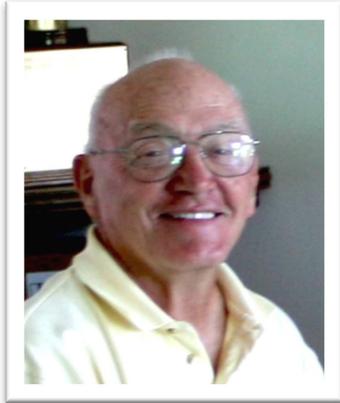


SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

JULY, 2015



We have passed the halfway mark for the year! Where did the time go? Our club is doing great as far a number of members.

Bud is doing a wonderful job with the special events. Thank you Bud! Our green is in fine shape thanks to Scott for his hard work and Dale Jackson for his good advice.

Betty and I are taking a trip. We are cruising out of Boston, going up around Nova Scotia then heading for Montreal, where we disembark. We will then continue our trip by car with Betty's sister and her two nieces all the way down to New Jersey. We will meet my brother who lives in Toms River, NJ and our son Sean who lives in Manassas, Virginia. He will take us around Washington, DC where he works. See you all in August.

Meanwhile, HAPPY BOWLING.

Tony

TOURNAMENT NEWS:



The **Super Senior Singles Tournament** brought out a really good group of bowlers this year - eight seniors, along with Bud, Gloria, Jane and Denise who very kindly showed up to be markers for the players. The tournament had a wet start and needed to be postponed a few days until the weather improved. But once underway, there was plenty of tough competition and some very close games. When all was done, our champion for 2015 was none other than Super Bowler Chuck Gaffy. Alice Chaffee played Chuck in the final round and gave him a good game but finished in second place. Great tournament everyone!

Then the next up was our **Flag Day Tournament and Barbecue**, a special event run by Very Special Bud Viard and his Very Special Helpmate Stephanie. Ten teams competed and they played two 12-end games of two bowl triples. Everyone looked very special decked out in their Hawaiian shirts and all the teams had wonderful, creative "Hawaiian" names.



Two game winners with the most points, the team of Sherry and Ron Creager and Victoria Lopez, the “Crazy Pakalolos” were rewarded with the “Golden Pineapple” awards. In second place was the “HulaBolaLotaWikis” team, in other words Tony and Betty Cunningham and Denise Foxwell. Third place went to Stan, Hal and Dawn or the “Kona Kats” team. After the tournament a great barbecue was enjoyed by all.

Our next tournament will be the **Club Championship Triples** which will be on Saturday and Sunday, August 22 and 23. Put this on your calendar and get together a triples team and join in the fun.

CLUB PRESIDENTS’ DAY:

August 15, a Saturday, will be the day we honor our past club presidents with this special event. There will be our usual game at 10:00 a.m., followed by a short ceremony introducing as many of our past presidents as are able to attend. After that we will enjoy a catered barbecue with tri-tip, chicken and all the trimmings. This event is free to all members and we encourage everyone to attend and enjoy one of our premier events of the year.



The Santa Barbara contingent getting ready to march in at the Opening Ceremonies.

About 40 athletes and 15 volunteer coaches from Santa Barbara attended the 2015 Summer Games at Cal State Long Beach June 13-14. As well as our Bocce Teams, athletes competed in aquatics, athletics, basketball, golf and gymnastics in the hopes of bringing home a gold medal.

As luck would have it, I was the only bocce coach able to attend the games, so I went down with 2 teams of 5 athletes each, hoping for the best. Fortunately I was paired up with Dan Weiner who has been volunteering with the Santa Barbara Special Olympics for the past 18 years. He had never coached bocce, but his assistance and his knowledge of the athletes proved invaluable. During the opening ceremonies on Saturday morning, Dan was awarded the John West Memorial Award, presented by Special Olympics Southern California founder, Rafer Johnson.

Our teams played magnificently. Our more advanced team, The Rollers, went on to win the Bronze Medal in their division, gave the Gold Medal winners their only loss, and played in one of the most incredible games I have ever seen. Down 10 to 1 in an 11 point game, The Rollers fought back and took the win from the host Long Beach team.

Our other team, The Bocce Dogs, finished out of the medals but still gave their all in the attempt. Unfortunately the surface at the Cal State Long Beach baseball field is much slower than what we were used to at the SBLBC, and the team was unable to make the adjustments.

Athletes not only enjoyed the competition but played games and won prizes at the Expo Park, received free health screenings at Healthy Athletes and made new friends at the Saturday night dance. This was a wonderful experience for me and I hope to go to more Olympics games both in the Fall and Spring.



The 4 Bocce Dogs after their magnificent win on Saturday afternoon.



The Bocce Dogs receiving their Bronze Medals.

Many thanks to Bud Viard for this article and the great pictures and for his involvement with our Special Olympics friends.



Dan Weiner receiving the John West Memorial Award

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Russ reported that we now have 106 members in our club.

Mary reminded us that we have a scheduled visitation to Holmby Park on Saturday, July 25. We will be forming car pools to Holmby and anyone who wishes to go should sign up on the bulletin board and indicate whether they are willing to drive and how many they can accommodate. We will be joined in this visitation by the Oxnard club. New bowlers are encouraged to go along and enjoy the day of good bowling – this is NOT a tournament – and good lunch and lots of fun with the other clubs.

Bud announced that there will be a special birthday party this Saturday with

at least 40 people and he would like some help in showing folks how to bowl. Another of our special events which benefit our club. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Sharron suggested that we create an on-line events calendar which would include all the happenings at SBLBC and would be available on our website. She also suggested regular informal introductory bowling lessons, possibly once a month, which could be given by anyone at the club. It was decided that Saturday would be a good day for lessons but details will be worked out in the near future. Meanwhile, if any club member has ideas or suggestions for the promotion of our club, please talk to Sharron.

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