

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

MAY, 2014



OPEN HOUSE:

As you all know, this Saturday, May 10, is our annual Open House. This is the one time of the year we get to show off our club to the general public. For this effort, we need everyone to lend a hand to make this a success. We need greeters, instructors and bowlers to demonstrate how the game is played. So if you can help out, please be at the club, in your blue club shirt, between 9 and 9:30 on Saturday morning to help set up and decorate the club for our guests.

TWILIGHT BOWLING:

Beginning on Thursday, May 8, Bud Viard will once again be organizing "twilight bowls" starting at 5:30 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Come out and give it a try! Bud asks that you let him know if you are coming to the first one because he has a "banquet" planned. So give him a call or email. The twilight bowling is very relaxed and fun and generally includes a brief stop for something to eat.

TOURNAMENT NEWS:



The club had a good turnout for our **Super Senior Pairs** tournament. This was played on April 8 and 10 and included all the folks in this picture except for Janet Napier who was the tournament director. Teams were a blind draw for partners and two games were played each day. The final winners were Joe Streiff and Rich Glenn



Dale Jackson and Betty Woodworth were in second place and Arnon Blau and Jim Collins in third. Congratulations to all you "Super Seniors". Keep up the good bowling!

Next up was the club **Pairs Championship**. This was played on the weekend on April 26 and 27 and was not so well attended having only four teams.

Nevertheless, everyone had a good time and some very good bowling. They played a round robin and our newer members, Hal and Dawn Salmon, prevailed with Arnon Blau and Dale Goodmanson finishing in second place. John O'Dea was sponsor for this tournament. Way to go Salmons!



On the weekend of May 16 and 17 there will be a **Novice Singles** tournament. Singles is a great game – you get four bowls and don't have to worry about "letting the team down". So novices, give it a try. The format will be single elimination; that means if you lose a game you are out of the tournament. Games are played to 14 points; the first player who gets to 14 wins. The final game will be to 16 points. There will be "markers" to set the jack for you and give information when requested. The last player standing will have his/her name on the trophy. Don't forget to bring some lunch and wear whites. It's a TOURNAMENT! It's traditional to wear whites for a tournament, however, lately they are trying to include more color into the game. So if you want to wear a colored "team" shirt, that's good too.

Be sure to sign up for the **British Cup Australian Mixed Pairs** tournament which will be played on Memorial Day, May 26. Jo Millett is the sponsor and she will provide us with a wine and cheese get-together after we finish playing. This will be a mixed pairs (one man, one woman) Australian format. There will be four 8-end games, ties stand, total entries limited to 16 teams. Members of MacKenzie Park, Oxnard and Santa Barbara are eligible for this one so find a partner and get a place.

The next will be the **Super Senior Singles** on June 3 and 5. Let's get all those active seniors out again, this time to play singles. This will be single elimination. Games will be played to 14 points with the final to 16 points. Bring your lunch and don't forget to wear whites.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER:



Brian O'Dea

This month we were lucky to get three new members. This is the first of three brief bio's to introduce them to the club.

Brian was born and grew up in Santa Barbara. He attended Santa Barbara High School and graduated in 1978 after which he went to Fresno State and earned a BS in Criminology. He then began work as a Park Ranger at Yellowstone National Park and

remained in that job for 13 years. His next position, and one he held for another 17 years, was Special Agent for the Federal Government. This required him to investigate crimes in the parks and also to accompany VIP's who visited. He met five of our presidents and went fishing with Jimmy Carter! Brian was married and had two daughters, now 23 and 25 years old, but is currently divorced. He spends his summers in Buffalo, Wyoming and his winters in Santa Barbara visiting with his dad, John. He is currently working on a Master's degree in psychology and possibly will be working in the future with people who suffer from post traumatic stress.

Brian, son of long-time member John O'Dea has made a great start at bowling. He took to our sport right away and will be a valuable new member. We welcome Brian and look forward to bowling with him.

Next newsletter we will feature Brian's sister Marian who also joined the club.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Our Treasurer, Russ Morgan, assured us that even though our dues are low, we have enough money to cover the costs of running our club. The dues are supplemented by club rentals and income from investments.

There was considerable discussion about our greens and our valuable greens-keeper, Dale Jackson. He works very hard and the board would like to see him pass more of the work on to our greens contractor, Valens Landscaping. Dale will be asked to attend the June board meeting so we can discuss this.

Open House will be this coming Saturday, May 10. There are plans to provide lunch for everyone who volunteers to help out on that day. Denise has worked it out so that we will be able to accept credit cards to pay for membership. A reduced price of \$50 for the remainder of 2014 will be offered for anyone who wants to join on that day. This reduced price will apply to only first-time, new members and not to bowlers who are members elsewhere or who just have not joined yet this year.

Our Bocce Blaster friends, the Special Olympics group who practice at our greens, now have enough members that they require three bocce courts. They will be practicing on Saturday so a sign will be displayed so that our visitors don't think bocce is part of our membership.

The visit to City Hall and presentation of awards to distinguished volunteers was a great success. Our club was promoted and the event was televised on local tv and internet. It can be seen at the city website.

Jason, our city liaison, did a survey of our water use, checking the restrooms, water fountains, kitchen and hose bibs. The city may be installing water-saving devices in the near future due to the stage 2 drought.

Lawn Bowler's Jargon

Bias doesn't mean prejudice.

Draw of the green doesn't mean a map of Ireland.

A shot bowl doesn't mean your cereal dish is broken.

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