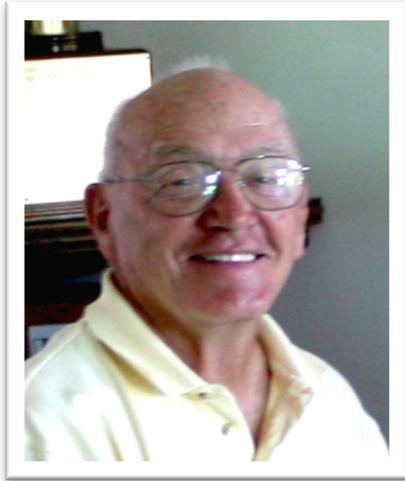


SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB ON THE JACK

DECEMBER, 2013



"One and Done". Not for me! Last year I took on the job as President. To say I walked in blind is an understatement, but with a lot of help from the members of the board and club members we made it through the year.

If you were at the meeting on Tuesday I tried to remember everyone who helped us through the year, but I missed out on Sharron and Jeff Adams, who do a lot of behind the scenes work. So a heartfelt thank you Sharron and Jeff. As I mentioned at the meeting, we are a club of Volunteers and if everyone helps it makes it easy on the ones who do it all the time without being asked. I will try my best to do the job expected of

the President and I know I won't be alone in the task.

A Happy Holiday Season To All,

Tony.

Our final event of the year will be our Christmas lunch on Thursday, December 19. The club will provide the main course of ham and everyone else is requested to bring a side dish. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so the kitchen folk know how many to expect. Write your name in the column under the dish you plan to bring – e.g. salad, dessert, etc. Please think about your donation and plan to attend this party. As you know, we have a small clubhouse and it gets crowded, but still, we have a good time. Lots of good food, good companionship and Christmas spirit. Of course we will bowl before we eat. Don't miss this one.



ANNUAL DUES

Some folks may not be aware that the fiscal year for the SBLBC ends on **November 30** not the end of the year. So your dues for 2013 were only paid through November. If you plan to continue to bowl at this club you need to see our treasurer, Russ Morgan, and give him a check for \$144 for the 2014 dues. Tony or any of our board members will be happy to see that Russ gets your check if you are unable to be at the club during the week. Russ tells me that quite a number of our regular members have yet to re-join and we are hoping for a good membership next year. And while you're at it, don't forget the \$20 extra for the national organization, Bowls USA. We all should be supporting their efforts to publicize bowls in the U.S., to support the team which represents the U.S. in worldwide competitions and to present the one prestigious tournament which takes place in this country – the U.S. Open.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our general meeting was held at the Davis Center on Tuesday, December 3. Lucy Jackson has already sent out a fine report, with pictures, of the meeting so I have little to add. Bud Viard reported that the special events he coordinates were especially good this past year and we had 322 people visiting our club and learning something about lawn bowling while having a fun party. His efforts have resulted in a \$1700 gain for the club treasury but no new members. At least we are introducing our great game to a younger generation and hopefully some will come back when they have time to

participate. Bud always needs helpers for these parties so if you haven't volunteered yet, try it next year.

Bud also gave me the following note from the "Lynn Abbott Secret Committee".

"This year the spirit of volunteerism so loved by our benefactor, Lynn Abbott, has flourished at our little club.

Our club tournaments were better attended this year than in the past few years. More and more members got involved in the club functions and parties. Several different members pitched in and helped with our special events.

With all these activities, with all these volunteers, the choice of the Secret Committee seemed like it would be a tough one this year. It wasn't even close. One person seemed to be involved in all of our club activities; tournaments, parties, events, you name it and she was there. And if for some reason she couldn't be there, she would let you know how sorry she was that she couldn't help!



This would be how Lynn Abbott defined volunteerism. This would be our 2013 Volunteer of the Year, Gloria Torres."

*From all the club members:
Thank You*

Gloria!

Tony thanked the many people who helped out by volunteering in different ways during the year. He also mentioned the many things that have been accomplished this past year to improve our club: We reached out to the community by accommodating the Special Olympics bocce teams and welcoming them to our club for their practice sessions. Also, Tony has tried to improve our aging rakes by replacing the wobbly handles on many of them. A cart for equipment has been built; the kitchen has been refurbished with new cabinets, new sink, nice new curtains located under the counter. The job is not quite finished but now only requires some paint. Also, all the benches have been rebuilt so they are once again sturdy and reliable. Next year, the plan is to replace the aging and rotting plinth boards around the green. Wow! As Tony commented at the meeting – he’s not just a “pretty face”! Thanks Tony and helpers for all your hard work!

CLUB SHIRTS

Our new club shirts are now available. If you ordered one, see Tony. If you want one and didn’t order one, still see Tony. He has some extras and if he can’t fit you, will order more ASAP. The “new shirts” are similar to the “old shirts” except that they come in long or short sleeves, men’s or women’s. They can be worn for visitations, tournaments, or whenever!

COMING EVENTS

Our Christmas lunch is next – on December 19 - but just a week later, on January 1, 2014, we will be celebrating

the New Year in grand style with yet another good meal. This time we will be serving our traditional spaghetti feast – spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and for dessert, ice cream sundaes! What could be better? We’ll play our morning game and then have our feast afterwards. Dorothy Thielges is in charge and she has a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Again this will be a pot-luck style dinner and everyone is asked to bring either spaghetti, sauce, bread or salad ingredients. Dorothy and her crew will put it all together.

BOWLING TIPS

I have been asked to remind everyone about the correct way to signal to the skip when setting the jack. The people who skip all the time know this, but those of you who don’t skip would be surprised at the variety of signals we receive – from finger wiggles to hands apart a fixed amount that never move no matter how you move the jack. So when you are trying to tell your skip which way and how much to move the jack to get it to the center of the rink, please just hold your hands apart the distance you want it moved and on the side it needs to be moved. Finger wiggles in front of the chest just don’t get the message across clearly!

Also, you may have noticed that the edges of our green are getting very worn and show dark, bare patches. The grass will not grow again until next summer when the nights start to get warm enough. Consequently, we need to take care of the grass we have until then. So please move the mat out away from the bare patches and try to be aware and not stand on or place the

bowls on those bare spots. Just give our good green a little TLC.



Shad Springer

Shad Springer is originally from Orange County via the Midwest, and first came to Santa Barbara to attend Westmont College. Since then, he has travelled around the world and lived in Asia for nearly five years. Among his favorite adventures remains the six-month bicycle trip he took through North America.

Shad's greatest passion, however, is spending time backpacking through the world's great mountain ranges. He's trekked through the Alps and Andes, the Himalaya and the Rockies, but has spent the most time in our state's home range- the Sierra Nevada, where he's completed long sections of the Pacific Crest Trail. All of these places, however, take a back seat Shad's favorite backpacking destination- the wild and astonishing beauty of own Santa Barbara backcountry, the Los Padres National Forest.

Shad moved back to Santa Barbara in 2004, when he earned his teaching credential and Master's of Education at

UCSB. He has worked as a 5th and 6th grade teacher at El Camino School in Goleta for the last decade.

In 2009, Shad met his life partner, Maggie. They got married in San Francisco in 2012, and now live in downtown Santa Barbara, a mere 10 minute walk from the Lawn Bowling Club. Shad appreciates Santa Barbara for its outstanding weather, people, and beach and mountain access. In addition to backpacking, Shad is an avid bicycle commuter, plays ultimate Frisbee, and has participated in many local running races and triathlons. He also enjoys Santa Barbara's many diverse cultural offerings, including the theater, the opera, and live music. Maggie and Shad live downtown with their cat, Bells Palls.



Maggie Yates

Maggie Yates grew up in Ventura, but spent most of the last decade in the Bay Area. She graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in theatre and performance studies, and worked for the Shotgun Players Theater Company in Berkeley. She is an avid animal lover, and worked for the Berkeley Humane Society as a dog trainer and veterinary nurse. She also worked for a California-based dating service as a matchmaker and relationship counselor.

In 2009, Maggie moved back to Southern California for a change of pace. On her first day in Santa Barbara, she met Shad Springer, who helped her get acquainted with life in a new town. They got engaged a year later, though waited to get married until after Maggie finished her Master's degree in writing at the University of San Francisco. Maggie and Shad eloped in San Francisco in June 2012. She continues to be involved in theatre, and works for Out of the Box Productions, a local non-profit musical theater company. She and Shad live an active lifestyle that includes running, yoga, softball, weight lifting, hiking, biking, dancing, and most recently, lawn bowling!

Maggie and Shad live downtown with their cat, Bells Palls. Maggie has recently started home-brewing Kombucha, and also enjoys the opera, writing, sewing, costume design, and live music. Unfortunately, they are only available to bowl on weekends but we hope to see them as often as possible. Say "hi" to Shad and Maggie, get acquainted with them and we welcome them to our club.

GOOD ADVICE:

1. It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
2. Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.
3. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.



JERRY WADELL

I was born and raised on Nebraska farmland. My father emigrated to the United States as a child and my mother was first generation American so I was nurtured in a strong Swedish cultural community. After a year in country school I attended the town school and developed life-long friendships with classmates. Growing up on a farm was fantastic: the animals; the satisfaction of growing grains, fruits, and vegetables from the garden; and the opportunity to learn all about the machinery. There wasn't a lot of money but plenty of love and we felt rich.

I competed in athletics during high school (track and basketball) and played basketball, track and golf in college. Scholarships paid for tuition, room and board. Lots of great experiences and memories from those years.

After college I went to Hawaii with some friends for R & R and to meet some girls and that's what happened. I met Susan there and we were married a few years later. We lived in Hawaii for a couple of years and then decided to move back to the mainland-anywhere it didn't snow, so moved to Phoenix. Drove into town without housing or a job

and just had the name of some people from Susan's hometown. After a couple of years of substitute teaching I settled into an entry level job with Karsten Manufacturing (PING) the week that our first child was born. Both events were life changing. About four years later our daughter was born and life really became busy.

Responsibilities with work and our children evolved as my position changed in the company and our kids became immersed in their sports passions. We were swim and basketball parents with piano recitals on the side. We were introduced to Santa Barbara when our son decided to attend Westmont College and then stayed here after graduation. I retired as Director of Manufacturing for PING after our first grandchild was born and we came over to do childcare in January of 2011. Happened upon the Santa Barbara Lawn Bowling Club as we were driving down De La Vina and attended the May Open House in 2011. Sharron Adams introduced us to the game that day and Pearl and John Mulholland gave us lessons on the carpet. Though we are only able to bowl when in Santa Barbara we enjoy the game as much as the welcoming and friendly people here at the club.

More good advice:

4. Before you criticize someone you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them you're a mile away and you have their shoes.



SUSAN WADELL

I was born and raised in Iowa and had a very uneventful, ordinary growing up. Graduated from NE Missouri State in three years with a teaching degree and realized that teachers were not in great demand so worked in a dentist office until invited to join my aunt for an Hawaiian experience. I remained in Hawaii after my aunt returned to the mainland and spied Jer during a church service. I followed him home and it turned out we lived in the same apartment building.

We were married a few years later and lived in Hawaii two more years before returning to the mainland. We settled into life in Phoenix with work and a wonderful circle of new friends. I relished being home with our little ones but as Jon was in third grade and Jenn attending preschool I was looking for an outlet for some of my energies. Hurrah, I was able to teach at the preschool chartered by the church we attended. I taught for eight years and then became Director of Education for Shadow Rock UCC. Went from working about 15 hours a week to about 70 hours each week-a change for all of us. I also retired when our first grandchild was born. Our son and his family live in

Santa Barbara and our daughter and her husband live in Dallas. Traveling down De La Vina we saw bowlers in their "whites" and the picture was so beautiful with the greens and the mountains as a background that we were enticed to find out about lawn bowling. Came to the Open House in May of 2011 and because of childcare schedule we began our lawn bowling adventure with Twilight Fun hosted by Bud Viard and company: Gloria, Mary, Peter, Carol, Casey, Dorothy and crew! Lots of affirmations in spite of our attempts. Just like golf, this game will keep me humble; but the challenge of improving and the fun with fellow bowlers will keep me coming back. I appreciate the welcoming and affirming environment, so thankful we discovered Santa Barbara Lawn Bowling Club.

Jerry and Susan won the 2013 Novice Pairs Championship. Jerry helped President Tony Cunningham reinforce the benches around the Smith Green. We enjoy bowling and socializing with Susan and Jerry. Hopefully, they will someday make Santa Barbara their permanent home so we can bowl with them year-round.

Many thanks to our very busy Lucy Jackson for the above biographies. Ed.

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And yet more good advice:

5. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.
6. A closed mouth gathers no foot.
7. There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.
8. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
9. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
10. No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
11. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday...around age 11.
12. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

On the Jack

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