

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

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How can you tell when a new calendar year starts at Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club?

When our winter visitors arrive! It's always terrific to welcome Carol and Gordy Ablitt

from Washington, Ruth and Gary Suter from Victoria, BC, Canada, and Bernard Talco all the way from Wales, GB. Have you noticed that our lawn bowling skills seem to notch up with their presence? The impressive bowling of our winter visitors encourages us to refresh our own understanding of the nuances, bowling etiquette and best practices of good bowling. Remember that there are many helpful videos as well as international championship games to watch on youtube.com when you feel you need a tune-up.

We also extend a hearty welcome to our newest members, Jay Dooreck and Venita Rames. Jay was introduced to lawn bowls through one of Bud's Private Events. Venita has had a seven-year break from lawn bowls. They both are taking lessons and look forward to being certified novices.

Talk about being impressed! Nothing, absolutely NOTHING holds the indomitable Life Member and Past-President Carol Smith down! Her

determination to continue lawn bowling despite a medical set-back is more than inspiring. Fortunately, her daughter, Robin, is able to assist with Carol's comeback. By example, Carol illustrates that lawn bowls is an exceptional sport with something for everyone who sets foot on the greens.

You are missing out if you haven't signed onto the club website recently, santabarbaralbc.org, where you will not only find our Calendar of Events, but timely greens' updates from our Greens Director, Scott Coons. We are fortunate to have the carpet green available for games when our grass green is soggy after the recent rains. Although lumpy in spots, bowling on the carpet does present different challenges and definitely sharpens our skills. Check the calendar for weather-related green status.

This week our Newsletter Editor and Past-President Eileen Morton heads to Arizona. In the Sun City area, she will not only assist with a South Central Division of Bowls USA Women's Open Skills Camp but will compete in the Fours and the Pairs events. Go to: scdlawnbowls.org to read about this division of Bowls USA, our national lawn bowls organization and for tournament news. Good luck, Eileen!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February.

Saturday, 13, Valentine's Fun Day

Saturday, 20, Free Bowling Day

Saturday, 27, Veteran-Novice
Tournament

March.

Thursday, 17, St Patrick's Fun Day

Saturday, 19, Novice Pairs Tourn.

TOURNAMENT NEWS:

Our first tournament of the year is soon upon us so find a partner and plan to join in the fun. Tournament Director, Bud Viard, will be putting a sign-up sheet on the board along with details about the format for the tournament. This will be pairs – one veteran and one novice. A novice is anyone who has bowled two years or less. We will also post a list of novices so anyone who wants a partner will know who is eligible. Let's make our first tournament a BIG SUCCESS!

On March 19 our second tournament scheduled is the Novice Pairs, so novices, plan to play in both.

FUN DAY:

Valentine's Day will be celebrated on Saturday, February 13. Wear something red and come prepared to play the games set up by our Fun Days Committee. Afterwards there will be regular bowling.

WEBSITE:

I hope that everyone has been taking a few minutes to check out our great website. Originally set up by Lucy Jackson, it is now run by Bruce Walter and he keeps it up to date with info about our tournaments and other activities. Fairly new to the website, is a

calendar. Sharron initiated this and makes sure that all our upcoming events are listed there for your information. Also new, when the weather is rainy there will be a notation on the calendar section about the condition of the greens and whether we will be bowling or not. The web address is now included in the masthead of this newsletter so have a look.

DIRECTORIES:

The 2016 Membership Directories have been printed and are in the clubhouse in a box. Please take one. At present we have 77 members who actually bowl, some only occasionally, and quite a number who are Associate Members and come for our special events. We will be focusing on recruitment this coming year to hopefully increase our numbers. Anyone with ideas about publicity and recruitment, please talk to Sharron. The most successful method continues to be current bowlers bringing in friends.

BOWLING TIPS:

There seems to be some confusion about what to do when a bowl from another rink crosses into your rink. Remember that you are responsible for everything that takes place on your rink. So if any bowl from an adjoining rink comes into your rink, someone in the head must take action if the bowl is likely to collide with any of your bowls.

1. If the bowl is clearly a wrong bias, stop it.
2. If it is the correct bias and is only likely to hit one of your bowls before returning to its own rink, you should lift your bowl to allow it to pass. Then replace your bowl in its original position.

3. If the bowl entering your rink is likely to disturb a number of your bowls or the jack, then you must stop the bowl.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

On Saturday, January 30, I attended the annual meeting of the Southwest Women's Division as a representative of SB Lawn Bowls Club women. It was a good meeting, much business was handled and it concluded with the installation of officers for 2016.

Heather Stewart, as head of the Tournament Committee, announced several changes to be made to the schedule for next year. Some were changes of dates, but also two tournaments will have a change of format. The committee felt it would be good to vary the format to give everyone a different experience. When the tournament schedule is finalized, I will print it out and post it at our club.

The Southwest Open Tournament, which has been held in Santa Anita for some years, will see a change this year. Santa Anita has four greens and enough room to accommodate both the men and the women. However, in the last couple of years the greens have been getting in bad shape and there were complaints. The greens there are handled by the County and recently they have got a new manager who is more agreeable to working with the club. However, only two of the greens are now in tournament shape. So the outcome was that the men will play in Santa Anita and the women voted to play elsewhere, probably Newport Harbor, Long Beach and/or Laguna Beach.

Each of the seven divisions of Bowls USA has two representatives to the

national organization, one man and one woman called Councilors. Ours are Sam DeLisle from MacKenzie Park and Jan Hargraves from Newport. Jan reported on the Bowls USA meeting which was held before the US Open. The group decided to set up a \$7,500 fund for small grants to clubs who need help with projects such as backboards, equipment, etc. There will be an application process. This is a pilot project to see if there is a need.

We were reminded that the Memorial Fund of Bowls USA also gives grants and applications can be made there.

The National Championships will be held in Sun City, Arizona, in 2016, October 24 to 28.

At the end of the meeting the new officers were installed – Cheri Cabot, President, Evelyn Lucero, Vice President, Micky Alexander, Secretary, and Jan Hargraves, Councilor. Currently the treasurer position is open.

Once again there was discussion of a possible merger with the men's division. A new committee has been formed to discuss this.



This photo shows the front of our clubhouse and the rainwater harvesting landscape that was put in by Sweetwater Collaborative.

Thanks to Sharron Adams for digging out the info and picture from the city website. We thought bowlers might be interested in going out to the front of our clubhouse to take a look.

Howard & Judy Wang

By Alice Chaffee



Arrival in harbor, May 2012

A delightful couple attended our Open House in May of 2015, liked what they experienced, and quickly joined the club. Since that time they have bowled regularly and well, taken part in our festivities, and consistently volunteered their time and talents.

Theirs is a remarkable story. Howard was born in Shanghai and lived in Hong Kong before immigrating to Seattle with his parents as refugees in 1957. Judy was born in Long Beach. They met on the Caltech campus at a mixer where Howard was a student and Judy a student nurse at the Los Angeles County General Hospital. They were married in 1963 in Pasadena. Judy worked as a RN and Howard did his graduate research at UCLA and taught Biology at UC Santa Cruz, where they lived for 30 years. They have two adult children. They square dance when not practicing lawn bowling.

After their retirement, the Wangs left the Channel Islands Harbor in October 2004 on a 42-foot catamaran for Mexico. Their sailing adventure lasted eight years, included visits to 42 countries, and one lap around the world. Their boat came within 25 miles of a pirate attack in the Gulf of Aden and ran aground on a reef in the Red Sea near Sudan. They are thankful to have survived storms, ill winds, and big seas. They arrived back in San Diego Harbor in May 2012. It didn't take them long to sell the catamaran and settle on land in Santa Barbara.

There were numerous highlights of their circumnavigation that included an uninhabited island with thousands of birds at an atoll in the Pacific. They relished the haunting rhythm of the Aboriginal didgeridoo late into the night at the anchorage in Darwin. They fell in love with Australia and New Zealand where they first saw lawn bowling. "That's something we should look into," they said to each other. It took no prompting when they saw the announcement for the Open House at the SBLBC and here they are.

WINTER LEAGUE:

The Winter League, which is played every year at MacKenzie Park beginning in December, finished on January 24. Several players from our club joined in and did quite well so I thought everyone would enjoy seeing the pictures taken by Sue Sullivan. Other members of SBLBC who played in this event were Stan Bloom and Joe Streiff, Chris and Hildegard Kennedy and Sue and Roger Sullivan.



2015-16 WINTER LEAGUE



1ST PLACE
PATRICIA CRONSHAW - JOHN TRINDADE
2015-16 WINTER LEAGUE



2ND PLACE
SHERRY CREAGER - RON CREAGER
2015-16 WINTER LEAGUE



3RD PLACE
BRUCE PHILLIPS - EILEEN MORTON - JIM MORTON (SUB)
2015-16 WINTER LEAGUE



4TH PLACE
GRANT GIBSON - DEL CARDILLO
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