

# SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

## ON THE JACK

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This month I have been thinking that perhaps we should replace our old, worn out umbrellas. Right now, with the

summer heat still on us, we need them very much and they are a chore to bring out and set up. So perhaps we will think about building or buying storage places which are more accessible to the greens. This is something that will be discussed at the board meeting. If anyone has suggestions, please let me know. Meanwhile, drink lots of water and as always, GOOD BOWLING.

*Tony*

**AUGUST PARTIES:** In August, we had a couple of great parties as well as a fun visitation from the Holmby Park club. August 2 was our Fiesta bash which was lots of fun. We played a short tournament and then indulged in margaritas and Mexican food, courtesy of Stephanie Viard and her helpers. Everything was great!

Club Presidents' Day was also a good time. We played a Men vs. Women short tournament which was won by the men (ho hum). Our current president,

Tony Cunningham, introduced past presidents and a few of them had remarks, and jokes (thanks Lee) as well as great memories (thanks Carol). We then enjoyed a catered barbecue lunch with all the extras such as beans and salad and some truly awesome desserts. Below is the collage made by Lucy Jackson. With Lucy in Hawaii, I was unable to secure individual pictures for the newsletter, so bear with me.



President Tony and Betty Cunningham hosted the 2014 Club Presidents Day Barbecue honoring our past presidents. Bud and Stephanie Viard directed the Lynn Abbott Men vs. Women games won by the men (3-1-1) on Saturday, August 16, 2014. We were fortunate to have nine of our past-presidents with us: Carol Smith (1995, 1996); John O'Dea (1997, 1998); Jim Stahl (2000-2001); Dorothy Thielges (2004, 2005, 2008); Lee Schmedes (2006, 2007); Eileen Morton (2009); Bud Viard (201, 2011); Tim Thornton (2012); Tony Cunningham (2013). City Councilman Greg Hart "rolled-a-few" after being instructed by club member Grant Gibson. Greg said he enjoyed the opportunity and said, "If the club needs city assistance, let him know."

Our visit from Holmby Park saw about 35 – 40 bowlers joining us for a really good game. Some had to play on the carpet and I'm sure this was an interesting experience for them. We were also joined by a number of people

from MacKenzie Park. A great lunch and a second game and in all a really nice day.

### ***BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:***

The problem of the carpet replacement/repair was put on hold for the time being. It was felt that our carpet, bumps and all, will suffice for a few more years. However, we will try to do something about the sand which has accumulated on the surface. A heavy-duty vacuum was suggested. Denise volunteered to look into the advisability and cost of renting a vacuum or buying one. This will be discussed again after we have further information.

The Cambria visitation will be on September 12, a Friday. There is a coupon for a special deal at the Cambria Pines Lodge which can be found in the September edition of the *Independent*. The coupon entitles you to a special deal for a night at the lodge, including a very good dinner and bottle of wine. This is always lots of fun – going up the day before, walking around town looking at the lovely little shops, walking on the beach, and bowling with the Cambria club. So don't miss it if you can help it. Also, before you make a reservation, talk to Tony about what time to schedule your dinner so we can all eat together.

Now that Pearl and John are no longer opening the club on Sundays, it's necessary to work out an alternate plan. In order to do this, the board is requesting that you let Denise know if you have a key to the club doors. Denise will make a list of everyone with keys available. The people who regularly play on Sundays should be able to take turns opening the club for everyone.

New umbrellas were discussed and also ways to store them that would be more accessible to the upper green. Tony plans to research the storage sheds available with the idea of perhaps installing one by the succulent garden. It was also suggested that perhaps it would be more convenient if the umbrellas were stored flat instead of upright. All these ideas will be checked into and brought up again next month.

### ***COMING EVENTS:***

#### September:

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> – Spencer Adams Triples  
Blind draw for partners. Sign up will be posted soon with game details.

#### October:

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> – Club Singles Championship.

Bud Viard runs this tournament. Unless there are changes, it will be single elimination, two games a day.

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> – SBLBC Triples Championship.

Start now to get a team together and plan to play in this championship tournament.

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> – Visitation to Holmby Park by SB and MP.

This will be a bus trip and will cost only \$15. We will need some 40 people to make the trip feasible. For this reason we will combine with MacKenzie Park. Plan now to sign up for this visit to a very beautiful club.

*Note from the editor:* Sorry about the very brief newsletter this month. I'll make an effort to get back on track for October! Meanwhile, if anyone has any suggestions at all as to content, please contact me.