

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB ON THE JACK

MARCH, 2013



It's March and as the saying goes "March comes in like a lion"! Well the lions won and they were Bud Viard and Scott Kipp winning the Vet-Novice Tournament by taking all three games. Congratulations!

We were expecting the Special Olympics Group to come for their first practice game of Bocce also on Saturday, but somehow dates got mixed up and they didn't show. However we will be ready for them next time. Everything is set. The equipment is all ready and it doesn't take much to set it up. The good thing about the set-up is it takes only 10 minutes. Members of the club can use the boards if they want a game of Bocce and perhaps it will be an incentive for new members.

Tony

Tournament News:

Lucy Jackson

Veteran-Novice Pairs Champions



Veteran Bud Viard and Novice Scott Kipp won all three games on Saturday, March 2nd to win the 2013 Veteran-Novice Pairs Championship and the honor of having their names inscribed on the Stan Palmer Veteran-Novice Tournament Plaque. Tony Cunningham and Ed Blessing were runners-up with 2 wins and 15 plus points; Stephanie Viard and Grace Kipp were 3rd with 2 wins and 6 plus points. Six teams competed and displayed great knowledge of the game and sportsmanship. We are proud of our novices who all trained under Pearl and John Mulholland, our devoted club instructors who watched their protégés progress with tournament experience.

The club's new barbecue grill was initiated by Past President Tim Thornton and his wife Joy, an associate club member, who grilled hot dogs for the occasion.



Vet-Novice Tournament bowlers.

SBLBC will hold two tournaments in April: the Super Seniors Pairs on Tuesday and Thursday, April 9 and 11; and the Club Pairs Championship on Saturday, April 27.

Visitation:

Lucy Jackson

Santa Barbara LBC will be on the road for the first two visitations of 2013.

Be sure to set aside Friday, March 22, for our first visitation. We will travel south to Oxnard to bowl with our friends at the Oxnard club, enjoy their wonderful luncheon and experience fun games. Oxnard LBC expects us there by 9 a.m. to get the preliminary sign-ins, a continental breakfast, and games organized. Our Oxnard LBC friends provide a wonderful lunch and great games, so plan to attend and spend the day with a grand group of bowlers. We will carpool, planning to leave SBLBC at

8:15 a.m. The sign-up sheet is posted, so please sign if you plan to attend and designate if you will drive and how many passengers you will be able to accommodate. Contact Janet Napier or Lucy Jackson for more information.

On Saturday, April 6, we will visit Holmby Park. This is always very special and will be a treat for those of you who have never bowled at this beautiful, welcoming club. The sign-up procedure will be similar to the Oxnard visitation and we will carpool, leaving SBLBC at 7:15 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day:

Our Special Events Lady, Betty Cunningham, is planning a green day on Thursday, March 14, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. So find a green shirt to wear, come along and enjoy a spider and other extra games and prizes. On this day we will all be Irish for a day!

Raffle Tickets Available:

Once again our club will be selling raffle tickets in support of the U.S. Open, held again this year in Southern California. The organizers always come up with many prizes for ticket holders to win, including sets of bowls, trips, meals and much more. The tickets cost \$5 for one, \$10 for three, \$20 for 7 and for \$30 you can purchase an entire book of 15 tickets. The U.S. Open is a very expensive but very prestigious tournament, sponsored by our National Organization and it is well worth our

support. To purchase tickets, please see our Salesman-in-charge, Jeff Adams.

Refreshments Schedule:

Many thanks to Jane Streiff who has agreed to take over the job of scheduling the refreshments from Carol Smith, who handled this task for many years. Jane has asked me to publish the schedule in the newsletter. Please, if you find you are unable to do this job on your assigned day, find a replacement or switch with someone for another day.

March:

Tues. 5th Tom Farris & Dan Hedrick
Thurs. 7th Ken Gould & Inge Green

Tues. 12th Gloria Torres
Thurs. 14th Gary & Ruth Suter

Tues. 19th Jim Stahl & Tim Thornton
Thurs. 20th Nancy Grant & Chuck Graffy

Tues. 26th R & P Slauterbeck
Thurs. 26th Joyce Green & Alice Chafee

A note from our garden expert, Jess:



Another addition to the beautification of our lawn bowling club is the succulent garden.

Lee Schmedes is the main architect and designer of

the garden. Len Black, in his will, left succulents from his collection and Lee Schmedes has assumed the responsibility of maintaining the plot. The garden under his care has doubled in size and Lee has bought 15 more plants, doubling what he has paid for out of his own pocket. Thank you Lee for your import in making the area such an attractive entrance to the club.

Others who contributed plants to the garden are Catherine Krauss, Laurie Glerum and Betty Woodworth. We gratefully welcome members who can contribute plants for our garden. We can also propagate cuttings.

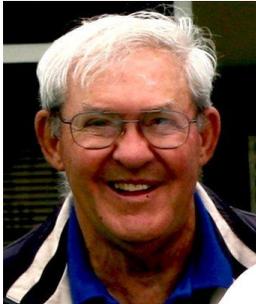
Bowling Tips:

To keep the game moving along, pick up your bowl and stand directly behind the person on the mat until it's your turn to play.

Leads: when the end is finished, watch the vice to see who won the points so you can be ready to either rake or set the jack. And when playing pairs, please rake the bowls first and then put up the score so the winning team can be setting the mat and jack.

Vices: when your skip is on the mat, please stand about six feet behind the jack and one pace to either side. In this way you are not obscuring the possible aiming lines of your skip. Please do not stand way out to the side as this is very distracting.

Everyone: Please remember to erase your board before returning it to the equipment room. Just a courtesy.



The Rich Glenn

Story: by Lucy Jackson

While driving down De La Vina, Rich noticed club members lawn bowling, drove around to the parking strip adjacent to the Palmer green and watched the games in progress. Pearl Mulholland went over to the fence, invited Rich in and offered to give him free lessons. He took several lessons from Pearl and John and decided lawn bowling was a sport he would enjoy. He had been an alley bowler for many years.

Rich joined the SBLB in August of 2008. In January of 2009, Rich partnered with Dale Jackson to win the Vet-Novice trophy. Good bowling for a novice with only five months of lawn bowling experience.

Rich was born and raised in Waukegan, near Chicago (Jack Benny's home town) in 1929. Upon graduation from Drake University in Des Moines, IA, he took a position as a sales rep for Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey where he worked for several years. He has two sons, two daughters, and two adopted children who live in New Jersey.

Rich retired from J & J as Product Director in 1985 and moved to Santa Barbara. He then became a Product Director for McGhan Medical, a position he held for many years before retiring again. He met and married his wife, Marylin, in Santa Barbara in 1996.

Rich comes early to help set up the game equipment and is currently being trained to assist on the game board by George Glerum. We enjoy bowling with Rich Glenn and hope we see him on the green for many years to come.

Board Meeting Highlights:

Treasurer Russ Morgan reported two new members and two associate members have joined. Catherine Krauss has willed us \$1,000 and it was decided that we will honor her by naming the Super Senior Tournament after her.

Our new grill is a success and has already been used for those who enjoyed playing in the Veteran-Novice Tournament this past weekend. The winners of that tournament received beautiful certificates made up by Lucy Jackson. She will be making more of these certificates for following tournaments. Lucy reported some errors in the tournament schedule. She and her committee will meet to plan a revised tournament schedule that will then be sent out as an addendum to the Directory.

The board agreed to obtain two plaques for Gino Mangini who recently passed away. Gino was a treasured member of our club for many years. A plaque will be placed next to the one honoring his wife Jean on the post supporting the lanai which he designed. We will also order a plaque to be hung in the clubhouse.

BOWLS MARKETING NEWS: from Georgie Deno, Marketing Rep.

Here is an update on what's happening in the world of Bowls USA marketing and events. I think you'll agree that there are lots of exciting things underway. Please share this info with your club members.

Bowls USA Benefits: Things are in place to provide all 2013 Bowls USA members with a Bowls USA cap and pin. On the horizon also are other items that will only go to members including a rule book, a bowls almanac, and an online Bowls USA newsletter.

Visit from Bowls Scotland Team: Thanks to lots of "negotiating" between Bowls USA Marketing Director, Neil Furman, and the manager and head coach of Bowls Scotland, we're excited to let everyone know that a top team of six women and six men will be coming to southern California in September to compete against Team USA bowlers. Two games a day will play on the following dates:

Tuesday, 9/17, at The Groves

Wednesday, 9/18, at Newport Harbor

Thursday, 9/19, at Laguna Beach

All are invited to come out and watch some great bowling –and it's free!

U.S. Open: Last year's grand finals day at the U.S. Open has been receiving acclaim nationally and internationally as a major (and fun!) event. It will be repeated this year (but even better and bigger) and hopes are high that we'll be able to attract media coverage and more sponsorship as a result.

National Awards Program: Bowls USA has approved, in principle, establishment of a national awards program to provide recognition to people down at the grass roots level (aka clubs!) who are making a significant impact on our sport. The Division Development Officers (that would be me and my counterparts in the other six divisions) will be working out the details of what the categories of recognition will be, how nominations will be made, criteria for selecting winners, and so on. Stand by for more info on this as we progress.

National Coaching Program: Also on the drawing board is a serious effort to formulate a national coaching program for all levels of bowlers (from beginner to Team USA level). More as this evolves.

Bowls USA Membership: Needless to say, membership is still the most critical issue for Bowls USA. Membership numbers are key to achieving the ambitious projects that are part of the five-year strategic plan which is on track for approval by the national organization. Every club can be a part of our success by encouraging member-

ship in Bowls USA for all their bowlers. In order for our sport to survive and grow, all our members need to be “visible” and visibility is gained by joining Bowls USA.

In case you missed this news – the former USLBA (United States Lawn Bowls Association) is now Bowls USA.



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