

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB ON THE JACK

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The club is in good shape for this time of year but there is one subject that needs your attention. I would like to remind

members about the parking permits. If you are a full time member you must pay the yearly fee to get the sticker for your car. The permits that are given out when visitors come are just for one day, so please obey the rules of the club. If you have to use the visitor's permit because your car is in the shop, then you sign in at the club house and take the permit, which must be returned the same day. Write down the number that is on the permit and your phone number. Last year the passes dwindled to nothing because people just kept them in their cars.

We will have our first fun day of the year, Valentine's day, which will be on the 13th of February. Wear red and white.

Tony

WINTER LEAGUE: Our Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club made a good showing in the Winter League this year. Each year the league is bowled at MacKenzie Park and consists of round

robin play. Since there are usually 12 or 14 teams participating, the league takes around six weeks, played on Saturdays, two games each meet, to complete. The competition is very good with teams from Oxnard as well as the two SB clubs. Our ex Pres, Bud Viard, and his partner Barry Pickup, won first place!



CONGRATULATIONS TO BUD & BARRY.

Next in line, with a second place win, were Patricia Cronshaw (a past SBLBC member) with her partner John Trindade who is a brand new bowler.



Then in third and fourth places more SBLBC members: Jim & Eileen Morton and Hal and Dawn Salmon.



GOOD BOWLING EVERYONE.

SOUTHWEST WOMEN'S DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING:

As representatives from SBLBC, Eileen Morton and Hildegard Kennedy attended the annual meeting of the Southwest Division at the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club on January 11. The women had much to discuss and the following is a brief rundown of the highlights.

A new president, Patricia Gonzales, was installed. She noted that she hopes in her year ahead to seek a balance between club and tournament bowlers. She announced that she will be spearheading a series of clinics to be given at any club who wants one. She has several clinics to present and an experienced staff of bowlers to help her.

There was considerable discussion about the 5-Star Tournament and the constitution of teams. In the past the tournament has been played by five women who were selected and presented by their club. Since some clubs do not have five women willing to play in tournaments, it will be allowed for them to recruit members from other clubs to fill in. Larger clubs will be limited to one team entry.

Heather Stewart announced that she and Mert Isaacman are working on a system of points which may be accumulated by everyone who participates in tournaments. At the end of the year, the bowlers with the most points will be eligible for money prizes. The system is worked out to be fair for everyone and does not favor the champions.

Delegates were encouraged to identify people in their clubs who might be interested in becoming umpires. The goal is to have one man and one woman in each club.

It was announced that Bowls USA will be sending out a newsletter by email. This will be edited by Cheri Cabot of the Santa Anita Club. She requests all the clubs to send in their news and pictures. Also, a video of the US Open finals has been produced and is now available on the website.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Tony announced that the new wiring in the kitchen has been completed. He and Roger Sullivan will now finish the kitchen work by staining the cabinets and painting the walls.

The city has been contacted regarding the unsafe cracks in the cement by the lanai. Tony was told that the city plans to re-surface the parking lot and hopefully, will also fix the cracks in our cement.

Bocce practice by the Special Olympics players will resume February 22. The boards for their courts will be painted.

The loss of our one-day visitor parking permits was discussed. We will ask the people who work the game board to please make sure whoever takes a permit signs the register and leaves a phone number. Tony plans to make a box to be attached to the fence so visitors can return the permits without walking to the clubhouse.

Bud announced that he has three groups coming to use our facility and try out lawn bowling. On Wednesday, February 12 there will be six people coming for a meeting and bowls.

On Saturday, February 22, Victoria Lopez has planned a birthday party with friends.

And on Saturday, March 22, a company anniversary will include anywhere from 20 to 50 people.

Bud will need help with some of these and will be putting up sign-up sheets for this purpose.

Eileen told the board about the bowling clinics which will be presented by the Southwest Women's Division. The board gave permission for Eileen to work on this with Head Coach Pat Gonzales and schedule a clinic for our club.

Tony will buy a space heater for our very cold clubhouse.

NEW MEMBERS THANKS

Bruce Walter, a new SBLBC member and a novice bowler, assumed the responsibility of updating and maintaining our club website in January. Bruce is showing great devotion to the task. Lucy

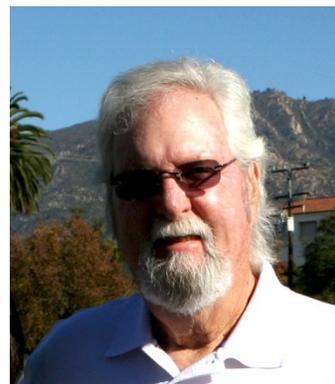


Jackson, who developed and operated the site since 2007, is impressed with Bruce's web skills, knowledge of our site, and quick response to updating needs.



Diana Wilk, former greenskeeper and bowling instructor at Mackenzie has assumed the task of producing the name tag disks for our tag

board she received the rating committee's assignment sheet, and in a few days, had them hung on our tag board. Thank you, Diana. GREAT JOB!



Roger Sullivan, a career painter, has volunteered to help paint our kitchen. Roger joined SBLBC during Twilight bowling last

year and has joined SBLBC for the 2014 full year.

THANK YOU Bruce, Diana, and Roger for volunteering and undertaking these responsibilities. You are helping to make SBLBC a great club and a great place to lawn bowl!

And thanks to Lucy Jackson for the above info and pictures – Ed.

BOWLING TIPS:

Last week when I was putting the scoreboards away, I noticed that the poker chips used for ID were still in the slots. Please everyone, remember to take these back to the game board and do not put the scoreboards away until the chips are removed and returned. It's not great that we make the nice people who volunteer to set up the games go hunting for them! The vices should be responsible for returning the chips to the game board.

Many times the blind draw requires that someone play in a pairs game who is actually a lead. When this happens, you will need to be prepared to play both lead and vice; that is, set the jack like a lead and also determine the score like a vice and help out your teammate if requested. When you are standing in the head, please position yourself about six feet behind the jack and one pace on either side. If you stand way out to the side you will be blocking your partner's view of his aiming line. Also, please try to be aware of who has the point and where it is so you can tell your skip if the head changes. Everyone should carry a measuring tape and chalk when playing lead/vice.

VALENTINE'S DAY:

This year Valentine's Day falls on a Friday so we will celebrate on Thursday, February 13. So haul out your red shirts, red pants or red hats and come on down to enjoy some games with prizes and a regular bowling game as well. I'm sure Tony and Betty have some fun in mind for a special day.



Here's some puns for you.....

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway).

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

TOURNAMENT:

Our first tournament of the year is about to happen. On February 8, the Novice Pairs Championship will be played. So far there are four teams of novices signed up and this will result in a round-robin, which means that each team will play every other team- or three games. If more teams sign up then the format may change. In any case, the tournament will take place on a Saturday and finish in one day. So if you are a novice (playing for less than

two years), get a partner and sign up right away. Lucy has posted a list of all the eligible novices on the bulletin board. Gloria Torres, Tournament Director, and Lucy Jackson, will be

available to help with measuring, answer questions or anything else players might need. Don't forget to bring some lunch and wear whites. Whites are traditional tournament wear in lawn bowling.

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