

# SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

## ON THE JACK

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I have been racking my brain as to what to write about this month. I came up with this idea:

What do you think about the club having a day were we just try to improve our skills? It

could be a few people, or everyone. It's up to the individuals. We could take some tips from the training DVD we have or we could ask some of our best bowlers to give a training session. We could set strings, markers and practice setting short to long jacks properly. I think this is a very big aspect of the game. Strategy is a large part of the play, so we have to know how to use it. We can all put our skills together and see what we come up with.

If you think this is a good and useful idea, please let me know. If there are enough interested people, we will set a date for our first training sessions.

See you on the green.

*Tony*

### **TOURNAMENT NEWS:**

***Directors Lucy Jackson & Gloria Torres.***

Tuesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 11, are set aside for our second tournament of the year – the Catherine Kraus Super Senior Pairs Tournament. Lucy has compiled a list of people who are eligible to enter this tournament, that is, anyone who was born in 1933 or before and

who is over 80 years of age. We have quite a few eligible folks and we hope that they all agree to participate. It should be fun.

The tournament will be a blind draw for partners and those partners will stay together for the two days of play. There will be two eight-end games a day, so bring some lunch and plan to have a good time. The board named the tournament after Catherine for her financial contributions to the club. All the youngsters can play their own games and look forward to the day they can join us as Super Seniors!

Following that, on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, we will have the Club Championships Pairs Tournament. For this one, there are no limits except willingness. So team up with someone, put your name on the sign-up sheet and join the fun. There will be two ten-end games a day. The winning team will be inscribed on the club trophy and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be awarded certificates.

### **VISITATIONS:**

***Director Janet Napier,***

Our visit to Holmby Park, scheduled for April 6, had to be cancelled due to a conflict with the new Spring League played in Oxnard. This league had quite a few people playing who would otherwise join in the visit to Holmby. So the visit was postponed and will be re-

scheduled for later in the year. Watch the bulletin board for a new date for this one because you don't want to miss a chance to visit the beautiful Holmby Park.

Next on the calendar is a visit to our club from Oxnard club. This will be on Thursday, April 18 so get your name on the sign-up sheet. A continental breakfast will be served before we begin play at our usual time 10:00 a.m. and our first game will be SB against OX. After lunch we will team up again for another game with anyone who wants to stick around and this time we will combine for mixed SB and OX teams. These visitations are fun and a nice way to get acquainted with other bowlers in our district. Also, we can expect a great lunch with all of us contributing to the feast.

#### THE NANCY GRANT STORY:



Nancy joined SBLBC in 2001 with club members George and Laurie Glerum, John Holt, Jess Jessum, and Lee Schmedes.

Nancy was born in Santa Barbara and grew up on a lemon ranch in Goleta. After graduating from Santa Barbara

High School in 1943, she spent her college years at Pomona College in Claremont. She and her husband settled in Montecito with their two daughters and Nancy taught primary grades in Goleta until 1973.

Nancy and her family then moved to Northern California where they built their retirement home. Her husband worked in San Francisco and commuted on the weekends while Nancy taught school in Fort Bragg. Sadly her husband died of a fatal heart attack in 1975 but Nancy remained in Mendocino and taught until she retired in 1988. In 2000, Nancy sold her home and bought a condo in Carpinteria to be near her daughter and family.

#### BOWLING TIPS:

***Skips and Vices:*** When you are in the head, please stand about 6 to 8 feet behind the jack and one step to either side. That way you will not be hiding any of the possible aiming lines of your team. Many bowlers use the backboard, the center line and the boundary lines, for their aiming points. It is very distracting to find your teammate standing way over at the edge of the rink (to get out of the way) but actually obscuring the boundary line.

***Vices:*** While watching the play recently, I noticed that often the vice will signal the score to the skip while the skip is not actually looking in their direction. This means that the skip now has to try to get the attention of the vice, yell at them, or walk down the rink, to find out what the final score was for that end. So vices, before you signal the score, please make sure your skip is

looking in your direction. Saves a lot of time and frustration.

**Leads:** Watch the path your bowl takes. If you feel you have made a bad delivery, stay on the mat and watch the path of the bowl so you know how to adjust for the next one. You may gain some useful information from each bowl. It also helps to stand directly behind your opponent and watch the line his or her bowl takes. You will then be able to follow that line when it's your turn.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:**

**Memory Plaques:** Carol Smith has purchased and Tony has put in place, two plaques dedicated to long-time member Gino Mangini who recently passed away. One plaque is in the clubhouse next to the counter and the other is on the post of the lanai next to that honoring Gino's wife Jean.

**Club shirts:** Tony has a sample of the shirts we will be ordering for the club. They will be the same blue color as the existing shirts and also have the same club name embroidered on them. However they will be a slightly lighter material and will be quite a bit cheaper. Tony has a sign- up sheet and would like everyone who wants a shirt to put their name and size down so he has an idea how many to order.

**Raffle Tickets:** Everyone is encouraged to support Bowls America and the upcoming U.S. Open by buying a few raffle tickets. There are many great prizes to be won, including sets of bowls, bags, and much more. The U.S. Open takes place this year again in Southern California in September. In past years our club members have won

several prizes. If we can sell \$300 worth of raffle tickets, our club will be given some bowling supplies to sell so this is a win-win situation. Please ask any board member about purchasing tickets.

**Bocce:** The beginning bocce practice by the Special Olympics group went very well according to our members who were there. Tony has bought more lumber so the bocce courts can be completely enclosed instead of just closed at the ends. It was suggested that we schedule a day to let our own club members give bocce a try and teach the game. Bud has agreed to do this and will be making plans to do this, possibly when the twilight games start. Twilight bowling will begin in early May.

### **Tournament and Visitation Schedule:**

Gloria presented the revised schedule for our tournaments which was worked out by the committee headed by Lucy Jackson. The schedule which was printed in the directory has been changed, so watch the bulletin board and the newsletter for updates on this schedule.

Janet discussed the work in progress on our visitation schedule. Apparently it has been quite a difficult job getting together with the other clubs and agreeing on dates. However, much progress has been made and we will have a full schedule of visitations.

**Open House:** Our annual Open House will be happening on May 11. Tony will be looking for volunteers to help plan this very important event. Please contact him if you feel you can help him out.

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