

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB ON THE JACK

SEPTEMBER, 2013



Spencer Adams Triples, August 24, 2013



First Place



Second Place



Third Place

The Spencer Adams Triples Tournament, named after a man who for many years was very involved at SBLBC and was one of our benefactors, was played on August 24 with eight teams competing. Tournament Director, Gloria Torres, was the lady in charge for the day and a very enjoyable day it was. Several of the participants were new members having just recently become dual members from MacKenzie Park LBC. We welcome them and look forward to their participation in more of our tournaments. Congratulations

to the winners, Dale Jackson, skip, Hildegard Kennedy, vice, and Carol Smith, lead and a big thanks to all who played.

On September 7, the team of Bud and Stef Viard and Arnon Blau will be traveling to Holmby Park to play in the Joslyn Mixed Triples representing SBLBC. Each club is invited to send two teams to represent them but this year, we were only able to field one team. So good luck Team Santa Barbara. Win for all of us!

Our next home tournament will be on the weekend of October 5 and 6 and will be the **Club Singles Championship**. This is a mixed singles tournament and games will be played to 16 points with the final game to 18 points. Watch for a sign-up sheet during September and be sure to get in on this one – it's really good fun and good competition.

Visitations: On Friday, September 13, we have a visitation to Cambria. Many of the bowlers are going up on Thursday to spend the night at the lovely Cambria Pines Lodge. We will bowl on Friday morning and return home after the game. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and everyone is planning to car pool. If you want to go, ask Lucy or Janet about a coupon for a discount on the room.

Presidents' Day: August 17 was the day to celebrate our past presidents this year and it was a grand success. We began with a mini-tournament pitting the men against the women. Five games were played with the men winning three

and the women two. The games were followed by a brief ceremony to honor our past presidents and then a fabulous dinner of chicken, tri-tip, beans, salad, and much more, all produced by our cook extraordinaire, Daniel Hedrick and his team.



Presidents' Day 2013

Workshop: On Wednesday, August 21, Bruce Phillips and I presented a workshop as requested by our President, Tony. It was not easy to know what information would be helpful so I asked around to get some idea what people were interested in working on. Several suggestions were made and so we formed the 12 participants into two games and talked about each aspect of the play as it came up. First we discussed the duties of the lead and vice and had them roll their bowls, then we talked about the head and how to choose shots and what is expected of vices and skips in the head. Everyone seemed to enjoy the workshop and several people asked to have another one some time to continue the discussion. If Bruce is willing, and there is some interest, we will probably offer another later in the year.

Refreshments for September:

Tuesday, 10th – Morton
Thursday, 12th – Foxwell

Tuesday, 17th – Carol Smith
Thursday, 19th - Streiff

Tuesday, 24th – Stahl & Thornton
Thursday, 26th – Steward & Glenn

Board Meeting Highlights:

Russ reported that we have recently gained five new members; four from MacKenzie who will be dual members, plus Barbara Sanchez who has returned after some time away. We now have 105 members.

Special groups: Bud announced that there would be three more groups coming to the club for special events this month. Sunday September 8th will be a birthday party, Wednesday 11th there will be a group from the Environmental Defense Center and Friday 20th he is expecting 40 to 50 people for a wedding rehearsal party. Bud would like help for all these events so please sign up if you are able to come down and give a hand.

Bocce: Scheduled for Saturday, September 28, is a “Bocce Blasters Party”. This is the group who used our bocce court to practice during their season. They will be coming down to play, to paint the boards Tony and crew used to make the bocce court and also to have a barbecue of hot dogs and salads. Everyone is invited to come down and join the fun, learn to play bocce, have a hot dog with the group

and get acquainted. Details will be posted on the bulletin board.

Kitchen work: The work in the kitchen is going along well and much has been done already. There was some discussion about extending the work to include a new serving counter and possibly cabinets below. This will be researched and discussed again later.

Sunday game: Some people asked that the start time for the Sunday game be changed back to the original noon time. A survey was taken of the bowlers who regularly come on Sundays and the majority voted to have the start time noon. So the board formally changed the time back to noon for Sunday games beginning on Sunday, September 15.

Bowling Tips: A brief reminder to everyone – this is a GAME. As such, we all want to come to the club and have a pleasant experience playing our wonderful sport in our beautiful location. There should NEVER be any complaining about the draw as it is the same for everyone and you may get a great team one day but a not-so-great team another day. Also there should NEVER be any bad-mouthing or complaints about team members. We all know that people are doing their best and nobody bowls perfectly every time. So let’s just have a good time, smile and congratulate fellow bowlers on a good shot and bask in our wonderful climate!

The following piece was written by Daniel Hedrick for our President and First Lady who are away on a cruise:

As the dog days of August reigned over SBLC, wringing the vital juices from all but heartiest of bowlers, the wee Scot and I hightailed it up to Seattle. We're set to embark on an Alaska cruise with a purportedly avid lawn bowler at the helm. I have serious doubts about this captain. He's dodgy about lawn bowling, and insisted that we leave our lawn bowls behind. He claims he can't lay a steady course through the inland passage and that our bowls would damage his shuffleboard court. Furthermore, the Skipper, as he likes to be called, clearly isn't an experienced sailor as he had to ask his crew to weigh the anchor. You'd have thought he'd know it's weight by now and have it jotted down somewhere on the poop deck. And what's that all about!? I'm beginning to wonder if I should've brought along Betty's brother, the smells-okay plumber instead of our pals, the O'Melendezs.

Anyhow, I want to thank all of you who came out for the SBLBC presidents' day. Although we again failed to establish gender supremacy on the green, we all exhibited mastery of table manners at our barbeque. Twas swell. It's nice to leave the club sated with tri-tip and in good hands. I trust you'll all slather on sunscreen and stay hydrated while Betty and I gawk at glaciers, eat fried halibut and chips, and chum for orcas. We'll reconnoiter with the club on September 13th when we gather at Cambria. In the meantime, keep on bowling!

Tony Cunningham

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