

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

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Spring is blooming out all over! Have you noticed our club's amazing rose garden? Beautiful! Thank you to all the volunteers who help to beautify our club grounds.

It's going to be party time! This month we prep our club house and greens for our annual Open House on Saturday, May 7. This high-energy event will showcase our sport of lawn bowls. Bring in friends and visitors to have a good time trying out lawn bowls!

Scott Kipp has prepared some great, colorful fliers for you to hand out. Bruce Walter has updated our website for our Open House. There will be banners, balloons and refreshments that day. **We challenge each of our 94 members to bring in two visitors for our Open House.** Your enthusiasm and love of the sport is our very best advertisement. Each of us can give our visitors an introductory lesson in lawn bowls--not just our instructors.

Spread the word that our club is one of the best bargains in town and has some of the friendliest and most fun folks around! Visitors who join at Open House will pay only \$50 for seven months of

lawn bowling. We have a closet full of loaner bowls for them to use at no cost. What a deal!

To get ready for Open House, Clean-Up Day is on Earth Day, Friday, April 22. Put on your work clothes and bring some cleaning materials. If you can't make it on that day, Denise Foxwell soon will post a list of jobs needed on the bulletin board. That way, you can give a couple of hours any time the club is open. Thanks to Diana Kruse for that suggestion.

In addition to our annual Open House, we have monthly Open Days for free introductory lessons for visitors. We advertise them on three websites and put a sign out on busy De La Vina Street. Eileen Morton, Jeff Adams and several other members have dropped what they are doing to help walk-in visitors know what is so much fun about lawn bowling. Watch for our Open Days on our club calendar and come to bowl or help out with the free introductory lessons on those Saturdays. Recruitment of new members goes on all year, not just at Open House.

These are exciting times at Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club! Thank you all for making it a real community club where we come together in a spirit of recreation and enjoy each other and the game of bowls. See you on the green!

Sharron

COMING EVENTS:

April.

8, Friday, Visit to MacKenzie Park
Postponed
16 & 17, Saturday & Sunday
Club Pairs Championship
22, Friday, Clean-up Day
26 & 28, Tuesday & Thursday
Super Senior Pairs Tourn.

May.

7, Saturday, **OPEN HOUSE**
14 & 15, Saturday & Sunday
Mixed Singles Championship
30, Monday, Memorial Day
Australian Pairs Tournament

TOURNAMENT NEWS:

Our Tournament Director, Bud Viard, will be putting up a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next week for the Club Pairs Championship Tournament which will be played on the weekend of April 16 & 17. Since this is one of our championship games, we will ask everyone to pay \$5.00 to play. The money will be paid out in prizes to the first and second place winners and maybe third, depending on how many teams sign up. There will be two 12-end games a day so bring some lunch. Wear whites, club shirts or team shirts and come on out to enjoy some good competition and good fun. Bud will be around to get us started and run the tournament on Saturday, but unfortunately he has a prior commitment for Sunday so his committee, Sue Sullivan and Eileen Morton will take over on Sunday.

Then at the end of the month we will be playing the Super Senior Pairs. This tournament is open to anyone 80 or over and will be held on two days,

Tuesday and Thursday April 26 and 28. It is usually a blind draw for partners and includes two short games a day. Bud will specify the format of the tournament on the sign-up sheet. So watch for that.

THIS 'N' THAT:

When you are next to bowl, please be on your feet, standing behind the person on the mat and with a bowl in your hand ready to go. Also, while you are standing behind the bowler, watch the line of their bowl. You can often get an idea of aiming line from your opponent.

Lawn bowling is a wonderful sport as we all know. We can be happy and boisterous during play but always show good sportsmanship and politeness to opponents and teammates alike. If your opponent accidentally pushes in your team's bowl for a point, it is NEVER OK to say "thank you" or clap. If you must say something, say "bad luck". Being a good sport is a very important part of our game. Also, if you are having a tough time and just not getting it that day, please, no bad language which some people find offensive.

When you are standing in the head as skip or vice, please stand about six feet behind the jack and one step to either side. This way you won't block anyone's view of the border markers which they may be using as aiming points.

If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates. *Jay Leno*

The problem with political jokes is they get elected. *Henry Cate VII*

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it. *Clarence Darrow*

OPEN HOUSE IS MAY 7:



Our Open House is the day we go all out to try to bring new people to our club to learn about our great sport. It is the most important recruiting tool we have and we need everyone's help to make it a success. Be sure to put May 7 on your calendar and plan to be at the club to help out.

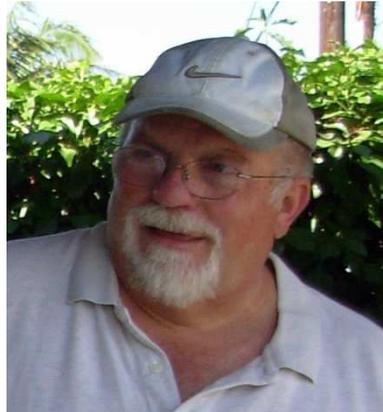


**Highest scoring team – St. Patrick's Day
Tom Farris, Peg Casey, Bud Viard**



Draw to the ditch winners, Tony Cunningham and Gloria Torres receive their prize.

IN MEMORIAM:



IN MEMORIAM: DANIEL HEDRICK,
August 20, 1953-March 5, 2016

This month we mourn the untimely passing of our beloved friend Daniel Hedrick. Daniel, known as "Dano," suffered a stroke at his home in Ventura and died at Cottage Hospital two days later. He is survived by his wife Julie, his son Andrew and his brother Leon, and missed by countless friends and acquaintances. Daniel was born in Ventura and graduated from Ventura High School. At Cal State Long Beach he majored in criminal justice, and he worked for 29 years with the Ventura County Probation Agency. He also moonlighted as security officer for the Thatcher School in Ojai.

Daniel, who was introduced to our club in 2011 by Tony Cunningham, was a dedicated bowler and club member. He served as club secretary in 2013-14 and became vice president in 2015. Daniel was always on the lookout for ways to help, and especially loved to barbecue at club functions. He greatly enjoyed twilight bowling. He also loved to cook, to fish, to read, to watch old movies, and in his younger days to go camping and to ride his bicycle.

According to Tony, Daniel was a walking encyclopedia of Santa Barbara history. Daniel's life was defined by giving, Tony tells us. After college he spent two years with the Peace Corps in Yemen, improving water systems for villages. Throughout his life he spent most of his free time helping the needy, preparing food for homeless folks several evenings a week, often at St. Thomas Aquinas church in Ojai. Every month he collected food from a variety of sources to fill the pantry at Catholic Charities. In 2012, Daniel and Bud Viard brought the Santa Barbara Special Olympics bocce ball team to practice at our club. At the end of their first season, Daniel prepared them a marvelous barbecue. The bocce bowlers continue to be part of our lives and have decided to dedicate their tournament on April 2 to Daniel.

A funeral mass and celebration of Daniel's life will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas on Saturday, April 9, at 11 a.m., followed by a reception at the parish hall.

Many thanks to Alice Chaffee, with the help of Tony Cunningham and Bud Viard for this article. Ed

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Our meeting began with the board very gratefully accepting the participation of Howard Wang to replace Daniel as Vice President for the remainder of the year.

Tony announced that he has ordered bowl lifters and they should arrive soon so if you want one, let Tony know. Also, Tony is ready to construct three more of the shades for the seats by the parking lot. He will be starting work on those in another week. Letters of thanks were

sent to Bernard Talco and Ruth and Gary Suter who contributed toward the expense of constructing the shades.

I was asked to remind everyone that the drinks, which are kept in the refrigerator in the equipment room, are NOT FREE. There is a very minimal charge - \$.50 for water and \$1.00 for beer or soda – but we do need everyone to pay that much so that the program is self-sustaining. Please, if you mean to “pay later”, don't forget. There is a container in the refrigerator for your money.

Bud Viard, coach for the Special Olympics team, said that the bocce tournament held on Saturday, April 2, at our club, was a great success. There were at least 70 people here and everyone had a wonderful time. He told us that the Special Olympics folks really love SBLBC and enjoy their time on our green playing bocce. The tournament was named in honor of Daniel Hedrick who was instrumental in getting them the use of our carpet to practice. It will be an annual event.

There is much work to do on our cleanup day April 22. Tony has a huge project planned in moving blocks of lockers from both the men's and women's locker rooms to make better use of the space. Also, there are weeds to pull, a kitchen to tidy and sort, etc. etc. So plan to spend some time at the club that day cleaning up our campus.

The board voted to begin collecting a \$10.00 deposit for a locker key. Too many keys have gone with people who left the club, leaving behind belongings including sets of bowls in the locker. The deposit will be returned when the key is returned. However, we need a

volunteer to handle this deposit money and also someone to monitor the lockers and hand out keys to men who may want a locker. If you would like to volunteer for this job, please see Sharron.

JUST A REMINDER

Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club is co-sponsored by the City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department. A couple of weeks after becoming president of our club, I met with Jason Bryan who is our city contact. At that meeting, I signed an annual agreement contract with the city on behalf of our club.

One of the topics covered was the constant presence of transients at Spencer Adams Park. We are asked not to encourage transients to rely on amenities of our club and instead to direct these folks to available city services. We are requested not to hand out food or accommodate them in other

ways such as plugging in their electrical devices.

Our city publishes an 8-page, single-spaced guide called, "Basic Needs: Where Can I Get...?" which lists where transients can get food, shelter, showers, clothes, food stamps, healthcare and social services. This resource list is tailored specifically for homeless people. Have a look at this extensive guide. It's available at the city's website: www.santabarbaraca.gov

While many of us have sympathy with the homeless, our obligation is not to perpetuate a growing city-wide problem with treatment-resistant folks and urban travelers. Our help and cooperation in this effort is requested. Our responsibility is to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem.

Sharron