

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

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My time in office is coming to an end. I have had great help in the time I've been president and it made the job much easier for me. Nobody can do the job on

their own so please give the next president that same support as you gave me. If you are asked to be on a committee, try your best to say yes. All organizations are only as good as the people who raise their hands when asked to help.

We as a club lost some of our long-time members this year. They are missed but they left us with great memories.

Our membership is as strong as it has been in quite a while thanks to the great job our recruitment crew has been doing. So again, thanks for all the help in the last three years. I am not going away, just changing seats.

Tony

TOURNAMENT NEWS:

The Club Singles Championship was played on the weekend of October 17 and 18 and drew 8 participants. We decided to abandon the single elimination format and instead played a flight format which allowed everyone to have at least two games. This

eliminated the unlucky draw element to some extent.



The two games on Saturday resulted in six bowlers slated to return for the final results on Sunday but Joe and Hal opted to play a third game on Saturday and so Hal won the second flight and they did not need to play Sunday. Grant Gibson won the third flight on Sunday. The final game for the championship was played between Ted Bailey and

Eileen Morton.

Ted had a decisive win and is our new Club Singles Champ. Congratulations to Ted for a great result. Some may not know him as he only plays on Thursday afternoon but



he's one of our newest members but not a new bowler, having played in

Pasadena and before that in Milwaukee for some years.

Coming up next week is our **Veteran's Day Tournament and Barbecue**. This will be on Tuesday, November 10 and will include a blind-draw mini- tournament of two 8-end games. Blind draw teams will stay together for both games. After that, we will be treated to a tri-tip barbecue with our own Daniel doing the honors with the cooking. However everyone is asked to pitch in by bringing salads and desserts. The barbecue is free to all members and only \$10 for a guest. The money can be given to Denise. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and we need everyone to be sure to put their name down if they wish to attend so we have an accurate count for the dinner.

This is a very special event which was begun by Lee Schmedes and his son some years ago.

On Thursday, November 19, we plan to have our **Turkey Shoot**. No actual turkey mayhem takes place but just some variety to our usual draw games with "spider" and "draw to the ditch" contests and some small prizes. So put on your pilgrim hat and come on out.

ANNUAL MEETING:

Our annual meeting will be on Tuesday, December 1, at the Davis Center. We will start at 10:00 a.m. and will bowl after the meeting ends. All members should plan to attend this meeting where we will have an end-of- year report as well as welcome our new President, Officers and Board Members.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Russ Morgan noted that our club recently had an anniversary. As of October 20, our club has been bowling for 78 years! We have been in constant use since then, have had our ups and downs, but we're still here! Yay us!

The Board voted to continue the same dues structure as last year – that is, full membership amount is \$120 for the year, Associate Membership is \$25 and does not include bowling privileges. The \$120 includes required membership in the Southwest Division which is Southern California from San Diego to Cambria.

The national organization, Bowls USA, costs an extra \$20 per year and is most important. I urge everyone to join Bowls USA and support bowls on a national scale. The national organization gives us a voice in World Bowls and also provides support for major events in the US including the US Open and the National Championships. They also provide some help for the people who are chosen to play on the team representing the US overseas which is very expensive for the bowlers who are lucky enough to be chosen. This past year, Bowls USA has been working on a national coaching program, whereby they have been training volunteers to be coaches in their own clubs. This has been very successful and helpful in encouraging new bowlers to get involved in our wonderful sport. So be sure to give Russ your extra \$20 (come on – only \$20) and tell him it's for proud membership in Bowls USA.

Our dues are good through November (not December) – so please give Russ your check now and don't wait!

The board also discussed at some length the fact that our weekend bowlers

are being left out of such events as the Veterans' Day barbecue because some of them are working people. It was decided that next year there will be a great effort to schedule more things on Saturday to accommodate the working folks. So bear with us a little OK? We love you and don't want to lose you and are working on it!

We are really over stocked with used bowls and it was also decided that at some point we will probably have a sale or a giveaway of bowls sets for people who would like an extra set to use for the carpet, or whatever. More about that later.

The shades vs. umbrellas problem was also discussed at length and it was decided to leave the final decision up to the club at the general meeting. So it's very important everyone come to the meeting to give their opinions and vote on this. If you are unable to attend, please call or email Bud Viard and give him your opinion and your proxy vote. Bud's email and phone are in the directory.

The question is – shades or umbrellas. The shades will be semi-permanent, will get rid of the old stands which are easy to stumble over. The umbrellas will need new stands and will also continue to be put away after the game in the box. Both of these options cost approximately the same amount of money so we need your input as to which you think will be the best idea, which will look the best and work the best. Come to the meeting, or email Bud with your vote please.

The club has a suggestion box which is located on the counter in the clubhouse. It is seldom used but it is there if you have any ideas you wish to share with the board. We would appreciate your input so please use it.

Patricia Cronshaw, Certified National Coach, from MacKenzie Park, will present a clinic for us in the near future. This is mostly for novices but may include others. Please watch for a sign-up sheet if you are interested.