sister, Patricia, and an overflow crowd of his friends



There were beautiful floral arrangements, and wonderful photos of Terry taken throughout his life.

from many parts of Terry Hogan's varied life. As one would expect, it was an occasion of warm reminiscences and friendly banter about our missing comrade.

Liz arranged for five speakers from different parts of Terry's life, but the size of the crowd jamming our clubhouse beyond its capacity was the most eloquent comment on the extent to which he was regarded and will be missed.

The speakers were old friends, Tim Reichert and Kent Mitchell, Terry's former associate at All State, Becky Cottrell, the president of the Fellowship Forum, Phil Maresca and from our club, John MacMorris. They shared many humorous anecdotes about Terry, and his mischievous sense of humor.

The crowd applauded when it was explained that we are renaming the Good Guy Award the Terry Hogan Good Guy Award.

Liz and her friends had the event wonderfully organized and catered. There were beautiful floral arrangements, some amazing photos of Terry as a young man and an interesting slide show.

Among the many members of our club in attendance were a few we don't see very often, Penny Bayless and David Hale, and our long lost

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An exceptional table of delicious food to delight the guests was arranged by Liz and her friends.

compatriot, John Yee. Bud Birkenseer came from Closing Day at Rossmoor, where he had been directing the tournament.

Terry would have loved it.

The Glenn Stewart Memorial Invitational

This is a unique tournament in a couple of ways. First, it is a triples tournament where each player bowls four ends as lead, four ends as second, and four ends as skip in each of three 12-end games.

And it is unique in being named after a long-time member, Glenn Stewart, who liked to say he was “born on the green.” In fact, he was born in the old Palo Alto Hospital that existed on the site for many years before the green was built.

The unique format is a particularly interesting and fun challenge and the tournament usually has more entrants than it can handle. This year the entry was down because it conflicted with the US Open in Arizona. Still, the level of competition was high, the last three games were all won by only 1 point, and each of the six teams won at least one game.

Two teams, Bud Birkenseer, Sam Hebert & Joy Guy, and John and Angie Peet bowling with Michelle Matthews, were undefeated after the first two games. The draw for the third game did not have them playing each other so there was an opportunity for other teams to be spoilers.

In that third game, the team of Carrie Chiang, Ed Gong & Albert Tam raised their game to squeak by John Peet’s team

16–15. Bud’s team gave up 4 points in the 11th end to fall behind the team of Mike McClintock, Karen Law & Jerry Patrignani but scored 5 in the last end to tie the game. That tie gave Bud, Sam & Joy the championship.

A big thank you to John MacMorris for rolling the green before today’s play. Also, many thanks to Carrie Chiang for bringing the food goodies, and to Angie Peet for having the coffee pot primed and ready to go, before anyone arrived.

PIMD Bowlers at US Open in Arizona

Our PIMD was represented by 29 bowlers who made their way to Sun City (near Phoenix) of the South Central Division to compete in this year’s US Open. Two days each of singles, pairs and fours gave everyone an opportunity to try out several different venues, some grass and a couple of artificial greens as well. The greens were running 15+ seconds and were a delight to bowl on.

The clubs of Sun City rolled out the welcome mats and outdid themselves at each club with their hospitality. The Opening Celebration included a parade of nations, with representatives carrying the flags of participating bowlers’ homelands — a colorful and moving tribute to the countries which are all a part of our worldwide bowling community.

Remarkably, the wearing of traditional whites was minimal as shirts were team colors from around the world and pants were mostly black and blue with lots of contrasting outfits adding to the color of the desert.

After a full week of bowling, participants gathered to celebrate and honor those who outlasted the fierce but, in the end, friendly, competition that they had faced each day. Our own Scottie Marzonie served as the over the top enthusiastic Master of Ceremonies.



Some of the PIMD bowlers who traveled to Arizona for the 2019 US Open of Bowls USA.

PIMD Bowlers *(continued from page 2)*

Our PIMD bowlers had some good results. In the Men's competitions, Berkeley members Gareth Cole, Rob Hoey and Daniel Gorelick, bowling with Eric Carter from Australia, had a great result taking 3rd place in the Championship flight in fours. In addition,

Rob and Daniel took 2nd place in the 3rd flight pairs. Also, Bay Area locals, Frankie Napoli with Matt Burnoski, placed 2nd in the 5th flight pairs.

In the Women's competitions, the PIMD women had some excellent results. Oakland member Janice Bell, bowling with Anne Nunes from Newport Harbor, won the pairs championship.

Bowling with three women from San Diego, Janice also won in the 2nd flight of fours. Her team just edged the team of Palo Alto bowlers Ginger Harris and Rose Selby, bowling with two San Diego members, who finished 2nd in that flight.

With 230 men and 110 women bowlers from 14 countries and every division of the United States it was an international event. There were 100 men and women from Canada entered and they do enjoy the desert having only May through September to bowl in their country.

Next year the US Open is based in Orange County California and we hope our PIMD members can make an even better showing in the results. However, the 2020 schedules will allow international bowlers to enter more easily so the competition should be hot!



The team of Christine Ludwig, Sheila Conti, both from San Diego and Palo Alto members Rose Selby, and Ginger Harris finished 2nd in the 2nd flight.

What's Happening at PALBC

A Thank You from the President

Our club is run entirely with volunteer help. Whatever we get done is with the time, thoughtfulness and effort of our membership. Many individuals deserve credit and thanks, and with apologies to any deserving member that I overlook.

I want to recognize some of our many helpers this year. In no particular order they are:

New members, who stepped into important roles and did them well – *Treasurer*, Ed Hickey and *Rental Coordinator*, Lynne McCord;

Returning Directors, who stepped up to fill vacancies on the Board – Liz Hogan, Ed Walker and John Hickson;

Wicks Editor – David Hale;

Rental Coaches Recruiter – Albert Tam;

Volunteer coaches at our rental events – Sam Hebert, Dave Simpson (16 times), Frank Matyskiela, Joe Stafford, Craig McKown, Christine Stafford, Albert Tam, Lynne McCord, Jeanne Ichnowski, John Hickson, Ian Harris, Angie Peet, John Peet, Carrie Chiang, Ed Gong, Chuck Sieloff, Ginger Harris, John MacMorris, Len Martin, Tom Dodd, Michelle Matthews, Tom Stewart;

Hospitality Chair – Ian Harris;

Hospitality helpers – Nadine O'Leary, Carrie Chiang, Ed Gong, Albert Tam, Christine Stafford, Linda Jensen;

Club Coaches – Frank Matyskiela, Sam Hebert, John Hickson;

Tournament Director – Bud Birkenseer;

City Liaison – John Hickson;

Secretary – Kent Mather;

Historian – Peter Danner;

Third Thursday Bowling – Ginger Harris;

Roller Maintenance – John Peet;

Club Maintenance – Dave Simpson, Kevin O'Leary;

2019 BUSA National Championship Tournament Organizer, Director, Fund-raiser, Cheerleader – Ginger Harris;

Food Service and Deliver – Kevin O'Leary;

Field Assistance – Peter Knopf, Ann Knopf, Frank Matyskiela, John Hickson, Nadine O'Leary, Grace Griffiths.

Thank you all!

—John MacMorris

See You at the Annual Meeting

The club will hold our Annual Members Meeting on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 11:00 am in the clubhouse. The meeting will follow the usual program — a review of the previous year, the election of Officers and Directors, the distribution of

trophies and awards for tournaments and contributions to the club, and, generally, have a good time while attending to the club's business.

This year we will also ask for approval on proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws of the Palo Alto LBC. We are looking forward to seeing all of you.

It is a good time to renew old acquaintances, especially with those who we don't see as often as we would like.

Following the meeting there will be a festive holiday lunch, beginning at 12:30 pm. Of course, there will be bowling after the lunch, weather permitting.

While the slate of the proposed Officers and Directors was listed in the November issue of *Wicks*, we are happy to repeat the listing. The following individuals have been nominated:

Officers: President – John MacMorris; Vice President – Frank Matyskiela; Treasurer – Edward Hickey; Secretary – Kent Mather

Directors for 2020 and 2021 (2 year term): Peter Danner, Sam Hebert, and Lynne McCord. The Directors whose terms are expiring are Bud Birkenseer, John Hickson, Christine Stafford and Ed Walker.

Here also is a review of the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws of the Palo Alto LBC.

The purpose of the proposed changes is to facilitate the recruitment of Board members, to help ensure a quorum at Board meetings and to facilitate decision making, by having an odd number of decision makers.

The proposal is to reduce the size of the Board of Directors of the Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club from 10 members to nine members by reducing the number of Directors from six Directors to five Directors and to reduce the quorum at Directors meetings from six Board members to five Board members.

The proposed changes would require the following amendments:

1. Changing Constitution Article V A., from, "...six (6) directors..." to, "...five (5) directors"

2. Changing By-laws Article I. Director, from, "All Directors, normally six (6)..." to, "All Directors, normally five (5)..."

3. Changing By-laws Article II. Office Tenure, from, "Three Directors shall be elected each year..." to, "Directors shall be elected each year to fill vacancies on the board for the coming year for terms of one or two years, as appropriate..."

4. Changing By-laws Article IV. Board of Directors' Meetings from "...A quorum of six voting members of the Board is required." to, "...A quorum of five voting members of the Board is required."

We hope to see you all on the 14th.

We Are Now Bowling Winter Hours

The club's draw games on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday now begin at 12:30 pm. Please have your chips up by 12:15



Coach's Corner

Delivery Routine

Do you follow a routine when stepping up to the mat to make your delivery? While we are bowling during our winter months, I strongly recommend that we all, and new and less experienced bowlers in particular, follow these steps to develop or improve our delivery routines.

Basically, a routine is a set number of steps that you do consistently before actually delivering the bowl.

1. Step on the mat, take a deep breath to relax your mind and body.

2. First, decide on the delivery — forehand or backhand — then set your static foot (the right foot for right handers) in the same position on the mat every time, then angle it so that it follows your chosen aiming line.

3. Check your bias. This should help you avoid those annoying wrong bias deliveries!

4. Now, as you are about to make the delivery, relax your arm, and visualize in your mind the shot you are about to make. With a smooth fluent swing, release the bowl, allowing your arm to follow through on the delivery line with your palm facing upwards.

Newer bowlers will find it needs real concentration.

— *John Hickson*

pm. Sunday games will begin at 1:30 pm. However, coaches Sam Hebert and Frank Matyskiela will continue to offer coaching at 12:30 pm for those who want to improve their bowling.

Annual Dues Due December 1

The annual membership dues of \$135 per regular member, \$30 per associate member, and \$80 per dual member are due beginning December 1, 2019.

Please make your payments in one of three ways. You may mail your payments to the club (474 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301); pay either Frank Matyskiela or Edward Hickey directly; or pay through the website.

Please pay your dues as soon as possible because they are over half of the club's annual revenue, and we need to know as early in the year as possible how much money we will have with which to operate.

PALBC CALENDAR

December

7 PIMD Meeting, Berkeley LBC.

14 PALBC Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Palo Alto LBC. Meeting at 11:00 followed by lunch.