

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

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TOURNAMENT NEWS:

We had two tournaments in May beginning with the **Novice Singles** which was played on the weekend of May 2 & 3.



Novices Diana Kruse, Scott Coons, Jim Collins and Bruce Walter along with Tournament Director Dale Jackson and Assistant Director Sharron Adams.



Winner Bruce Walter with runner-up Scott Coons and Director Dale Jackson.

The field was small but mighty and from what I hear, games were fiercely contested. Winner for the second year was Bruce Walter. Good job everyone!

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, we played our **“British Cup” Memorial Day** Tournament sponsored by Jo Millett. This tournament began some years ago by a group of our bowlers who had British origins and when they left us Jo took over the sponsorship. This year, eight teams played four 8-end games of Mixed Australian Pairs. There were plenty of great games, some good wins and some surprising upsets. At the end of the day the winners were the dynamic team of **Mary Penny and Jim Collins** who won all their games.



In second place were last year's winners, **Dawn and Hal Salmon** and **Diana Wilk and Bruce Walter** came in third. After the tournament we enjoyed wine, beer and munchies provided by our sponsor Jo. Many thanks to Jo for this lovely day and to all the players for making it fun and friendly.

Our “Super Seniors” will be in the spotlight once again in June when we play the **Super Senior Singles** tournament on June 9 and 11. These

tournaments are always fun and exciting and a change from the every-day club games. If you are 80 and want to try out your skills against your contemporaries, sign up and take a chance. The tournament will also need markers to help the players. A marker volunteers to set jacks, mark touchers and other duties which make a singles game move along better. So please offer to help even if you can only manage part of the day.

The Schedule of Activities on page 5 of the Directory shows June 13 as **Flag Day Tournament and Barbecue**. This is one of Bud Viard's special tournaments and he is not available to run it on that date so it has been postponed until Saturday, June 20. Also, we have decided to feature our new members on that day and invite them all to participate in the games and also in the barbecue to follow. This will be our special **Meet and Get Acquainted** barbecue for our new members. Also, for this reason, we ask that everyone wear their name badges. Most important. And one more thing; if you have a set of bowls you want to sell, this is the day to bring them to the club for new members to see and try out.

Now, about the tournament; it will be only two 12-end games, **two bowl triples** (a new wrinkle Bud came up with), form your own triples teams. Instead of our usual whites or club shirts, everyone wears a Hawaiian shirt. So get your team together and sign up. Oh and think up a Hawaiian name for your team. Everyone should join in as this is much fun and we hope to see our new members included in the tournament as well.

Our only date in July is Saturday, **July 4** and we will have a "fun day" with lots of red, white and blue and perhaps games by Tony and Betty.

VISITATIONS:

Our visit from the **MacKenzie Park** club on May 14 was a washout – literally! Quite a few people from both clubs showed up but so did our very rare rain. Everyone had coffee and rolls and fruit supplied by our ladies, we had a nice visit and waited to see if the rain would let up, but it was just too wet so games had to be cancelled. Mary will be re-scheduling this visit later in the summer.

On Thursday, June 18, the **Cambria** club is scheduled to visit us. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board very soon so put down your name and plan to be there to greet our friends from the northern most reaches of the Southwest Division. Visitations are always fun. They are not "tournaments" but just a nice friendly club game with new people. It's fun to get acquainted with bowlers from other clubs. We have one game club-against-club, then we have a good lunch followed by a second game (if you want to stay) where we mix up.

The visitation schedule did not make it into the Directory due to the difficulty of working out suitable dates with all the other clubs. So put this down on your calendar: July 25, a Saturday, we will journey down to Holmby Park club for our annual visit. We will car pool, the trip only takes about 1 ½ hours, and have a game and a lovely lunch with our bowling friends in the southland. For our new members this would be a real treat as the club is situated in a very beautiful park, the club is always

welcoming and pleasant to play with and provides us with a delicious lunch. Don't miss this one.

BOWLING TIPS:

For some years the Southwest Division produced a newsletter called *The Green Jack*. I found the following article about etiquette in a 2007 edition of that newsletter and thought I would pass it along.

The game of bowls, whether competitive or social, is played in an atmosphere of fellowship and sociability. This atmosphere is maintained by a traditional code of behavior, with its roots in common courtesy...not only between opponents, but also between teammates, club officials, club members and spectators.

1. *Refrain from unnecessary movement and talking when an opponent is on the mat.*
2. *It is both a rule and etiquette that players at the head stand at a minimum distance of two meters behind the jack. Players should also stand two meters behind the mat.*
3. *When crossing over between the mat and head do not trespass into an adjoining rink or cause annoyance to its players.*
4. *Do not carry on a running commentary as each delivered bowl makes its way to the head*
5. *Do not grumble, keep quiet, if your opponent gets a good result from a fluke shot.*
6. *Keep in mind that the better bowler usually has the better luck.*
7. *Do not say "thank you" if your opponent gives the shot away. If*

you must say anything say "bad luck".

8. *Do not argue with your skip about the shot he asks you to play.*
9. *Don't make excuses for bad play. Remember your opponent had the same conditions to contend with.*
10. *It's a nice gesture to commend a good shot played by a teammate or opponent.*
11. *The deepest principle in human relations is a desire to be appreciated. So never neglect an opportunity to acknowledge a good shot.*

DIANA KRUSE BIO:

By Alice Chaffee



Last year we were delighted to welcome a most interesting and talented new member, Diana Kruse. Hers has been an eventful life,

marked by a commitment to family, to teaching, and to the fight for social justice. And now to lawn bowling!

Diana was born in the small copper-mining town of Ruth, Nevada, which no longer exists. Her parents had come separately from Serbia to Nevada, fallen in love, and established a home. Diana was their youngest child. Her older brother served in World War II as a Russian interpreter, and her sister as an army nurse. The family moved to Santa Barbara when Diana was 11 years old. She attended Santa Barbara

High School and UCSB, at that time on the Riviera, and then earned a Master's degree in education at Stanford.

With Ed, her first husband, Diana raised three sons, all the while teaching school. During the 1960s they lived in Des Moines, Iowa. There Diana became active in the civil rights movement. What particularly triggered her involvement was being told not to drink at the "colored" water fountain while she was traveling in the south. "I was just incensed," she says, and joined both the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and CORE, the Congress of Racial Equality.

In 1972 Diana remarried. She and her husband Bill Kruse parented six children, her three boys and his son and two daughters. They lived in Aptos, where in addition to shepherding a large family Diana devoted herself to tap dancing, teaching, and tennis. During these years she did some of her most challenging teaching, dealing with kids who had been kicked out of other schools. One of her students was the president of the notorious gang known as the Bloods. Diana tried creative ways of connecting with her students, including taking them on long hikes—once, 13 miles—in the mountains.

She moved back to Santa Barbara after husband Bill's death and lived in the old family home with her sister. She discovered lawn bowling in November 2013 through her friend Mary Penny. "I was so pleased to find a healthy outdoor activity that I could enjoy," she says, adding, "I hated exercise classes and refused to go to a gym."

The main reason she joined our club, however, was the friendly people she met and the warm welcome they gave her. The club in turn gained a fun

and outgoing personality. Diana lost no time in developing her bowling skills, often arriving early to practice her shots on the green. And she was quick to make her mark as a player, winning the Veterans-Novice Pairs in partnership with Mary Penny and the Super Senior Pairs with Lucy Jackson.

We're so glad you are here, Diana!

And I would like to add this note from Tournament Director Sharron Adams:

Jim Collins and Diana Kruse are especially commended for their impressive performances in this year's Veteran/Novice Pairs, the Novice Pairs, Club Pairs Championship, Super Senior Pairs, the British Cup and the Novice Singles tournaments! We believe these novices are setting a very high bar in enthusiastically participating in every one of the 2015 tournaments so far. Their hard work is paying off!

