

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

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Well here we are into February. Did you see your Shadow yet? OH! forgot - we are in sunny

California, our shadows

never go away. We have had to play on the carpet for most of January and I did not hear any complaints. Good on you! The grass is not doing so well just now but I'm sure it will come back soon. We are planning on setting a date for clean-up day and we hope everyone will muck in, so be ready to roll up your sleeves, when we ask.

Our first fun day and tournament are this month, Valentines' Day, Thursday the 12th (wear red) and have fun. The tournament is the Vet-Novice pairs. We have 8 or 9 Novices so we could have a full green if everyone signs up.

See you on the green.

Tony

CALENDER:

February 12, Valentine's Day Special Event – wear red and white.

February 21, Veteran-Novice Pairs

February 27, Visitation to Oxnard

March 17, St.Patrick's Day Event

TOURNAMENT NEWS:

Our first tournament of the year will be the Veteran/Novice Pairs played on Saturday, February 21. The format will be three 8-end games beginning at 10:00 a.m. So veterans – ask a novice to play with you, bring your lunch, wear whites or club shirts and come ready to enjoy the day. You will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with a list of eligible novices.

VISITATION:

Our first visitation of the year is scheduled for Friday, February 27, when we will travel to the Oxnard club. We especially encourage new bowlers to join in the visitations as it's a great way to get acquainted with our fellow bowlers at other clubs, experience playing on a different green and enjoy a wonderful lunch. Altogether a really nice day. This is NOT a tournament, but rather just a good day of social bowling. We will carpool down so please put your name on the sign-up sheet and indicate whether you will drive or need a ride.

VICE CLASS:

Also planned for February, Tuesday, 24, is a vice class which will begin right after lunch. The class is of course open to everyone – leads, vices and even skips if they would like a refresher course. The instruction committee plans to cover the duties of the vice position and will also work with some head strategy, hand signals and much more. Please be aware that leads who take the class will not necessarily be promoted to vice.

However, the instruction should help whenever you get in a pairs game in the blind draw. The class will be run by the instruction committee and will cover as much information as people want. Look for the sign-up sheet, coming soon.

DIRECTORY AND NAME TAGS:

Thanks to Diana Wilk, we now have new, clean name tags on the board. Diana volunteered to take on this job for us and we appreciate her help.

Also available is the 2015 Membership Directory and you will find it in the clubhouse. Please take one. Unfortunately, after it was printed I discovered a few mistakes so below you will find corrections which you can insert into your own copy of the directory. Sorry about the mistakes!

Dick Cofiell, new email:
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Chris & Hildegard Kennedy both now use gmail.com instead of yahoo.com.

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SOUTHWEST DIVISION GENERAL MEETING:

I attended the SW Women's meeting on January 17 in Santa Anita. Unfortunately we have no representation to the Men's division.

The tournament schedule was approved for 2015. Our Councilor, Jan Hargraves, who is the women's representative to

Bowls USA, reported on the September meeting:

Members will be receiving a booklet "Tactics and Techniques".

The new chair for the 2015 US Open is Phil Luth and the Open will be held once again in Southern California.

Cheri Cabot is publishing a monthly Bowls USA newsletter and asks for contributions from our clubs.

David Cameron from Australia was approved as head coach for various clinics in the US.

A new committee has been formed for Disciplinary Policies and Procedures for misconduct in major tournaments.

Division Head Umpire, Kottia Spangler, suggested we adopt a policy to include the team that loses the end marks the scoreboard and also the next to last person delivering a bowl is the one to pick up the mat. There was lengthy discussion and it was decided that each club should adopt this policy at their club during training.

Heather Stewart (president of Bowls USA), explained the 5 year strategic plan for Bowls USA Coaching Program and that several people will be certified by David Cameron to be trainers qualified to certify club coaches in the future using the Australian method of teaching. David will be here in March and April to provide another Club Coach Certification program at the cost of \$125 per person and each club is encouraged to send a member to participate. This will help to have all clubs using the same training method. David will also be offering club classes at \$20 per person for four hours of instruction during his time here in April.

The group discussed and passed a new amendment to the bylaws. All women who participate in a tournament sponsored by the SW Division on the tournament schedule must be members of Bowls USA.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Our treasurer, Russ Morgan, reported that the club now has 94 members. That number includes associate members, life members and also Heritage Club Members.

Bud reported that the Special Olympics bocce players will be starting their practice sessions on September 21 and will be here every Saturday for awhile. Bud is the new coach for the bocce team. Since they will start on the same day as our Veteran-Novice Tournament, we will write up the event for Vista Magazine and attempt to get it published to give us some much needed publicity.

Bud had two special events in January and has more coming in March and April.

Mary Penny, Visitation Chairperson, has almost finished finalizing the visitation schedule. When it is finished, she will post it on the bulletin board so everyone can mark their calendars. She said there is approximately one visitation a month, either at our club or away.

The board decided we need a clean-up day to spruce up the clubhouse and campus before the Open House May 9. It was scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, so plan to be at the club that day to lend a hand with the clean-up work.

Tony noted that there were absolutely no complaints about playing on the carpet while our green was wet. He suggested that we might set up a program to loan out the old bowls from

the cupboard when we play on the carpet if people don't want to use their good or new bowls. This idea will be explored.



RUTH AND GARY SUTER

One of the pleasures of bowling at our club is that we are joined in the winter months by Ruth and Gary Suter who come down from the rains of Victoria, British Columbia, to enjoy life and lawn bowling in Santa Barbara. They began bowling with us eight years ago and have brightened our lives ever since, with their skills, grace, and warmth. Gary Suter was born in Berlin, Germany, and after WWII ended up in the Soviet zone with his widowed mother and two sisters. In 1953 with their Mennonite church support they emigrated to Canada. Fifteen year-old Gary became the initial breadwinner for the family as an apprentice tool and die maker in St. Catharines, Ontario. When some three years later his high-school teacher mother took a position in Lucknow, Ontario, the family decision was made for Gary to return to school to finish his high school education. In Lucknow Gary met a classmate, Ruth Treleven. Ruth comes from a fifth generation Canadian family with roots in Cornwall and Belgium. Her ancestors established a milling company, that later enlarged into a feed company with grain

elevators, thus serving a large and thriving farming community. Eventually both matriculated at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, where Ruth studied for a Bachelor of Arts degree with business options and Gary obtained a degree in Civil Engineering.

They married the summer after their graduation and established their first home in Toronto, Ontario, where Gary studied for his Masters and Doctoral degrees in Structural Engineering. All the time Ruth worked in university administration in the admissions and loans departments.

When Gary in 1966 received a Post-Doctoral Fellowship, they were off to the University of Stuttgart in Germany. The following year they returned to Canada where he was appointed to the Engineering Faculty of Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada's capital. While he remained at Carleton as a tenured faculty member for more than three decades, early on he also established a company that consulted on engineering projects around the world. It was a busy life as Ruth also was heavily involved in the administration of the company as well as acting as homemaker and hostess in their private life.

One of the perks of the academic life is the sabbatical. Every seven years or so the Suters took up residence outside Canada and travelled to faraway lands. On their second sabbatical, for instance, they went on a world lecture tour where Gary lectured on modern engineered masonry structures in New Zealand, Australia, India and several European countries.

Upon early retirement from the University in 2000, Ruth and Gary sought a warmer climate while still

remaining in Canada; hence a move to Victoria, British Columbia. They also shifted the company and continued working until 2007 when work started to interfere too much with their new activities, which included lawn bowling as of 2005. After Ruth won the novice ladies championship in 2005, Gary decided to pay more attention to the sport---moreover the clubhouse needed a major expansion and he got involved as project manager.

The search for bowling weather during Victoria's rainy season brought the Suters to California for the first time eight years ago. From January through March each year, they now reside at Santa Barbara's Cheshire Cat Inn which is within walking distance of many amenities. Santa Barbara and Victoria are much alike, they say. Both are walkable, people-friendly cities that have a high level of culture including museums, universities, symphony orchestra, opera and proximity to the ocean. While Ruth and Gary have also bowled at McKenzie Park, they have joined the Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club. They enjoy the sport, the camaraderie, and expect to be with us during the winter season for many, many years to come.

Biography contributed by Alice Chaffee

Araprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of the sentence is unexpected. Here's some examples:

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

They begin the evening news with "Good Evening" and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.