



The Yellow Jacket

Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club

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MAP INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE A HUGE SUCCESS

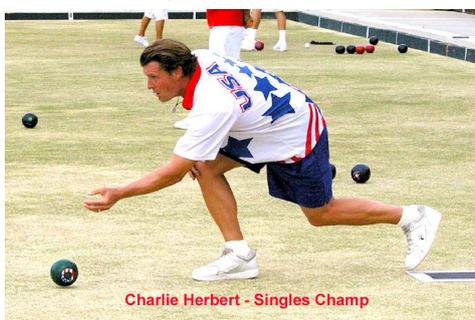
By Chuck Muser

Superlatives seem to be in short supply when one tries to describe the eighth annual Michael Ashton Phillips International Challenge held last month at Newport Harbor and Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Clubs. First off, the Singles competition was won by a member of a United States team, the first time a U. S. bowler has done so. And, to make it better, the winner was our own **Charlie Herbert**. Secondly, the bowling was absolutely breathtaking. Observers were witness to countless heads which could be covered by a baby blanket, and some of the most outstanding precision draw bowling seen on this side of the Atlantic since, well, last year's MAP.

The event began, informally, on Saturday, October 10th, when members of the ten teams began arriving at the Newport Harbor greens for practice. This year teams from Canada, China, England, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Scotland, two from the United States, and Wales accepted the Challenge. Two of the U. S. team members are Newport Harbor bowlers, the aforementioned **Charlie Herbert**, and long-time international bowler **Mert Isaacman**. At the end of Saturday's day of practice, the international bowlers gathered with members of the club and other guests for a pizza party.



Iain McLean - Scotland Skip



Charlie Herbert - Singles Champ

On Sunday, the 11th, the competition began in earnest. The two members of each team were split into two groups on the A green and the B green, and began a grueling series of singles games, with each player bowling against all the other players on his green, nine games in all. The winner of each game was the first to reach fifteen points, no matter how many ends. As anyone who's bowled in a singles competition knows, it's probably the most physically demanding of all the formats. Bowling to fifteen points means that a match could last twenty nine ends, or as few as four, although that would be a rare occurrence in a competition with this caliber of players.

On Monday, the competition moved to the Laguna Beach greens, where the grueling pace of four games a day continued. On the third day, Tuesday, the final round-robin game was bowled, then, after a break, the semi-finals and finals were played. Here, **Charlie** had his toughest matches, having to go up against both Scotland's Iain McLean and Ireland's James Talbot. He bested McLean in the semi game and in the finals triumphed over Talbot for the record breaking win.

After a day off, during which there was an uncharacteristic autumn rain storm, the contest continued with the

pairs games. Here again, it was a round robin affair, with each team playing all the others in nine 10-end games. This competition ended up being dominated by teams from the British Isles, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, with the Irish and Welsh winning six games and the Scots winning seven and tying one. The Canadian team rounded out the top four with five wins and a tie, putting them in the semi-finals.

The semi-finals proceeded, after a break for lunch, before a small but enthusiastic crowd on the Newport Harbor green. In that round the Canadians and Welsh were eliminated in spirited contests with the Scots and Irish. After a short break the battle for the title was joined.

Here the Irish team of James Talbot and Mark McPeak and the Scots team of Iain McLean and Tommy Mann went head to head, continuously amazing the spectators with feats of precision



Mark McPeak - Ireland Lead

bowling not seen often on our greens. End after end points were won with bowls snaked into impossibly small spaces, but, after ten ends, the Irish found that more points were scored against them than for them, and the Scots team of McLean and Mann stood on top. This was Scotland's second MAP Pairs victory in two years.

President's Message



October was a busy month for many of our tournament players who participated in three major events in Long Beach, Phoenix and Newport Beach. The big event for us was the 8th Annual

MAP International Challenge that took place at both the Newport and Laguna clubs during the week of October 11-17. With ten teams participating from nine different countries, it brought together some of the finest bowlers from around the world. Congratulations to **Mert Isaacman**, his MAP Committee and all of the volunteers from the NHLBC that made this tournament such a great success.

Our Annual "Beer and Brats" Oktoberfest was a huge success on Sunday, October 11. This BBQ kicked off the first day of the MAP tournament with over 80 players, members and guests attending. A special thanks to **Ziba Askar, Sally Cadwallader, Len Cormier III., Ibby Gerner, Halina Groothuis, Darlyne Hilliard, Cathy and John MacDonald, Dave Price, Carol and Dick Smith, Joyce Smith, Nancy Steward and Sally and Clark Westcott**, all of whom volunteered their time to help out during Oktoberfest as well as another private party at our club during October.

At the last meeting of the South West Woman's Division, **Jan Hargraves, Dee McSparran and Patty Lucas** were elected to the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary respectively. Congratulations to all of them for stepping up to serve the SWWD during the year 2010.

During October, a Nominating Committee was appointed to identify club members who would like to serve on the NHLBC Board of Directors. All eight positions of President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and the four Directorships are open to any member who would like to serve on the Board during 2010. Please contact Nominating Committee Members **Chuck Muser, Darlyne Hilliard** or **David Price** if you would like to run for any of these offices.

In November, we will be adding two new features to our weekly Social Bowling scheduled. Starting on Wednesday, November 11, we will begin bowling every Wednesday morning at 10 am. Like all other social bowling days, please call about an hour before bowling

starts and arrive 15 minutes early to check in. Also, **Cathy and John MacDonald** will be hosting card and board games following our weekly Thursday afternoon bowling and pot luck dinner.

Our last 2009 club tournament will be the President's Cup Singles Tournament on Sunday afternoon, November 15. All bowlers of any level are encouraged to play in this 3 game event. A sign up sheet is posted on the outside bulletin board with all of the details.

Finally, a big "Thank You" to all 100 members and guests who helped me celebrate my 4th "Gift of Life" Birthday Party last Sunday. This annual event is very special for Halina and me and we greatly appreciated your support and participation.

Have a Great Thanksgiving!
John Groothuis

The Sporting Scene

With the MAP International and the National Championships filling the schedule the tournament scene was a bit sparse in October. However Newport Harbor did well in the two competitions held early in the month. In the Virginia Marlar 2+2 Mixed Rinks, held on the Laguna Woods LBC greens October 3rd a team including **Gary Fischer and Dee McSparran** ran away with first place on the A green. Taking second in that group was a team which included **Ivan Hyland and Maryna Hyland**. On the B green the team of **Ted Farfaglia, Patty Lucas, Rita Greenberg and Dale Lucas** took away the first prize. Other Newporters bowling were **Ed Quo, Jan Hargraves, Myrna Chan, Jerry Grady, Sharon Grady, Bob Montes and George Petyo**.

Later, on October 10th on the Riverside LBC, the Australian Pairs competition was won by a team including **Michael Siddall**, second was taken by **Joe Regan and Ed Quo**, while third went to a team including **Dee McSparran**.

We would be remiss in not mentioning the upcoming NHLBC **President's Cup Singles** in this article. This is a tournament open to all club members. It will be held on Sunday, November 15th, and will be three games in which the first bowler winning sixteen points is the game winner. We would emphasize that this is a perfect time for all you bowlers to test your skills against your fellow club bowlers. And, this is also a perfect time for women bowlers to show the world that men bowlers aren't

as good as they think they are. The sign up sheet is on the outside bulletin board. Accept the challenge!



Nominating Season

As the President noted it's the season to be thinking of serving on the Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club board of directors. Yes, we know, it's also the season for holiday eating and merry making, but while you're doing all that, we'd like you to consider doing a little something for your club.

December 5th is the date set for the meeting of the general membership, and therefore, the date for the annual election of officers and directors. As before, eight of the nine positions on the board are open for nominations. The ninth position, the immediate past president, is an automatic selection. There are four officers, president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and four directors.

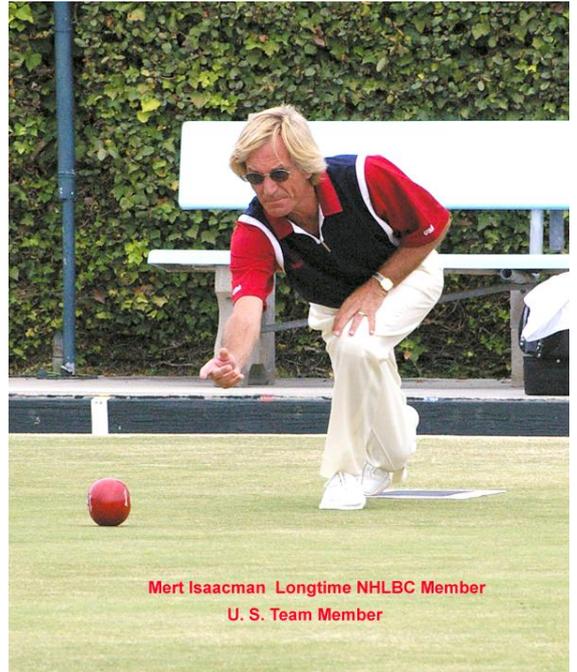
The officers all have defined tasks which are self explanatory, and the directors serve to represent the interests of the general membership. The board meets at least once a month, at a date and time selected by the president, and usually the members put in a little time on other tasks around the club, so anyone considering running should have the time and inclination to put in that time.

The pre-meeting nominating process ends with the publication of the Nominating Committee list on November 20th. If you're interested in being put on the ballot you should seek out one of the members of the committee, **Dave Price, Darlyne Hilliard** or **Chuck Muser**. Think it over, you might just like it.

MAP International Challenge Picture Gallery



James Talbot - Ireland Skip



Mert Isaacman Longtime NHLBC Member
U. S. Team Member



Charlie Herbert, Tommy Mann . . . and Interested Spectator



Scotland vs Canada Semi Finals



Decorating the MAP Mobile

NHLBC CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2009

Weekly Club Social Bowling

Mondays	Evening Bowling	6:30 PM
Tuesdays	Afternoon Bowling	1 PM
Wednesday	Morning Bowling	10AM (Begins Nov 11)
Thursdays	Afternoon Bowling	5 PM (Bring a Dish)
Saturdays	Morning Bowling	10 AM
Sundays	Afternoon Bowling	3 PM (Bring an Appetizer)

Call (949-640-1022) 30 to 60 minutes before bowling begins. Give your name and number.

Special Events at NHLBC

November 5 - Friday	Board Meeting	9:30 AM to Noon
November 14 - Saturday	Private Party	4 to 9 PM
November 15 - Sunday	President's Cup Singles	All Day
November 20 - Friday	Board Nominations Close	5 PM

Free Private Lessons

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