

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

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SBLBC – five letters that mean a lot to our members! For almost 77 years we have been here and we hope we will

be here for a long time to come. It's a happy little spot which gives pleasure to all our bowlers. It started with just a handful of men and grew to over 260 members; so large, that it had to be split and that is how MacKenzie came to be. So we have two lawn bowling clubs in Santa Barbara. Quite a few of the members belong to both clubs and play almost every day. That's what you call dedication!

What do we want from our club in the future? We wish our members health and happiness and miss the dear friends who are no longer with us. We are doing a good job of keeping everyone satisfied. If there are any ideas that you think would be good for the club members, please speak to a board member or put a suggestion in the box that's in the clubhouse.

See you on the green and here's wishing everyone ...

Happy New Year

Tony

OUR WINTER BOWLING GREEN

I'm sure everyone has noticed that our bowling green is now in "winter mode" – that is, no grass is growing and it won't until spring. So we need to take care of what we have and make it last until the growing season. There are several spots along the edges of the green where the grass is worn down. Please try not to walk or stand on those spots. Also, if you are playing on that rink, move the mat and bowls out so as to avoid the bare spots. All these things will help keep our wonderful bowling green in good shape for a few more months until spring.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Very soon our secretary Daniel will be preparing a new membership directory for 2014. If you have any changes from last year – new address or phone, new email address – please let him know. Daniel plans to put the old directory on the bulletin board and request that everyone check their information and correct it if necessary. Don't forget to take care of this important item. It will make Daniel's job that much easier.



PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits for 2014 can now be purchased at the Davis Center. You will need an application form signed by Tony to get this permit and they are located on the desk in the clubhouse. The permit is "only valid while engaged in recreational activities at Spencer Adams Park or the Louise Lowry Davis Center." The City has also given us some one-day parking permits to give to occasional visitors. These are not to be used as an alternative to buying a yearly permit. We are only allowed to give these out to people who are visiting for the day. If for some reason you have one of these one-day permits, please return it to the clubhouse as we only get a few each year to use. It should also be noted that on weekends, the lot that runs along the north side of the greens is free parking.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer report: Russ reported that our club will start the new year with 94 total members. Of these, 82 are bowlers, 3 are life members, 4 are heritage club members and 5 are associate members. This is very encouraging and we hope the club continues to grow and prosper.

Sunday games: There was discussion of the Sunday bowling time. It was decided that it is not acceptable to have two separate game times – one for blind draw and one for make-up games – running one hour apart. So beginning this coming Sunday, January 12 the blind draw game will begin at 1:00 p.m. If anyone wishes to form their own make-up game it will begin only after the conclusion of the blind draw game. This

will allow everyone who wants it the opportunity to play two games on Sunday. It will also help our new members to become acquainted with the people who have been playing here for some time and become part of the club.

Kitchen upgrade: Roger Sullivan has volunteered to help out with the job of getting the kitchen painted. This is the final work that needs to be done on the upgrade which began some time ago and included a new sink and faucet, new counter tops, new curtains enclosing the shelves under the serving counter, a cabinet enclosing the water heater and new cabinets over the refrigerator. I'm sure everyone has been enjoying the slightly more modern and updated kitchen. We look forward to the final step!

Plinth boards: And more upgrading! Dale Jackson spent many hours working with and overseeing the men who replaced our plinth boards. I'm sure you have noticed they are new and no longer the rotting boards which have been there for many a year. It was also suggested that we might bring in some new sand for the ditches and apply a new top coat to freshen up the sand which is getting pretty old and dirty.

Club membership badges: Tim Thornton will be ordering club ID badges for all our new members. So if you have lost or broken your badge and would like a new one, now is the time to talk to Tim and order another.

Schedule for tournaments and visits: Gloria presented the schedule for tournaments and visitations which was worked out by the "Tournaments and

Visitations Committee” consisting of Lucy Jackson, Gloria Torres and Janet Napier. They have planned a full schedule for next year and included as many tournaments as possible on the weekends to accommodate our working members. The first tournament is not scheduled until March 1, a Saturday, and that will be a Veteran-Novice Pairs. So novices, get in some practice during January and February because we would like to see you all sign up for this. Gloria will be posting the schedule for everyone to see very soon.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

By Jane Streiff

As refreshment chairman, I would like to invite all new members to join us in the weekday noontime refreshments and social time. Whether you join us after the morning bowling or before the afternoon bowling, we would like to have you join us.

Club members rotate on providing refreshments for all of us to enjoy approximately every 10 weeks. The schedule for refreshments is posted on the bulletin board in front of the ladies locker room, on the lockers in the men's locker room, and on the back of the door to the kitchen. We like to try to keep it as simple as possible. It isn't intended to be "lunch" only a snack.

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JOE STREIFF

Since joining SBLBC in 2000, Joe has become an excellent lawn bowler. In 2001 and 2010, he won the Club Championship Triples; 2010 the Veteran-Novice Pairs; and the Club Mixed Singles Championship in 2012. Joe served on the Board of Directors in 2012 and 2013.

Joe was raised on a dairy farm in Wasco, CA. He attended St. John's Elementary School and Wasco High School where he played football and basketball until his graduation in 1948. After high school, Joe worked on the dairy farm for about a year until he was stricken with a severe case of rheumatic fever that hospitalized and disabled him for a year. Since the doctor told him that the climate on the farm would not be good for his health he then accepted a job as an apprentice printer with the Wasco News. He worked his way up to journeyman and continued for 12 years. Joe married his first wife, Betty, in 1952. They had a daughter, Charlotte, who lives in Santa Barbara during the week and on her and Larry's ranch in Springville on the weekend. You may have met Charlotte as she is Charlotte

Sell and works for Dr. Katsev at Sansum clinic. He also has a son, Eric, who lives in Nipomo with his wife Kim and Joe's grandson Chase. Joe moved to Santa Barbara in 1962 and continued in the printing business as pressman with Channel Litho. Joe and Betty divorced in 1967.

In 1978, Joe went to work in the print shop at Santa Barbara Community College where he printed the school newspaper and other printing for the college's administration. He retired from SBCC in 1995.

Joe and Jane were married in 1974. Joe was also a full-time house "fixer-

upper." He and Jane moved from house to house in Santa Barbara as they bought, fixed up, and sold many homes. At one time they owned 10 units in Isla Vista, plus houses and a duplex on the Mesa. They also continue to manage several rental properties.

Joe gave up golf when Jo Millett talked him into learning lawn bowling. He did and we won. Joe has become an avid bowler and is a great addition to our glorious group.

John Mulholland nick named him "Smokum Joe".

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