

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

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TOURNAMENT NEWS: *from Lucy Jackson*

CONGRATULATIONS to Joe and Jane Streiff who won the Club Championship Pairs Tournament sponsored by John O'Dea during the April 27-28 weekend. Tournament Director Gloria Torres presented Joe and Jane with the Club Championship Pairs Plaque upon which the Streiffs' names will be inscribed. In second place were our President and First Lady, Tony and Betty Cunningham. Nobody "ran away" with this tournament as all the games were heavily contested and as no team won all their games, the winners were decided by plus points. A good tournament and congrats to everyone who participated. John and Marjory O'Dea donated the plaque in 2003.



The Champs: Joe & Jane



Well here we are in May already. I would like to congratulate Jane and Joe for winning the Club

Pairs. It would have been better if we had more people entering this championship but it was a lovely day and those who played had a good time.

We are calling for everyone in the club to come out on Saturday for open house. A good showing of all the members would help people see what fun we have. We could have a game going on the grass and one on the carpet while other members help by teaching our guests the rules of the game. We hope the banners that have been up for a week now will entice everyone to come in and try this wonderful game. "It's Not as hard as it may seem" as Lenny's Black's song says.

Thank you.

your president,

Tony Cunningham



Four teams participated in the club pairs.

Two tournaments will be held in May. On Saturday & Sunday, May 18th & 19th, the Novice Singles Championship Tournament will be played. Games will go to 15 points; 18 points for the final game. Any bowler who has been playing for two years or less is eligible to participate so please put your names up and give it a try.

The Memorial Day British Cup Australian Pairs Invitational tournament, sponsored by Jo Millett, will be on Monday, May 27th. SBLBC, MPLBC, and Oxnard bowlers are invited to play in this tournament. The tournament will begin at 9:30 and consist of four 8-end games. This is a mixed pairs (one man, one woman) format, limited to 32 teams. If you would like to participate, please contact either Jo Millett or Lucy Jackson before May 24.

OPEN HOUSE: Now this is MOST IMPORTANT! In an effort to attract new members to our great club and wonderful sport, we are holding our

annual Open House on May 11, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We need the help and cooperation of all our members to make this a successful endeavor. Please plan to be at the club in your club shirts on that date to help out in any way you are needed. We will be offering our visitors bowling lessons and refreshments and hopefully will find a few folks who want to join us. If you belong to other clubs or organizations, please let them know they are welcome to come down for a free lesson on that day. Talk to any neighbors or friends or relatives who might be interested. Our club will not survive if we don't manage to recruit a few new, younger folks to join us.

TWILIGHT BOWLING: And this is MOST IMPORTANT as well – twilight bowling will begin on Thursday, May 9 at 5:30 and continue through the summer every Tuesday and Thursday. This is a most relaxed and fun time to bowl – after the heat of the day and in the lovely tranquil setting of our club. After our opening game on Thursday, there will be pizza for all. This tradition carries through at every game with a light meal for which everyone chips in a few bucks. Sound like fun? Come on down and join Bud and his twilight group.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Tony is researching a source for more club shirts. This time around, there will be a choice of long or short sleeved shirts as well.

There was considerable discussion about our financial status. It was felt

that we have enough money to use for purpose of improving our club campus, our game equipment, or anything needed to make it a better experience for everyone. Some suggestions were made: outside lights; remodel the kitchen; buy or make new rakes. If any member has an idea for improvement, please talk to Tony or any board member about it. The board is open to suggestions and would like your input.

The Special Olympics group is doing well with their bocce practice on our artificial green and we feel this has been a very successful endeavor for the club. We hope it will give us positive exposure with the city and also enhance our value as a club.

Bud, who is in charge of booking parties for outside groups and also organizing volunteers to help out, announced that he has four parties coming up this summer. In June a group from the local zoo, in July a baby shower party, in August a group coming for fiesta and bowling and in September a pre-wedding party. Each of these will gain us a little income for our club and Bud will need the support and assistance of willing volunteers to show our visitors the basics of the game and assist them in having a good time. So if you could give an hour or so to help out, please let Bud know. Details of each party will be posted along with a helpers' sign-up sheet when the time comes.

Don't forget about the raffle tickets which are being sold in support of the US Open this year. These can be

purchased from Tony and all the proceeds go to the major tournament of the year put on in the U.S. Prizes include sets of bowls, trips and much more.

***THE M. CASEY STORY:* By Lucy Jackson**



MARGARET CASEY

Casey joined SBLBC in 2007 on the advice of Tony Leufkens with whom Casey worked at the Santa Barbara Institute for the Blind. She moved to Santa Barbara in 1981 from St. Louis, her hometown, and is one of six children. She enjoys competitive sports and is an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan.

Casey is an enthusiastic lawn bowler who has won several lawn bowling tournaments. In 2009, she



with teammates Dorothy Thielges and Gloria

Torres won the Flag Day tournament. Casey and Carol Smith were runners-up in the 2009 Vet-Novice Pairs tournament and she was runner-up in the 2009 Novice Singles tournament. In 2010, Casey served on the Fun & Games committee with Dorothy Thielges. She has won several of the Fun Games.

In late 2012, Casey adopted a dog named Shelby who is part Husky and part Australian Shepherd. She is thrilled by her new companion, a critter with energy and charm.

Casey says "I LOVE Lawn Bowling!" Keep up the good bowling, Casey!

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THE ALICE CHAFFEE STORY: By Lucy Jackson



ALICE CHAFFEE

Alice joined SBLBC in 2003 along with her friend Vera Looker while she was still working at ABC-Clio in Goleta, so she only bowled on Saturdays and holidays. Since her retirement, Alice bowls on weekdays as well. She fell and broke her hip and elbow in April of 2012 and recuperated in Mission Terrace for

several weeks. Alice, a "permanent lead," claims to love raking, but is happy that her bowling has improved a bit lately - due, perhaps, to the elbow surgery.

Alice was born in Washington, D.C., lived mainly in Scandinavia until World War II, and then in Columbus, Ohio, and Philadelphia. She attended Wellesley College for three years and then left to work with an international religious movement, got married, and had two sons. Seventeen years later she completed her studies at the University of Texas. There she fell in love with the novels of Leo Tolstoy, a romance that led her to pursue learning Russian and eventually (in that Cold War era) to a government job in intelligence.

In the 1990's Alice retired to Carpinteria to be closer to her family. She first worked for UCSB and then for nearly ten years served as an editor of Historical Abstracts at ABC-Clio. She has also edited several books of memoirs for friends and is open to other free-lance jobs.

Alice has a pleasant personality and is a joy to bowl with. Before her injuries in 2012, she warm-heartedly pulled weeds and pruned the shrubs and vines along the greens on club workdays. Thank you Alice, for your contribution to pleasant games at SBLBC

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BOWLS ETIQUETTE: (*This article is a brief version of a publication put out by the San Diego LBC.*)

Lawn bowling is one of the few sports where true sportsmanship still prevails. This is a position that should be jealously guarded and, by following the few simple principles listed below, you can help to maintain the sportsmanship and courtesy that has characterized the game of bowls for so many years.

Before the game:

1. Check that you know the correct dress for the occasion and wear it.
2. Be there on time and ready to start.

During the game:

1. Do not drop bowls on the green.
2. Shake hands with your opponent before and after the game.
3. Do not sit on the banks.
4. Stand still while your opponent is about the play.
5. Do not infringe the laws of rink possession.
6. Unless you have been delegated to decide the shots at the completion of an end, do not interfere in any way with this process.
7. If you have lost the game, remember to congratulate your opponent.
8. Acknowledge a “fluke” and commend an opponent’s good bowl.

9. And this one from your “editor” – please don’t crow over your opponent’s bad luck. Please NEVER say “thank you” when your opponent accidentally knocks in your bowl or knocks his own out of the head. This is really bad sportsmanship. If you feel you must say something, say only “bad luck”.



Happy Mother's Day

To all the Happy Mothers

Who bowl at SBLBC.



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