

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

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Our busy President is always working on our behalf and sometimes doesn't have time to write for the newsletter.

So I will fill in for him. At the board meeting, Tony told us that he has now managed to secure some measuring tapes for sale. They are 9 foot, string tapes from Drakes Pride and will sell for \$20. That's a really good buy. He has also ordered more club shirts and will let us know when they arrive.

As many people have heard, Tony's newest building project is a shade which goes all around the green and replaces the umbrellas and stands. At the request of the board he is going to erect a temporary section of this shade so the club can determine whether it is doing the job and also if they like how it looks. Let Tony know your thoughts on this.

I know Tony would like to thank our newer members who are getting involved and volunteering. Judy and Howard Wang have volunteered to take over care of our succulent garden which has suffered since Jess and Lee no longer come to bowl. And Max Mickey has agreed to serve on the Board of Directors for a year. Thanks so much

and we are glad you found us and bowling!

TOURNAMENT NEWS:

Unfortunately, the **Spencer Adams Triples**, blind draw tournament which was scheduled for September 15 and 17 had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

We are coming to the end of "tournament season" but we do have a couple more. The weekend of October 17 and 18 we will play the **Mixed Singles Championship**. This one is always fun and it would be great to see a really good turnout. Don't say "I can't win", just jump in, give it a try and enjoy a good game of singles or more. The tournament is single elimination, meaning if you lose your game you are out. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and everyone should sign up!

The last tournament of the year will be our **Veterans Day** event with a barbecue to follow. This year it falls on Tuesday, November 10 so put it on your calendar.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Two **Betty and Tony Special Events** are also on the calendar. This month, on Saturday, October 31, we will celebrate Halloween with our fun and games of skill as well as a costume contest with prizes for the winners.

November 19 is the scheduled date for our Turkey Shoot. In this we don't

actually shoot anything, but we do win a prize for being closest to the ditch or for winning the "spider", games which our newer members have yet to experience. So come on out!

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

I have been asked to let everyone know about the National Championships which will be taking place in Long Beach this year, October 20 to 24. This is a competition for which you have to qualify by winning your division playdowns. Anyone can sign up for the playdowns but you need to beat every other team to qualify for the National Championships. Only pairs and singles are played, men and women play separately, and each division gets one team of men and one of women to represent the division. There are seven divisions, an uneven number for a tournament, so the Southwest Division (ours and also the largest), gets two teams of men and two of women.

This year our own Hildegard Kennedy will be playing in the pairs with partner Patricia Cronshaw. People are encouraged to go to Long Beach to support the players and cheer on their own club members. If you are interested in going, let me know and I can help you work it out.

U.S. OPEN:

As many of you know, the U.S. Open, which was held in So. Cal again this year, was played the week of September 26 to October 3. Next year the Open will be played in Sarasota, Florida, which being a tad further away may not be played by some of us older bowlers.

This year some of our club members were there and did quite well too. The Kennedys played and Hildegard, along

with her fours team from Long Beach, won the third flight. She also won second place in the fourth flight with her pairs partner. Congratulations Hildegard on a job well done!

My team and I won the fourth flight in fours but my pairs partner and I struggled with the fast greens and didn't do well.

Other bowlers from SB were Bruce Phillips, Ron and Sherry Creager and Chris Kennedy.

RECRUITMENT:

Our new recruitment program, dreamed up and carried out by Sharron Adams, seems to be quite a success. On the first weekend 16 people responded to our sign and ads and Sharron has been able to sign up several for ongoing lessons. The program will be continued every month so we request that the club help out by greeting people who walk in and showing them the basics of lawn bowling. This is a club effort and needs help from everyone. The next one will be this coming Saturday, October 10 and will be continued on a monthly basis.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Ken Gould reported that our investments went down some in the last quarter but seem to be slowly recovering.

Sharron Adams talked about tournaments and noted that the Spencer Adams was cancelled. She suggested that a survey of the membership might help the board determine what everyone wanted and would bring a good participation. Denise volunteered to work up a draft of the survey which when completed, will be sent out to everyone and the results will be announced at the annual meeting.

Eileen Morton, head of the recruitment committee, which consisted of Jim Stahl and Jane Streiff, announced that the following people have agreed to serve next year:

Sharron Adams, President
Dan Hedrick, Vice-President
Russ Morgan, Treasurer
Denise Foxwell, Secretary

Bud Viard 3 years
Eileen Morton 2 years (completing the term of Sharron)

Max Mickey 1 year
Diana Kruse 1 year

Other nominations can be made by any three people in the club with the consent of the nominee and need to be given to the secretary and posted by the end of November.

Bud Viard has been extra busy this past quarter with outside groups who rent our club for their special events and for learning to lawn bowl. This has brought in some always-needed funds for the club.

Bud also runs the very popular twilight bowling at 5:30 on Tuesday and Thursday. However with fall sneaking up on us and darkness arriving earlier, the twilight bowling is now over. October 6 was the final game for this year.

Our old telephone has given up and there is also apparently a problem on the line. **Tony** and **Dan** will see to getting it fixed and securing a new phone for the clubhouse.

New business: The City is having an annual birthday party for everyone who is 90 years old or more. The luncheon is free and will be at the Carrillo Recreation Center, noon to 1:30 on October 22. Anyone wishing to attend should RSVP to 897-2519.

Bud has a Special Olympics friend who would like to take our aluminum cans to recycle. Please put your empty cans in the silver galvanized can in the equipment room next to the refrigerator. This should be cans only, no plastic bottles or other recyclables.

The board would like to see the coffee cups, which are hanging by the kitchen door, sorted out and all should have a name. We have many cups for people who no longer bowl and they will be taken to the Goodwill at some point. So please make sure you have a readable name on your cup.

Following is another nice bio by Alice Chaffee:

MAX MICKEY



Max Mickey joined our club after attending the Open House in May 2015, along with his friend Jimmy Jota. He has quickly learned bowling skills, and his black bowls inscribed with a cocktail glass are often found near the jack.

Max was born in Spokane, Washington. After high school he served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War as an electronic technician aboard a destroyer escort ship. He then attended the University of Washington, graduating with a degree in electrical engineering.

Engineering became Max's career. He moved to Santa Barbara in 1967 and worked for Raytheon for 25 years, specializing in defense electronics. Job assignments and vacations took him to Europe several

times--to the Netherlands, Britain, Sardinia, and Salzburg, Austria, which he particularly enjoyed--as well as to Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean and the Philippines.

Hobbies at home include golf and fishing and solving all manner of puzzles. He shared his home with a friend for many years and served as her caregiver. Now his dog Kira is his faithful companion.

We are glad Max joined us and expect to see him win his share of certificates for good bowling.

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