

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

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2012 was a good year for the club with the exception of the upset with the Parks and Recreation Department. We were a little worried and hope it is straightened out now. We will keep watch just in case.

The club takes a lot of people pulling together to make it a success and we are fortunate to have some very hard working members who do more than their share. Like any other club, we have lost a few members, so to make up for the smaller enrollment we will need help from everyone. This is our biggest challenge. If anyone has some good ideas to improve the membership we will be open to all suggestions.

We will be picking an issue each month and working on it to make everything run smoothly. This month we would like to draw attention to the game board. This is a job that takes a lot of planning and it is annoying when people come in late and the board keeper has to try to find a spot for them. If you find yourself running late, please call the club before 9:45 a.m. and we will put your chip in for you. It will then be up to you to be there by 10 a.m.

Thank you.

Tony

Happy New Year one and all. May your 2013 be wonderful and all your bowls be "on the jack"





Speaking of new bowlers – we would like to welcome our very newest, Scott and Grace Kipp. Scott and Grace

bought a house on Chapala Street and discovered our bowling green. They ride their bicycles down to us and from what I hear, they are rapidly becoming very good at the game. We welcome them and look forward to getting better acquainted.

We also welcome back our good friends Ruth and Gary Suter from Victoria, Canada. These nice folks come down every year when the weather gets nasty up there and join us in our sunny afternoon games. It's good to see you again Gary and Ruth and happy bowling.

History Books: Lucy has produced the four more history books that were requested and they are in the clubhouse on the bottom shelf with the scrap books. They are \$15 each and the money or check can be given to Russ or put in his treasurer locker.

Refreshments: I just learned that Jane Streiff has volunteered to take over the job of coordinating the noon refreshment duties from long-time holder of this position, Carol Smith. Carol has certainly earned a rest from doing this for so many years. Many, many thanks

to Carol and also to Jane. Let's give Jane our full cooperation. It seems that sometimes people who are assigned to do the refreshments just don't show up as needed. This is really unfair to the coordinator as she has to fill in at the last minute. So please, if you are assigned to the job and just can't make it for some reason, find a replacement, switch dates with someone, but don't leave Jane in the lurch.

Games Board: We have recently lost two long-time game board folks: Tor, who left us to go live in Spain, and Larry, who is retiring from the job he has held for a long time. Thank you so much Larry for all you have done for the club.

We have a new volunteer in Sharron Adams but would like to have several more people to train in the job. In this way we will be able to set up a rotation so that no one has to do it so often. Tony says it would be good to have at least six people who know how to do the job and let them work out a rotation system. Sounds like a great idea. If you are interested, please see Tony.

Styrofoam cups: There has been a notice in the place where we serve refreshments reminding everyone to bring their own cup for coffee or tea. The club will be eliminating the styrofoam cups for everyday use and save them for visitors only. This will cut down on the purchase of these cups but more importantly, will help with protecting the environment. So please bring one of your mugs from home and

hang it up in the clubhouse. Be sure to put your name on the bottom.

Highlights from the board meeting:

January 8 was the first board meeting of the year and our new president had a very full agenda.

Treasurer, Russ Morgan, reported that we have 78 total members. Of these, 55 bowl, 6 are life members, 6 heritage club members and 11 associate members.

Russ is still waiting for a number of people who usually bowl but have not yet paid their dues. In this club, the dues are actually due at the end of November (not the end of the year), so there is a grace period but it's rapidly running out! So if you are one who has forgotten to give Russ a check, please do so ASAP before our directory is printed.

Bud Viard told us about a group which possibly will utilize our club for a fund raiser by having a lawn bowls league during the summer twilight times. This is tentative and hopefully we will know more about their plans in the near future.

Bud also gave us the results from the questionnaire he distributed a while ago about tournaments. It seems that the majority of our members agree that we have a good number of tournaments, and that we should have more "fun day" tournaments. The majority said they would prefer them to take place on Tues/Thurs rather than the weekend. One hundred percent agreed that we should not "forget about holding tournaments at all".

Daniel announced that there is a possibility that a bocce team from the Special Olympics group, will be invited to use our carpet for bocce practice during the twilight gaming hours in summer. This and the fund raising group mentioned by Bud, will be valuable assets and may help convince the City that we have a useful facility that should be encouraged.

There was some discussion about buying a gas barbecue as our old one has gone kaput. Ken agreed to look into costs for this. The board discussed the pro's and con's of doing our own barbecues instead of using a catering company for the two events we do so – President's Day and Veteran's Day. This discussion was tabled for now but will be picked up at a further meeting.

Tournaments: Happily we have two brave volunteers who are willing to take on the job of running the tournaments as we scheduled them last year: Championship Pairs, Triples, Men and Ladies Singles, Mixed Singles, Vet-Novice Pairs, Novice Singles and Pairs. Bud will run the "fun day" tournaments: Flag Day, Veteran's Day.

Once again I would like to encourage everyone to support the tournaments. It turns out to be quite a bit of work to schedule, plan and run a tournament and it's pretty discouraging when only two or three folks join in. Tournament play is a very good way to improve your bowling skills as it tends to make you focus more and try your hardest. So don't be shy, give it a try!

"Bowls is companionship and friends."

Counting the Shots:

By Conrad Melton

Question: In a triples game, both Seconds (vices) signaled “one point” for Team A when one of the Seconds discovered another bowl he thought might be in the count. Is it permissible to measure that additional bowl and change the announced score if it actually is a second point for Team A?

Answer: It is *more* than permissible, it is *appropriate!* In the 2000 Laws of the Sport of Bowls, once a score was agreed on and announced, it was final. But in the 2004 Laws, the language that

made a score final immediately upon their communication by the Seconds was eliminated. Again in the 2007 Laws, there was no mention of a moment when an announcement of an end score is absolute and unchangeable.

The announcement of a wrong score by the Seconds should be regarded as a “human mistake”. The pattern of the bowls in the head determines the score, not the communication of Seconds who prematurely or perhaps mistakenly reported something that was inaccurate.

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