

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

MARCH, 2014

HELLO, EVERYONE,



Just as we think we have everything worked out for our first season of bowling, mother nature comes along - but I'm not com-

plaining about the rain, which we needed. We had to change the Vet-novice tournament from March 1st to March 8th. Some players could not make it for the 8th, so that changed some teams, but that worked out OK.

Our next fun day will be on March the 18th celebrating St. Patrick's Day. As the 17th falls on a Monday, we moved it to the Tuesday. The Irish like to keep the party going, so come and have fun playing the Spider, and nearest the Ditch game. Don't forget to wear the green.

See you on the green

Tony



TOURNAMENT NEWS: Novice Pairs Tournament by Lucy Jackson



Four teams bowled three 10-end games in the 2014 Novice Pairs Tournament on Saturday, February 8th. Denise Foxwell and Jim Collins (who finished his basic lessons in time for the competition) were the champions with two wins and a tie for 5 game points. Runners-up were Bruce Walter and Victoria Lopez with two wins for 4 game points. Mark Purcell and Jerry Steinfink placed third with one win and one tie for 3 game points.

Bruce and Victoria had scored 20 points in each of their first two games and were leading the tournament; but the contest came to an exciting climax when Denise's last bowl nudged into the head to earn 3 points against Bruce and Victoria! Denise and Jim were one point behind going into the last end, but Denise managed to win the game and the title with that last bowl!

SBLBC has a great group of novices who demonstrated their greatness in this tournament.

Veteran-Novice Tournament

The Vet-Novice Tournament was scheduled for March 1 but had to be postponed due to our much needed rain. The tournament will now be played on Saturday, March 8. There are five teams currently signed up and another is urgently needed to make it even. Five teams will require a bye. So if you are able to join the fun on March 8, please let Gloria or Lucy know and don't miss this one.

Coming in April: Super Seniors

Tuesday and Thursday, April 8 and 10, we will be presenting the Catherine Kraus Super Seniors Pairs tournament. This is a blind draw tournament – that means we will draw for partners as we do in a regular game and they will stay together for both days. The tournament will consist of four 8-end games, two each day. Currently Super Seniors are defined as anyone 80 years old or more. There was some discussion at the board meeting about changing this designation to 75 so look for the sign-up sheet to find out if you're eligible or not.

Club Pairs Championship

Also in April – on Saturday and Sunday, 26 and 27, the Club Pairs Championship will be played. This will consist of four 12-end games – again two each day. We should get a good turnout out for this one so find a partner and put it on your calendar.

VISITATIONS:

Visitation to Oxnard by Janet Napier

Our first visitation of the year is scheduled for **Friday, March 14, 2014**, to Oxnard. The Oxnard club members are very welcoming and we always have a great time and a delicious lunch there. The sign-up is on the notice board. Please indicate if you are willing to drive or if you would like to drive with someone else. We have been asked to arrive between 9:00 AM and 9:30 AM for refreshments. Games will begin at 10:00 AM. Drivers should plan to leave Santa Barbara at around 8:15 AM. Janet Napier, Visitations Director, and Vice-President, Gloria Torres, will prearrange teams.

If you've never been on a visitation before, here's a great opportunity. Join us and try it out. Beginners are welcome. If you're an old hand, we need your skills and expertise for a good competition. Hope to see lots of your names on the notice board.

COMING EVENTS:



St Patrick's Day is coming and this is especially notable because we have a Grand Irish President.

This year we will celebrate on Tuesday, March 18 as Tony mentioned in his note.

On that day be sure to wear your best greens and plan to win the spider or some other game before our usual blind draw bowls.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Treasurer: Russ noted that our membership is improving with 102 members this year, more than were projected.

President's report: Tony gave an update on the kitchen work. It is getting close to finished but the board agreed that two more cabinets need to be installed – over the stove and in the corner. Then the final touches can be put on the painting. First Lady Betty has made a beautiful valance over the windows and this greatly enhanced the look of the kitchen. Many thanks to Tony and to Roger for their painting work and to Betty for her sewing expertise.

Tony also announced that the ramp leading into the club has been secured by the city but the uneven concrete by the lanai is still a problem. He will be pursuing this with city personnel.

Once again the parking permit problem was discussed. We are allowed only a limited number of these one-day passes and they are to be strictly used for visitors. A club member who for one day only is using a different car may also use one. However, a club member who bowls on a regular basis is not allowed to use these permits. We ask that all members abide by these rules.

Tournament and Visitation

Committee report: It was noted that there are quite a number of events scheduled for the coming year and perhaps too many. There was some discussion about this and it was decided to go ahead with the schedule as planned for this year. At the end of the

year we will have a more clear picture of how many people signed up for the tournaments and whether they should all be presented again next year.

Janet, as Visitation Chair, announced the visit to Oxnard for March 14. She also told the board that Bob Wolff, who is Visitation Chair at MacKenzie Park, has contacted the Airbus Company and found out that we can hire a bus for our combined trip to Holmby Park on October 25. This would require \$200 from each club and a \$15 fee from each rider. Also we will need to get 47 people between the two clubs to make up the cost. The board decided to go ahead with this plan and Bob and Janet will continue to pursue it with the Airbus.

Special Events: Bud has had two events recently and these were both successful with lots of happy people using our greens for the afternoon. Unfortunately, so far none of these people has actually returned to learn to bowl. Bud has another event scheduled for Saturday, March 8, and would like volunteers to help. Let him know if you are available on this date.

More puns – just for fun!

In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it off

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist you get repossessed.

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