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An avid bike rider, the Re-Cyclers Club is only one of many groups in Leisure World in which October honoree Bob Milne is involved.

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## Negotiating skills are an asset

October Leisure Worl-  
der uses talents in  
clubs

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An analyst's mind, a negotiator skills, a money man's expertise and an administrator's grasp.

Bob Milne has all of these talents and more after a lifetime spend in public service.

And now, in retirement, his sharing of these qualities with Leisure World's clubs has net-

ted him the coveted Leisure Worlder of the Month recognition for October from the Historical Society.

Republican Club President Ward Payne says Milne, the organization's treasurer for the past five years, not only is an excellent record keeper and meeting leader he's "an A-one person and we think very highly of him for his solid contributions over the years."

Former World on Film president Charlotte Schaefer said the honoree has supported the club as treasurer, board member and now president. "He's a

very willing worker."

And John Anderson, former president of the Recyclers Biking Club, says Milne does his

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### Ceremony facts

**Who:** Bob Milne

**What:** Leisure Worlder of the Month for October

**Where:** Clubhouse 6

**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m.

**Sponsor:** Leisure World Historical Society

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club work to perfection thus contributing “stability” to the group.

Even though his clubmates provide ample reasons for his nomination, Milne said he was very surprised he was the Society’s pick.

The 11-year resident says he’s simply been doing what he finds satisfying “to single out one as important I’d find impossible to do.”

Yet expertise freely given is always welcome in clubs where reliable long-haul workers are often few and far between.

**Background:** Milne, a native of Orient, PA., always had an affinity with numbers and earned his bachelor of science in economics from West Virginia University.

After a stint in the United States Army from 1950-52 during the Korean War (where he was stationed in Germany), he got into city government in Los Angeles.

There he served as an acting personnel director, senior administrative assistant in the Department of Public Works, chief administrative analyst for the city’s administrative office and assistant head of employee relations division until his retirement in 1983.

In the latter position, he supervised negotiations with 20 unions and 45 bargaining units which is one of the reasons he is still on the roster of the police rights union handling disciplinary actions.

While working, Milne was active in the American Lung Association of Los Angeles County, president of the Terraces Home Owners Association of Alhambra, president of the California Public Employers Labor Relations Association (which included city, county, state, fire, police, water and power employees) and a member of Theater Americana of La Canada.

He also was awarded an honorary life member of the Southern California Personnel Management Association.

Since coming to Leisure World, in addition to the aforementioned clubs, he became treasurer to the Community Civic Association and Project 21, secretary to the Saddleback Kiwanis Club, a supervisor to the PC Users Group and a member of the Aquatics Focus Group.

Asked why, after a lifetime in and around the City of the Angels and living in Monterey Park and Alhambra he chose Leisure World to call home, Milne said in one word, “Security.”

“Being out all day, my house was broken into several times – once, I even caught them in my house ... just kids.”

But, even so, Milne had had enough. It was time to move to a place where you could leave the house alone for a day or an extended trip and expect to find it intact when you returned.

“I looked at Seal Beach first but the units were too small and you couldn’t expand, then I came here – where I had room, even an extra bath, and bought.”