

# SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

## ON THE JACK



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The Davis Center was filled with an enthusiastic crowd of bowlers for our Annual Meeting on December 6. We celebrated our club's increased membership and look forward to 2017 and our birthday party in October when we begin our 80<sup>th</sup> year offering fun and games in downtown Santa Barbara.

Special thanks go to retiring Board Directors, **Diana Kruse** and **Ken Gould**. Fortunately, Ken will continue to oversee our club's Greens Replacement Fund and Diana will assist with requests for informal visits to other lawn bowling clubs.

Our membership voted to take a break from formal visitations this coming year.

We are pleased to welcome **Brent Boone**, **Scott Coons**, and **Jane Streiff** to serve as new Directors on the Board. They each bring special talents and expertise. We are grateful that **Max Mickey**, **Denise Foxwell**, **Russ Morgan**, **Eileen Morton** and **Bud Viard** continue adding depth and experience to our Board as Officers and Directors for 2017.

Our whole club now supports Bowls USA! Our membership voted to include our national organization dues of \$20 to our modest club dues. This opens up new possibilities for our club and our sport. Our annual dues are now \$140 and payable before the first of the year.

Good times ahead! Our Holiday Luncheon is on Saturday, December 17. Then, we'll start 2017 with our New Year's Day Spaghetti Feed on Sunday, January 1. Our thanks go to **Denise Foxwell** and **Dorothy Thielges** for arranging these luncheons which will be after regular morning bowling.

We still have volunteer opportunities available in the New Year. May your days be filled with happy times, good health and lots of lawn bowling.

***Ask not what your club can do for you, ask what you can do for your club.***

*Sharron*

## **COMING EVENTS:**

### **December:**

17, Holiday Luncheon

### **January:**

1, New Year's Day Spaghetti Feed

## **ANNUAL MEETING:**

*By Bud Viard*

It was a full house of members, both new and long-time that filed into the Davis Center on Tuesday morning. Our Annual Meeting opened right at 10:00am with no doubt as to whether there was a quorum or not, a welcome sign compared to past meetings. President Adams took the reins and very expertly led the membership through a summary of the past year, you could tell her teaching experience had prepared her well for this lofty forum. In her "Report of the President" Sharron thanked the membership, the Officers, and the Directors of the club for a very successful year. Our membership this year has grown by 32 members, and increase of 26%, the largest increase in recent memory. She attributed the increase to 10 factors. A larger online presence in the digital age, our website continues to prosper and generates a good deal of interest in our club. Our online facebook page also receives numerous "hits" and continues to show an increase of viewers. We now post lawn bowls announcements on 4 different local websites when we are featuring free lessons. We schedule Mini Open Houses, called Open Days, once a month which has proven to be the most successful recruitment idea in quite a long time. We hang banners on De la Vina Street announcing our Open Days, thanks to these ideas our crack team of instructors has been busy, almost constantly training new

bowlers. Our club brochures are now in several Parks and Recreation locations as well as the Downtown Central Library. Private Events have introduced hundreds of locals to the sport of Lawn Bowls every year plus added some extra money to our treasury thus keeping our dues so low. Our new sunshades have made bowling during the hot summer months much nicer, also attracting passersby to our greens. Our natural green is one of the fastest and truest greens in the southland. Our twilight bowling program during the summer months has become an institution of its own, offering stress free bowling in the cool of the evenings. None of these things just happened, and Sharron was quick to thank everyone involved. Looking forward, Sharron briefly mentioned that the board was looking into lighting one of our greens which would extend our bowling times and attract younger, working people who can't play on weekdays and have much to do on weekends; there will soon be a new look to the men's locker room with new shelving for the training bowls to replace that less than attractive cabinet in the doorway; the board has approved a change in our membership year, now in line with the calendar year which resulted in this month being a "free ride" for all members; and work has begun on an updating and revision of our club by-laws to help bring us a bit farther into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Treasurers Report by Russ Morgan and the Investments Report by Ken Gould served to remind us what capable hands our club finances are in. Their reports were followed by reports of the Instruction Committee (Jane Strieff for Eileen Morton), Private Events (Bud Viard), Tournaments (Bud Viard), Grounds (Max Mickey), Hospitality (Denise Foxwell), a report on the

ongoing sunshade project and the locker room renovation (Tony Cunningham), and Visitations (Diana Kruse).

Carol and Robin Smith then presented a heartfelt memorial to the four members that we lost this year; Daniel Hedrick, Past President Eleanor Simmons, Charmee Padilla, and Zena Lewis.

Two action items followed which needed a vote of the membership. A motion was made to suspend visitations both to and from other clubs this year. After some discussion, the motion was amended to state that visitations could still be done on an "Ad Hoc" basis. That way if enough of us want to visit another club, this could be arranged privately and done without the formalities of luncheons, signup sheets, etc. Of course, members of other clubs who wish to come and bowl on our green are always welcome to do so. This was passed by a vote of the members. Then a second motion was made to add Bowls USA dues to our already low club dues. Support of our National Organization is considered critical to the growth of our sport. Support of the individual clubs in the United States, Grant Programs, support for our National Teams to travel worldwide representing our country are just some of the things Bowls USA provides. Again, an almost unanimous vote added the additional \$20 to our annual dues, now totaling \$140.00 and now due.

Bud Viard then read the letter he had received from the Secret Committee announcing the recipient of the Lynn Abbott Volunteer of the Year Award for 2016. It seems the Secret Committee had an easy time this year even though many of our newer members are now "pitching in" where needed. The assembled crowd seemed to agree with them based on the tremendous

ovation received when it was announced that the 2016 Volunteer of the Year is Eileen Morton !

The new board was then installed and seated. Sharron Adams has graciously agreed to extend her time as our 52<sup>nd</sup> Club President for (at least) one more year, Max Mickey has moved into the VP chair, Russ Morgan and Denise Foxwell are staying on as Treasurer and Secretary and we wouldn't have any other way, Scott Coons, Jane Streiff, and Brent Boone have agreed to fill in the vacancies on the board, Tony Cunningham remains our "Ex Officio" Past President board member, Eileen Morton and our perennial long time fly in the ointment Bud Viard remain steadfast in their board positions.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone moved slightly downtown to do what we do best, Lawn Bowl.

***Following is the letter received from the Secret Committee re the Volunteer of the Year.***

*Dear Bud,*

*In a year that featured many outstanding examples of volunteerism, especially with some of our newest members jumping in and helping when and where they are needed, you would think that finding a Volunteer of the Year recipient would be a difficult task. We're pleased to announce that this was not the case, in fact this year's decision was the easiest in many years. Our benefactor, Lynn Abbott, loved the game of bowls, loved this little corner of Santa Barbara, and especially loved the spirit of volunteerism that this year has once again been abundant. The only thing that he would question is why it took so long to finally recognize this year's winner.*

*Let's take a quick look at different things that would qualify a member for this award.*

*Longtime member of the Board of Directors? Check, including Past President.*

*Member of countless committees over the years? Check, including 5 this year and no doubt signed up for some next year.*

*One of the very capable instructors at our club? Check, some of the new members sitting here can thank her for their success at this game.*

*Editor of the Newsletter? Check, this is one of the most important and time consuming tasks there is around here, and she makes it look way easier than it is.*

*So now you know, the love Lynn showed for our club is still here. The spirit of volunteerism is still here. If we all did just a portion of what she does each and every year, this club would indeed run itself. It's our honor to announce that the 2016 Volunteer of the Year is Eileen Morton.*

## **NEW MEMBERS:**

**Carolyn Wilson**



I was born in Los Angeles and have lived in Southern California all my life. I attended UCLA and taught elementary school, was in sales, and then my late husband and I started a consulting business that involved working with manufacturers in Hong Kong and later China. We traveled around the USA and also to Hong Kong and worked with many wonderful people. My son now is running the business.

I enjoy going to classes at the YMCA and I love the outdoors. I walk almost every day and feel so fortunate to live near the ocean in Ventura. I am an avid reader and enjoy belonging to a book club.

I raised three sons and they and their families live close enough that we are able to get together often. One of our favorite annual traditions is a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving at my house, followed by bowling on Friday with a spaghetti dinner after that. We also all learned to ski at June Lake and go there every December after Christmas. Even if there is no snow, it is a great time together.

I love to travel, have been on several cruises and especially enjoyed the river cruises in Europe. There is always more to see in the United States and there are so many places in California that I love, so the short trips around the state are fun too.

Lawn bowling is a new and a fun challenge and I am very appreciative of the friendliness and patience that everyone shows.

***Many thanks to Carolyn for this bio and we look forward to hearing from Karl soon. Welcome to SBLBC – may you have many years of happy bowling ahead!***

## **Daniel Stein**



After studying in the Professional Actors Training Program at Carnegie-Mellon University, I went to Paris, France to study with Etienne Decroux, becoming M. Decroux's frequent translator. Subsequently making my home in Paris for 20 years, I started my professional career as an actor with the French National Theatre. My solo performances have toured in more than 30 countries, as well as in theatres such as the Kennedy Center and Lincoln Center here in the United States. Spanning a decade, I was both School Director and Dean of Students at the Dell Arte International School of Physical Theatre in Blue Lake, CA. I have taught master classes throughout the world at institutions such as Juilliard School of Drama and The Shanghai Theatre Academy. I have received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the United States/Japan Commission, the Pew Charitable Trust and and a John Simon Guggenheim Fellow.

I have just finished seven years as Clinical Professor serving as head of Movement and Physical Theatre for the Brown University/ Trinity Repertory Theatre MFA Professional

Actor Training Program. Beginning in March of 2016, I joined the Theatre Dept. of the University of California, Santa Barbara, heading their movement program.

This past summer saw me in Seoul, S. Korea devising an original piece with 18 Korean actors from the "Flying Off the Cliff" Theater Co. and teaching Generating New Performance Material and Creativity.

I am married to Sally Stein and we have two children; Antony who teaches Acting at Tulane University and Caitlin, who is working in Tanzania. East Africa for the next year with ACDI Voca.

***SBLBC welcomes Daniel & Sally to the wonderful sport of lawn bowling. We hope you have time to join us on the greens often.***



***Max Mickey, Brent Boone and Arnon Blau – winners of the highest game score on Veterans Day.***



***Gloria Torres and Janet Dickson***

***Highest game score at the Turkey Shoot, won gift certificates to Ralphs.***

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