

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK

SEPTEMBER, 2015



Our busy President, Tony Cunningham, has been away on a trip and just returned. He didn't have time to write anything for the newsletter so I will start with the **Highlights of the Board Meeting** which was held on September 1.

Vice President, Dan, reported that he had contacted Jason (our liaison with the City) and discussed re-working the sign which is on the fence facing the parking lot. It is getting old and shabby and also has a wrong phone number. Dan was told that the sign will be redone but it may be a few months before it happens. Also,

Parks and Rec has a new Director, Jill Zachary, and she will be invited to visit us to see what we do and that we are a valuable resource.

Mary Penny: The visitation to Cambria is scheduled for September 11 and there are quite a few bowlers already signed up. This is a fun trip. The Independent has a coupon which entitles you to a reduced rate at the Cambria Lodge and includes, besides a night at the lodge, dinner including a bottle of wine and breakfast. The Cambria club has a carpet bowling green but it is in good shape and nice to bowl on. They will treat us to a good lunch after bowling. If you haven't been to Cambria before, now is the time to sign up, form a carpool and do it!

Sharron Adams: There was considerable discussion about our club website – santabarbaralbc.org. If you haven't visited, please do so and if you have suggestions, talk to Sharron Adams or anyone on the board. It was decided that there is too much information on the site and most of it is unhelpful. Sharron has arranged for a calendar of events to be placed on the site and this will be kept up to date so don't forget to check it out if you want to know what's happening. Our wonderful webmaster, Bruce Walter, is doing all this volunteer work for us and we really appreciate it.

Re. outreach: Sharron has put ads in several online calendars and we are hoping that people will come down for free lessons. We will also be putting the sandwich board outside to attract passersby starting Saturday, September 12. On that date, bowlers need to be prepared to greet visitors and give them help and information.

Bud Viard: Bud reported that the twilight bowling has been a great success with as many as 18 to 20 people playing in the evening. It has been a blessing during the heatwave! The 5:30 bowling will continue until some time in October. Bud also

reported that he is very busy with outside groups coming to rent our facility, enjoy bowling and have their party or event. He asks more club members to please join him. and volunteer to help out with these groups. He will put sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. **BUD NEEDS YOUR HELP.**

Also: Denise volunteered to find and price some new umbrellas and get this information to the board at the next meeting.

Eileen will chair a Nominating Committee to find bowlers willing to fill the vacated places on the board for next year.

Bud was awarded a beautiful set of bowls for his hard and steadfast work for the club. The bowls are not new but appear to have been used very little.

Around 50 people attended the annual **Club Presidents Day** for a short, two-game tournament of men vs women followed by a catered barbecue. It was a very hot day but that didn't stop anyone from bowling their best and trying for the win. However it was a close tournament but the men prevailed once again. The tournament was followed by a ceremony introducing past presidents.



Lto R: Tony Cunningham, Carol Smith, John O'Dea, Jim Stahl, Lee Schmedes, Dorothy Thielges, Eileen Morton, Bud Viard, Tim Thornton on the "Queen Elizabeth" red carpet.

After the ceremony, we all stayed to enjoy a great barbecue of tri-tip, chicken, beans, salads and of course, lots of great desserts supplied by our members. Below are a few pictures taken by Carol Smith's daughter, Robin. Thanks Robin!



TOURNAMENT NEWS: The Club Triples Championship was played on August 22 with 8 teams competing in three 10-end games. The team of Stan Bloom, Hal Salmon and Dawn Salmon once again prevailed. The winning team was a clear topper with two wins and a tie, however in second place two teams tied with 2 wins and the same plus points. So second place was well populated by Tony Cunningham, Denise Foxwell and Diana Kruse and also Gloria Torres, Roger Sullivan and Sue Sullivan. After the games, we enjoyed some wine and chips and a chance to re-hash our tournament and relax for awhile.



The Club Triples Championship group picture. The winners for the second year, Stan, Dawn and Hal, at right.

The next tournament is the **Spencer Adams blind draw triples**. Please note that the date has been changed from that shown in the directory. Since this is a blind draw tournament, it will be played during the week - that is we will play one game on Tuesday, September 15 and one game Thursday, September 17. So it's much like a regular blind draw game except that the team you draw on Tuesday will stay together for another game on Thursday. Everyone can participate in this and we hope they will! Sharron Adams has volunteered to be tournament director and she will put up a sign-up sheet so we know how many to expect and how we will need to rotate the games.

Then on the weekend of October 17 and 18 we will play the final tournament of this year, the **Mixed Singles**. There will be more details in the next edition of On the Jack and also a sign-up sheet in early October.

VICE CLASS: The vice class took place on the morning of August 25 but there was a fairly low turnout. Apparently some people didn't get the message? Sharron Adams took the lead and with the help of Eileen, Gloria and Jane went over the duties of the vice position as well as showing hand signals. It has been suggested that when the games are called in the mornings, the skips and leads will be called first so they may have a review, if necessary, of hand signals for centering the jack or any others.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Every year the National Championships are played somewhere in the U.S. and this year we are lucky enough to have the tournaments in Long Beach October 20 to 24. There are seven geographic divisions in the U.S. and each division sends representatives to the championship games. Only pairs and singles are played, men and women to their own greens, and everyone plays a round-robin – that is, they play the representative from every other division. Since the Southwest (our division) is the largest, we get two reps and this makes the teams even with eight teams instead of seven. So the Southwest teams are named the Stars and the Stripes. In order to qualify to play in the Championships, a bowler must win the tournament called the “play-downs” which is open to anyone who wants to play. However they play-downs always attract the very best players so it's tough to win. This year the pairs team of Patricia Cronshaw and Hildegard Kennedy will be competing in the Stripes team. They will play seven games and must win almost every one to win the title of U.S. Pairs Champions. A few of us from Santa Barbara are going to make the trip to Long Beach to watch this year, so if anyone wants to join us, let me know.

BOWLING TIPS: Position of players

1. Players at the mat end of the rink who are not delivering a bowl should stand at least 3 to 4 feet behind the mat.
2. Players at the head end of the rink who are controlling play, should stand 6 feet behind the jack and one step to the side. Do not stand on the edge of the rink where you block the view of the margin for your partner.
3. When changing ends be sure to stay in the middle of your rink so as not to disturb players on the next rink.