

# SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

## ON THE JACK

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DECEMBER, 2014



The month of December began with our annual general meeting at the Davis Center on December second.

Because of our very-much-needed rain, many of our members stayed home. However, we had a quorum – that is, around 25 to 30 people, so the meeting was held. Our President, Tony Cunningham, had a lot to do and a lot to say so I decided he needed a break from writing stuff for the newsletter too. So I got You-Know-Who (pictured above) to pass on the December message and here it is:

From the Board of Directors and the Officers of Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club

*May you have a very  
happy Christmas and  
Merry New Year.  
Also, good bowling!*

### **ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

Our Treasurer, **Russ Morgan**, was unable to make it to the club due to the rain but he did report via cell phone which was put on speaker. He reported that our membership is holding steady at around 100 people and that our finances are in good shape with a net worth around \$200,000. The special events which are handled by Bud Viard have brought in \$1,660 this year in extra money and the flower fund another \$600.

**Ken Gould** reported on the investments which he is handling and these have yielded a nice return.

**Carol Smith** gave a brief memorial for the three bowlers we have lost this year, namely Emily Aasted, Stan Palmer and Connie Steketee. Each contributed much to our club and will be missed.

**Bud Viard**, noted a steady stream of birthday parties, club functions and other events held at our club all of which bring a small income and also expose more people to our sport. He thanked those who continue to volunteer to help at these events.

**Lynn Abbott Award Committee** this year presented the Volunteer of the Year award to our long-time treasurer, Russ Morgan.

Our new board members were seated. They are Sharron Adams, three years,

Mary Penny and Joyce Greene, one year.

**President Tony** thanked everyone who volunteers on a regular basis. He also said that next year we will possibly tackle the difficult job of repairing our artificial green. That will entail rolling back the carpet and leveling the ground.

### ***TOURNAMENT NEWS:***

Saturday, November 8, was the day of our **Veterans' Day Tournament** and Barbecue. This was started by our own Lee Schmedes and his son Fred some years ago and has become a yearly event with a beautiful plaque bearing the winners' names. For 2014 we will add the names of Arnon Blau, Roger Sullivan and Victoria Lopez.



The tournament consisted of two short games and was followed by a great barbecue including tri-tip, sausage, salads, desserts and much more. A really good group attended and a wonderful time was had by all. Good fun, good fellowship, good bowling – what more could you ask for?

On the final weekend of November, we began the **Club Mixed Singles**

**Championship.** This is a single elimination tournament – that is, if you lose a game you are out. Games are played to 16 points. We began with fourteen bowlers and at the finish of the first game were left with seven. That number meant one person had a bye. On Sunday we were all prepared to play two more games and finish the tournament but instead, we got some rain and play had to be postponed. There are now just four people left and you will see us out there as soon as the weather clears again. They are Roger Sullivan, Tony Cunningham, Diana Wilk and Eileen Morton.

### ***TEACHING CLINICS:***

The two teaching clinics were held as scheduled on November 22 and 23 and they were a great success. On the Saturday, around 15 people attended the Australian Method of Teaching clinic held at MacKenzie Park. Kottia Spangler, a certified coach, drove up from her home in Riverside to present these to us. The clinics were initiated and organized by Patricia Gonzales who is president of the Women's Southwest Division. Kottia and others have been presenting the clinics all over the Southwest Division and it seemed important that we be included in the schedule.

On Sunday, around 30 people showed up for the Skip Clinic at our club. Kottia began with a talk about the duties and responsibilities of the skip and she presented much important and interesting information. We then moved out onto the green and set up heads to discuss and work out the best shot for the skip to try. I think most people felt the clinics were very helpful.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

**Saturday, December 20.**

Christmas will be upon us before we know it! This year we will be holding our annual Christmas potluck on a Saturday so we can include as many of our members as possible. So don't miss out – sign up on the bulletin board to bring a potluck dish or contribute money. The club will provide the ham and more and we are asking everyone to bring the rest of the dinner. Of course there will be bowling before dinner so show up at the usual time and we will eat after the game.

## **DUES:**

Our dues are payable by the end of NOVEMBER, which you may notice has passed. So if you haven't paid your dues yet, please see Russ or give a check to anyone on the board to give to Russ. Dues this year have been lowered again and will now be only \$120 for the year. So a real bargain.

Also, please remember to add \$20 and specify that you wish to be a member of Bowls USA, the national organization that represents the USA in the World Bowls organization. It's also a bargain! Bowls USA also sponsors two of the most prestigious tournaments we have, the U.S. Open and the National Championships. They are also involved in marketing our great sport and trying to keep it alive in the U.S.

## **DIRECTORY:**

Soon we will be starting work on our 2015 club directory. If you have any changes you need to make, your address, phone or email address, please let Eileen know right away.

## **ETIQUETTE:**

I found some rules of etiquette which seem to be worth repeating. I will note only a few because I probably have mentioned most of them before. The list is headed by the following paragraph:

*Etiquette is a combination of manners, sportsmanship, and sociability. The "rules" of etiquette in the past were referred to as the "unwritten Laws of the Game". Observance of these cannons both sustain and promote Bowls' outstanding reputation for friendly, enjoyable, and good spirited competition.*

1. Stand well behind the mat when someone is bowling – be quiet and keep still.
2. If you are at the head when a player is about to bowl – be quiet and keep still.
3. Walk close to the center of the rink when changing ends – not the edges, and do not walk to the other end of the rink until all players are ready to move.
4. Keep track of play and always be ready when it becomes your turn.
5. All players except the lead who will deliver the jack should assist by kicking in the bowls.
6. Always give your skip time to re-evaluate the head and perhaps signal you a change of hand or request a specific shot.
7. Don't applaud your poor bowls with lucky results – accept them graciously.
8. Likewise, don't complain about your opponent's lucky but undeserved results – they'll equal out in time and luck is part of the game.



***A HAPPY GROUP ON VETERANS' DAY***

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