

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

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Our open house will be on the 9th of May and we need everyone to help with the clean-up day on Wednesday, April 22. Bring your buckets, scrub brushes, and rags and give a hand to make our club shine. There are many jobs that need doing around our campus to spruce it up for our visitors – and we hope to have a lot of visitors on that day. Our Open House Committee is working hard to promote the open house this year. So come on down on April 22 around 10 a.m. and put in a little clean-up time. You can choose your own job and lunch will be your reward. See you there!

Tony

TOURNAMENT NEWS:

The **Novice Pairs** Tournament on Saturday, March 21, at SBLBC might have been short on participating teams, but it was certainly long in talent. Bruce Walters, Diana Kruse, Jim Collins and Scott Coons battled it out with outstanding playing. The games didn't look novice at all.

After a 5-to-5 score at the fifth end of the first game, Jim and Scott pulled ahead for a win. The second game was a bit of a cliffhanger towards the last few ends. But, once more, Jim and Scott found the jack and became the winners of the 2015 Novice Pairs Tournament winning two games out of a possible three.



Lucy Jackson took photos and Gloria Torres and Sharron Adams ran the tournament. Tim Thornton ensures the trophy has the engraved names of the winners. *(Thanks to Sharron for this article and for running the tournament – her first as Tournament Director).*

Coming up next, we will play the **Club Pairs Championship** on Saturday April 18. For this one you need to find a partner and get signed up. The details of the format will be posted along with the sign-up sheet so look for that. The pairs can be any combination, meaning two men, two women or mixed pair. Our Tournament Director, President Tony, will be looking for people willing to help run this. If you would like to help out, please let him know.

On Tuesday and Thursday, April 28 and 30, we will be playing the popular **Super Senior Pairs** tournament. This is always much fun, is a blind draw for partners who

stay together for the two days, and usually draws a full field of contenders. The only requirement is that bowlers are 80 years old or as we like to say “Super Seniors”. There will soon be a sign up sheet so be sure to get your name up.

And finally, the **Novice Singles** will be played on the weekend of May 2, 3. Let’s see a good group of novices turn out for this as it’s great practice and good competition. If you haven’t done a singles game, now is the time. You have only yourself to rely on and it will sharpen your skills and your concentration.

VISITATIONS:



On Friday, March 27, fifteen bowlers from our club enjoyed a visitation at MacKenzie Park. We played five games MP vs SB and SB won 3 and tied 1 – so a good result and good games. It was lots of fun to play with another club and enjoy their beautiful campus. MacKenzie served a really great lunch of sausages and salads and much, much more which was enjoyed by all. Happily our novice bowlers attended and I believe this was a first visitation for one or two of them. MacKenzie graciously made us welcome and we look forward to returning the favor very soon when they come to visit us at the “downtown club” on May 14.

Before that happens, we will be hosting the Holmby Park club on Saturday, April 11. Holmby usually brings a good sized group to visit so sign up to join in the fun. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. As usual there will be a great lunch provided and this time we will bring dishes to share.

“Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.” Ace Nordski

***“A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.”
Tex Guinan***

OPEN HOUSE – OPEN HOUSE – OPEN HOUSE – OPEN HOUSE

As Tony noted, our annual open house is coming Saturday, May 9, as usual the day before Mother's Day. This year we are going all out to try to attract people to our club to learn about our great sport and we will need plenty of volunteers from the club to help show them how. There will be more information during the month and it is hoped that many club members will come down to help make the open house a success. We will need to be down at the club by 9:30 on that day to set up, get out equipment etc. Please wear your blue club shirt if you have one and a name tag. Let's make this a great open house. It's our biggest try at bringing in much needed new members. After all, we can't let so many people go through life without knowing about our wonderful sport- right?



USA WOMEN WIN GOLD IN CHINA

Everyone is proud of our women's team USA who won gold medals in the China Open this year. From left to right they are Linda Roberts, Regina Banares, Candy DeFazio and Margaret Rambo. All except Reggie are from the Southwest Division. Reggie comes from Pacific Inter-Mountain Division which is the Bay area. She also has a home in Sun City, Arizona and has won many tournaments in both locations. Here they are posing in their beautiful new China Open shirts in Hong Kong.

VICTORIA LOPEZ BIO – by Alice Chaffee

Since she first tried out the sport in 2012, Victoria has quietly made her mark as an excellent lawn bowler. Her name has already been inscribed three times on plaques hanging on the clubhouse wall--she won the Lee and Fred Schmedes Veterans' Day Championship in 2013 with Eileen Morton and Gloria Torres, and won it again in 2014 with Arnon Blau and Roger Sullivan. Victoria also won the Veterans-Novice Pairs in 2014, with Tony Cunningham.

Victoria is a lifelong Santa Barbara resident. After graduating from Santa Barbara High School she attended the Snyder Business College. The typing speed and accuracy that she gained there led to a job at the *Santa Barbara News Press*, where she celebrated 42 years of continuous service last May. She has kept pace with the changing technology in newspaper production, moving from key punch to teletype to digital equipment. At present she designs newspaper advertisements on a



Mac computer for real estate firms and department stores, melding text and art work into the ads we see.

In 1980, Victoria married Robert Lopez. Together they raised three daughters, two of whom are married, and they now have four grandchildren, ages four, six, eight, and ten. She also remains close to her five brothers and sisters. Victoria and her sister Anna went for a walk one day in 2012 and passed by McKenzie Park. Observing the bowlers, they said to each other, "That looks like fun!" They tried it, and Victoria hasn't stopped bowling since, first at McKenzie and later at our club, which she joined in 2013.

"I love being outdoors on the grass and I enjoy the people and the social events so much," Victoria says, adding, "Everyone is so welcoming--it feels like family." Because of her work schedule she generally bowls only on weekends and at twilight, but when she has a Tuesday or Thursday off, she is likely to join us on the green. She loves to help with parties at the club. Victoria doesn't plan to retire anytime soon, but if and when she does, we can expect to see even more of that winning smile and wickedly accurate bowling.

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