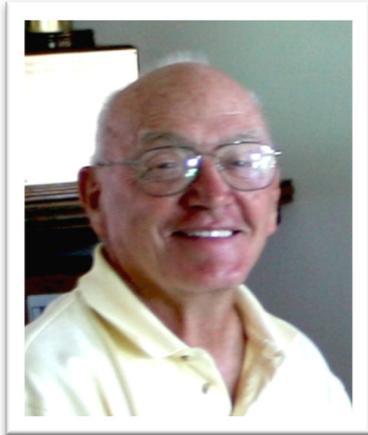


SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

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The rain that threatened us is gone. We are so lucky in a way because we can bowl almost every day of the year. When I talked to our snowbird visitors, they say they are lucky to get four out of five months of the year in which to bowl. Now they have gone home and we will miss them and look forward to seeing them next year.

The Special Olympics bocce players are back practicing at our greens on Saturdays and are doing well. We had to build more rinks for them because there are now 30 players. It's good to watch them enjoying their game as much as we enjoy ours.

Spring has brought out all the beautiful flowers. Our cactus garden is growing with blooms where you don't expect to see them. Be sure to stop and look when you walk by. Thank you Lee.

We will meet on the greens. Till then, have a good week.

Tony



TOURNAMENT NEWS:

Coming up is the Catherine Kraus Super Senior Pairs tournament. This is a popular tournament played by our "super" over 80 bowlers. It's a blind draw for partners and the pair will stay together for two days of play. Since many of our very best bowlers are in the "super" category, it should be a good competition. There will be two short games on Tuesday and again on Thursday, April 8 and 10. With our Tournament Director having just recently had surgery, Lucy Jackson will be handling those duties. Winners will have their names engraved on the permanent plaque in the clubhouse.

Club Pairs Championship:

The weekend of April 26 & 27 will be the Club Pairs Championship sponsored by John O'Dea. Pairs can be any combination of men and women. We will play two 12-end games a day so bring lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board soon. Find a partner and sign up for this one – it will surely be a good time and good bowling for all.

Coming in May will be the **Novice Singles**. All our great novices enjoyed the pairs so this will be your chance to try your hand at singles. It's a great game and hopefully all our novices will sign up to enjoy it.

SOUTHWEST OPEN:



Santa Barbara women did very well at the Southwest Open this year. It was held at the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club March 29 through April 3 and during this time, three tournaments were played. First we played rinks, which is four players on a team. Next we played singles for two more days and then last, pairs for two days. Quite a lot of bowling! Men and women play separately in these events.

Our Hildegard Kennedy won first place in the singles and in the process she beat some of the very best women in the Southwest Division. Congratulations to Hildegard for bowling a championship tournament! Diana Wilk placed third in the same contest and also did very well as there were 30 women in the tournament.

Also playing in their first big tournament were Hal and Dawn Salmon. Hal played pairs with Jim Morton and Dawn played in the rinks games with Hildegard Kennedy, Eileen Morton and Melanie Vizenor from San Diego. Chris Kennedy played pairs with Paul Gresbrink from Long Beach and Sam DeLisle and Hugh Finlay from MacKenzie Park were also in the pairs. Rob Humphrey, who visits us often, was also there.

Even though these big events are pretty tiring, it's just great to be there and play with so many good bowlers from all over the US.

Open House:

May 10 is our annual Open House. This is an event that happens over the whole Southwest Division and is designed to get our friends and neighbors down to the club to try our wonderful sport. This is our main recruiting effort for the year and we will need everyone's help to make it a success. Plans are underway and there will be more information soon about what needs to be done. Meanwhile, put May 10 on your calendar and plan to help out. Hopefully we will be getting quite a number of interested people coming to the green and we will need all our members out there showing them how the game goes and making them welcome.

Board Meeting Highlights:

Work on the kitchen still continues. Tony has been so busy that this is still on the back burner until it can be scheduled but it's almost finished.

Plans are in the making for our annual Open House which happens on May 10 this year. Denise will be applying for a credit card reader that can be used with a cell phone so that people who are interested in joining the club at our special price can sign up on that day.

VISITATION:

Another event to look forward to in April is the visit to our club from the Oxnard LBC. In March we went to Oxnard to bowl and on Thursday, April 17, they will return the favor and come to us. Try to be at the club by 9:30 to greet our visitors, get all our arrangements of teams done so we can start bowling around 10:00 am. Wear whites and a club shirt if you have one. If you don't have a club shirt, Tony has a few more for sale.

After we bowl there will be a great lunch and everyone will be asked to bring a donation. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so be sure to watch for it.

Volunteers:

Several of our special volunteers are to be recognized by the Parks and Recreation for their work at our club, particularly the grounds. Dale and Lucy Jackson, Carol Smith, Lee Schmedes and Jess Jessum have all been invited to City Hall on April 23 to be recognized for their hard work. All club members are encouraged to attend the ceremony in their whites and club shirts. More details will be posted when available but plan on being there to honor our volunteers.

Here's some more puns for you to enjoy.

1. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.

2. Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.

3. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

4. The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

5. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

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