

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

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SBLBC. What do you think when you see these letters? Well, of course, we all think of bowling but we see so much more. Do you remember how it looked when you first came to the greens? Next time you come into the club, stop and take a good look around. In other words, stop and smell the flowers. We have one of the best grass greens you will find, thanks to Dale Jackson's hard work. We have Lee's beautiful succulent garden. He truly has a green thumb. Jess and Carol's potted plants add lovely color to the green. It takes time to water and tend all of the plants. They really spend a lot of their time at it.

We have heard our visitors comment on how nice it is and it is the people who make the club so wonderful to be part of; Bud and Steph who work hard at getting the public to come in and try the game, plus their helpers. Gloria is one of their most faithful helpers (I think she sleeps there!). It would be great for everyone to help out at times.

A big "THANKS" goes out to you all.

Tony

VISITATIONS: A good group of 27 people from Santa Barbara LBC (22 of them bowlers), descended on Cambria for a visitation on September 13. Most drove up on Thursday for the Friday bowling date at the Cambria club. A great dinner was shared at the beautiful Cambria Pines Lodge which offers a special deal at this time of year. I'm told that the bowling was great fun but our club did not manage to win as the carpet was difficult to most who now bowl exclusively on the grass at home. Cambria, as always, provided a delicious luncheon for all. Many thanks to the Cambria club for all their work and for hosting such a large group of

bowlers. We look forward to their visit to Santa Barbara next time.

Our final "away" visitation this year will be on Saturday, October 19, when we will go to Holmby Park. For this we will combine with bowlers from MacKenzie Park. We will car pool and Janet will be putting up a sign-up sheet very soon. If you have never been to play at Holmby Park you have a treat in store. It is a very beautiful place, the club folks are very welcoming and always provide a wonderful lunch. The trip down doesn't take too long as they are located in Beverly Hills. Let's have a good turnout for this one.

Then on Saturday, November 2, our neighbors from MacKenzie Park will be visiting us for our usual day of games, camaraderie and fun. Our visitation chair will be telling us the plan in plenty of time but put the date on your calendar.

TOURNAMENTS: The “tournament season” is coming to an end for this year. By the time this newsletter goes out, the Club Mixed Singles Championship will have been played.

The final tournament will be the Lee Schmedes Veterans’ Day mini-tournament and barbecue. At this tournament, we honor all our veterans, many of them our own bowlers, then we have a two game tournament. Afterwards we will be treated to one of our great barbecue dinners. Lee will put up a sign-up sheet with all the details so you can join in.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

(Complete minutes of the board meetings are posted on the bulletin board each month for all to read. Also, all members are free to attend any board meeting. The board meets on the first Tuesday of each month.)

Thanks to our “master sewer”, Betty Cunningham, we now have a new curtain covering the cabinet in the kitchen.

There was some discussion about charges for people who join our club at the open house. It was decided that the special discounted deal we offer at the open house will only apply to people who are not bowlers and who want to learn. Those bowlers who belong to

other clubs or who want to return after an absence will be asked to pay the regular membership fee, pro-rated for the remaining months in the year.

Tony suggested we have some flyers printed about our sport and put them in a receptacle on our gate for those interested to pick up.

Tony has now replaced all the rake handles. The board intends to buy a cart to use to transport the rakes, jacks and mats to the green.

The Bocce Blasters (the Special Olympics bocce players) came to the club for a fun day and apparently, a great time was enjoyed by all who attended. The group painted some of the boards used for their game, tried out lawn bowling (and did quite well), then everyone had a hot dog barbecue. The group was very happy with the event and enthusiastic about practicing at our club again next year.

Our Halloween “Fun Day” is coming up at the end of the month – Thursday, October 31. For this we would like bowlers to wear funny hats or costumes. We will have a spider and other games with prizes as well as bowling.

Our wonderful Pearl Mulholland, trainer for lo these many years, plus her assistant, John, have decided to retire from the position. The board decided to ask club members to volunteer to train new people. Anyone who is interested in doing this should contact Tony or Eileen. We would like to have several people willing to help out who would be assigned as needed. Eileen will coordinate the effort. Maybe we can get

a number of people to fill those big shoes of Pearl and John!

The board decided to hold a second general club meeting mid-year in order to keep everyone “in the know” about what is going on. The second meeting will be held at the club after the morning game and will probably include a barbecue lunch. It will be scheduled mid-summer.

A nominating committee has been formed and they will be asking members to take a turn on the board of directors. If you are interested, please let Lee know.



KEN GOULD

Ken was born in a very small Michigan farming community, but the family soon moved to Rochester, a town of about 3,000 people near Detroit. Times were very hard in these depression years, but Ken was too young to really realize this at the time. He had a very happy life as an only child with many playmates and fun outside activities. He loved school with all the social activities, but he was also a very good student.

After graduating from high school in 1951, he went to work for the railroad as a tower and station operator but soon he left to join the Air Force before he would be drafted because of the Korean War. Until then, he had never been more than 100 miles from home. After being stationed in New York, Mississippi, Illinois, and Ohio and working as an instrument mechanic he got an early hardship discharge because his dad was dying from cancer. He then went to work for Detroit Edison. In 1957 he decided to go to college where he earned his degree in electrical engineering. He married in 1960 and first daughter Gail was born while he was completing final college exams. After graduation the family moved to Syracuse, NY where Ken went to work for GE. Their second daughter Donna was born. Ken found his career niche as a Military Operations Analyst, and the family moved to jobs in Connecticut, Hawaii (where third daughter Kelly was born), and finally to Santa Barbara in 1966 when Ken worked at GE TEMPO. The family enjoyed the typical Santa Barbara family life until Ken’s divorce. Ken reconnected with Inge Green, who he had met while square dancing, and they became a couple in 1988. Ken retired from work in 1994, they joined the SBLBC in 1999, and the rest is history. He has four grandchildren.

Ken Gould joined SBLBC in 1999 and served as Director of the Gold Coast teams from 2005-2007. In 2005, SBLBC won the Gold Coast League Title and competed in the WATERBURY PLAYOFF at Laguna Woods. He has served on the Board of Directors since 2008, and since 2010, has been our Chief Investment Officer.



INGE GREEN

Inge and her twin sister, Charlotte, were born in Nurnberg, Germany into an affluent family with one older sister. Their father owned a successful toy factory. Tragically, their mother died when Inge and Charlotte were only three years old. Their father later remarried, but the children were mostly raised by maids and nannies. Inge and Charlotte were inseparable as they grew up and attended Catholic school. Inge remembers numerous trips to a bomb shelter as the allies bombed Germany toward the end of WWII. When the Americans occupied Nurnberg they chose Inge's family home as their headquarters, so the family had to move to a guest house.

Inge trained and became certified as a registered baby nurse. She met Jim Hastings when he was a US Army

Captain stationed in Germany and they were married and they had a daughter, Marylou. Jim was a helicopter pilot and loved flying. Inge enjoyed life as a military wife while they moved to various bases. After 13 years of marriage, Jim was killed when he crashed trying to rescue a mountain climber in Africa. Since Charlotte had married and moved to Santa Barbara, Inge moved here also with Marylou.

Unfortunately, Inge could not work in the US as a nurse without retraining, so she had to find other work. She mostly worked in banks in the following years. Inge and Charlotte loved to dance and enjoyed many other physical activities. Inge first met Ken Gould while square dancing. Some years later, after Ken was divorced, they started dating and have been a couple since then. They joined the SBLBC together in 1999.

Tragically, Inge and Charlotte were separated for a final time when Charlotte died from cancer in 1996. Marylou had married and moved to Sacramento and had one child, Michelle. Michelle has two children. They all get together several times a year.

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