



## **May 2025 Newsletter**

### **President's Message**

Hello everyone -

As the days get longer and warmer, we are well and truly into lawn bowling season. I hope that your season is going well and you are finding joy out on the greens. I'm about six months into the job now and I am still filled with enthusiasm for this role and my opportunity to serve the division, I see positive momentum for our division on many fronts. Ian and Mary have launched our PIMD coach certification class and we have our first group of graduates. Soon they will be coordinating BUSA-led intermediate skills training to our members. Ian is also aiming to bring high level Scottish coaching to our members later this year. We are seeing increasing levels of participation in our PIMD tournaments, with new tournament directors coming forward and reducing Bud's workload. PIMD bowlers are competing at a very high level in regional and national tournaments, Finally, Sasha has made tremendous progress with our membership software tools and website. You will be hearing much about this in coming months.

All of our clubs are amazing communities. The more you are involved the better it gets. I encourage all of you consider your friends, coworkers, family, neighbors, book clubs, and other groups. Would any of these people you know perhaps enjoy lawn bowling? This is our most effective form of recruiting. Please give it some thought. Membership recruiting, engagement, and retention are our top goals. I'll give you an update on these and all of our goals in next month's newsletter. In the meantime, let's get out there and bowl!

Calvin

### **Our First PIMD Coach Certification Class**

In April 2025, the first PIMD Coach Certification Class graduated seven coaches. After completing the online course earlier in the month, they were certified on April 27th. The class displayed their new skills on the greens and shared their diverse coaching experiences throughout the day. By the end of the day, they were ready to return to their clubs with enhanced coaching techniques. Please congratulate (from left to right) Bernadette Chan (BLBC), Richard Goodwin (FLCB), Marge Ling (SJLBC), Ron Esparza (SFLBC), Joellen Raderstorf (SFLBC), Joanne Ribeiro (RLBC), Richard Quinn (LLBC). The coaching and player



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development team is now refining the course based on learnings from this first session. Stay tuned for future classes.



### **Strong Performance by PIMD Bowlers at the Southwest Open**

Each year many of the top bowlers in the country compete the Southwest Open down in Southern California. This year PIMD was well represented by 11 men and 5 women from the division in the field.



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In women's rinks, Rachel Marcuson (Santa Cruz) and Janice Bell (Berkeley) joined southwest bowlers Giulia Gallo and Anne Nunes to win first place in the second flight, In women's pairs Rachel Marcuson (Santa Cruz) and Giulia Gallo won the event, while Janice Bell (Berkeley) and Anne Nunes came in second.

In men's rinks Grant Shear (San Jose), Daniel Gorelick (Berkeley), Calvin Darling (San Francisco) and Barry Hayes (southwest) won first place in the second flight.

In men's singles Frankie Napoli (Rossmoor) won the third flight. And to top off an amazing tournament, PIMD bowlers Scottie Marzonie (Palo Alto, pictured right) and Grant Shear

(San Jose, pictured left) played in the championship game, after Scottie Marzonie defeated many time US national champion, Charlie Herbert in the semi-final. Clearly the Southwest tournament organizers were none too pleased having two PIMD men playing in their championship game. After a tightly contested game, Scottie emerged the champion. Both are looking great with their medals.

Congrats to all the PIMD bowlers!



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### **PIMD Singles Playdowns**

On May 17-18, seven ambitious women took part in PIMD's playdowns at the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club, competing for the right to represent PIMD in the national singles championships to be held in Laguna Beach, California in October. Participants were Mei Chan (San Francisco), Reggie Banares (San Jose), Joellyn Raderstorf (San Francisco), Rose Selby (Palo Alto), Janine Maddock (Berkeley), and two teen-age bowlers, Adilyn Zeino (San Francisco) and CeCe Le Messurier (San Jose). Over the course of the weekend, the ladies played a complete round robin style tournament, playing each of the other competitors one time. CeCe is a regular bowler at the San Jose lawn bowling club, which has artificial turf. Believe it or not, this was CeCe's first time playing on natural grass. At the end of the day on Sunday, the two younger participants had very good showings, each winning three of their six games. Janine Maddock (Berkeley) won her first 5 games and had the event won prior to the start of her last game. She will represent PIMD at nationals. Rose Selby was runner up and will be the alternate.

Over that same weekend, plus Monday, sixteen men competed in the men's singles playdowns. Saturday and Sunday were dedicated to group play with each player competing one day in San Jose and one day in Santa Cruz. After the weekend, the field of 16 was reduced to a final bracket of 8 to be played off on Monday in San Jose. The final eight consisted of Daniel Gorelick (Berkeley), Calvin Darling (San Francisco), Chris Davis (Berkeley), Jim Corr (Berkeley), Scottie Marzonie (Palo Alto), Frankie Napoli (Rossmoor), Rob Hoey (San Jose), and Jesse May (Santa Cruz). All eight of these bowlers travel regularly to bowl. All of them took part in last year's US Open and 7 of the 8 were at last month's Southwest Open. The competition was fierce and at the end of the day Monday Rob Hoey, emerged the victor and will represent PIMD at nationals, having run through Scottie Marzonie, Jesse May, and Daniel Gorelick in three epic matches on his way to a well earned win. Daniel Gorelick will be the alternate.





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Daniel Gorelick and Rob Hoey.



Jesse, Daniel, Chris, Calvin, Frankie, Jim, Scottie, and Rob

### Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club Small Bowls Grant

The Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club received a \$1,000 grant from BUSA to purchase training bowls in smaller sizes. Rossmoor has a coaching program for new bowlers and needed small bowls (0H to 0000H). The BUSA grant will enable the club to order several sets needed for our classes.

### Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
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7-Jun	PIMD	Men's Pairs (2 days)	Sat SFLBC, Sun BLBC
7-Jun	PIMD	Women's Pairs (2 days)	Sat SFLBC, Sun PALBC
14-Jun	PIMD	Mixed 5'S	San Francisco
21-Jun	PIMD	Pairs Playdowns - Women	Rossmoor
21-Jun	PIMD	Pairs Playdowns - Men (1st weekend)	Rossmoor
28-Jun	PIMD	Pairs Playdowns - Men (2nd weekend)	Berkeley
12-Jul	Cambria	Cambria Pairs (2 days)	Cambria
19-Jul	Berkeley	Jamboree	Berkeley
2-Aug	PIMD	McLaren Mixed Triples	San Francisco
9-Aug	PIMD	Club Teams Rinks (Mix n Match)	Santa Cruz
16-Aug	PIMD	Women's Triples	Palo Alto
16-Aug	PIMD	Men's Triples	Santa Cruz
12-Sep	PBA	PBA Qualifiers (start)	TBD
13-Sep	PIMD	Vet-Novice Pairs	Palo Alto
14-Sep	PBA	PBA Qualifiers (end)	TBD
20-Sep	SFLBC	Centennial Cup	San Francisco
27-Sep	PIMD	Aussie Pairs	Rossmoor
4-Oct	Cambria	Cambria Triples (2 days)	Cambria
11-Oct	PIMD	Singles Women (1 day)	Palo Alto
11-Oct	PIMD	Singles Men (2 days)	Sat Rossmoor, BLBC Sunday
18-Oct	San Jose	Rock 'n' Bowls	San Jose



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19-Oct	BowlsUSA	National Championships (start)	Laguna Beach
25-Oct	BowlsUSA	National Championships (end)	Laguna Beach
25-Oct	Del Mesa	Halloween Bowls	Del Mesa
1-Nov	PIMD	Novice Singles (2 days)	San Francisco
2-Nov	BowlsUSA	US Open (start)	Sun City, AZ
5-Nov	World Bowls	Scottish International Open (start)	TBD
7-Nov	World Bowls	Scottish International Open (end)	W.Loathian
8-Nov	BowlsUSA	US Open (end)	Sun City, AZ
15-Nov	PIMD	Closing Day	San Francisco
22-Nov	PIMD	Champion of Champions	Berkeley