

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK



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June Gloom is upon us in Santa Barbara but somehow the sun is always shining at our club! We are very happy that we had a brilliant,

annual Open House last month and gained 15 new, enthusiastic members. Thank you to all of YOU club members who worked hard to insure its success.

Our present 111 club members come from near and far with 99 of us eligible to bowl during the ten weekly game times on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Some may wonder why we don't bowl every day at our club. We have only one grass green and it must rest and be maintained some days to remain healthy. Many thanks to Max Mickey, Scott Coons and their crew for being attentive to our green for our bowling pleasure.

All of our new members need help learning how to play our sport. Eileen, Jane, Gloria, Bud and I have spent a lot of time getting these new folks ready to join in games. YOU can help out, too! Just ask us how.

We continue to have our monthly Open Days for Visitors. The banners outside our clubhouse the week prior to Open

Days are attractive eye-catchers and bring people inside to see what all the fun is about. The next one is this Saturday, June 11, starting at 10:00. Come help us introduce more folks to lawn bowling. We need YOU! It's exciting and fun!

Speaking of introductions, we want to give a special shout-out to Bud Viard who puts in countless hours introducing visitors to our club in two major ways. The Private Events he hosts introduce hundreds of potential members to our sport each year. Twilight Bowling which started last month on Tuesdays and Thursdays is a big hit, too. Members who have not helped with either of these efforts, you are missing out. We all know that a volunteer organization is only as good as its volunteers. Be one of the active volunteers, lend a hand and have some fun!

All of us love shade on a bright, sunny day. Tony & Betty Cunningham have dedicated months of their free time making sure that our campus provides just that in a safe and easy-to-use form. The handsome, green shades which they've constructed blend in beautifully with our existing ones. Furthermore, Tony has plans to continue with his labor of love to provide more shade on our Carol Smith Green. Thank you, Tony & Betty from Ojai, and contributors, Bernard Talco from Wales and Gary and Ruth Suter from Victoria,

Canada, for caring about our club.

Visitations have been a part of our popular club activities for the majority of our 80-year history. We enjoy welcoming members of other clubs to Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club and meeting new people. Those of us who don't often bowl in tournaments are given a chance to be competitive with others in the region. Let's all come out in our club colors and bowl with the Oxnard club on Thursday, June 23. Bring a dish to share and settle in for some good times!

Finally, we are firmly convinced that regular bowling in the fresh air and sunshine and walking up and down on the green all contribute to keeping our club members happier, more active and even younger. So, come on out. Share your excitement for the sport of lawn bowls with family and friends. Keep our club growing and shed that "City's Best Kept Secret" that we seem to have. Volunteer a bit of time to keep our club and your "bod" running smoothly. See you on the green!

COMING EVENTS:

June,

7 & 9, Super Senior Singles
18, Saturday, Flag Day Triples
and barbecue
23, Thursday, Oxnard visitation
To SBLBC

July,

4, Monday, Special Fun Day

TOURNAMENT NEWS:

Two really great tournaments took place in May, the Mixed Singles Championship and also the British Cup Australian Pairs. Both were well attended and lots of fun.



Mixed Singles players with markers

The Mixed Singles Championship was a single elimination (one loss and you're OUT), tough competition. Eight people signed up, Joe Streiff, Roger Sullivan, Ron Creager, Sherry Creager, Scott Coons, Max Mickey, Ted Bailey and Eileen Morton. Four games were played and when the smoke cleared, only four competitors remained – Roger, Ron, Sherry and Eileen. Now we were already down to only two games – Sherry and Roger and Eileen and Ron. Games were played to 16 points rather than ends and were intense and fairly long and arduous. Eileen and Ron played to a tie of 15 to 15 but Eileen was lucky to keep one point in the final end and win the game. On Sunday, Eileen and Roger played off and once again Eileen was victorious. A really good tournament! And many thanks to Gloria and Jane who stuck around to mark for our games which made it SO much easier and kept the action moving.



Winner Eileen with runner-up Roger

Next, on Monday, May 30, Memorial Day, we played the **British Cup Australian Pairs** tournament. This was started some years ago by the British members of our club who sponsored the tournament and provided a beautiful trophy. After some time, we lost most of those Brits so our own Jo Millett took over sponsorship. The tournament is open to MacKenzie Park and also Oxnard. We had a number of bowlers from MacKenzie but none from Oxnard due to the fact that they had their own Memorial Day celebration and Special Day. So we had eight very competitive teams and we played four 8-end games, two before and two after lunch. There were some very close games, some very surprising upsets and some very lopsided games – as everyone says “That’s bowls”, you never know what’s going to happen. Three teams did an outstanding job and our very own club members, Denise Foxwell and Max Mickey, came up the winners with three wins and a tie and 10 plus points – an outstanding record!



The champs with sponsor, Jo Millett

Second place, with three wins and plus 8 points, went to the ever-faithful team of Roger and Sue Sullivan and in third, two wins and a tie and plus 3 were Chris and Hildegard Kennedy. Excellent job everyone! After the bowling, we all trooped into the clubhouse for a delicious spread of cheese, crackers, wine and beer and much more, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and gave everyone a chance to unwind, talk about the tournament and just chat a bit. A great finish to a good tournament. Many thanks to Jo and Denise for their sponsorship.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS:

By Bud Viard

The final Special Olympics Bocce practice was held on Saturday, June 4th, and soon the red, white, and blue boards will be put away for another year. It’s been a great year for “our” teams; they competed in 3 different competitions this year, one of them being the inaugural Dan Hedrick Memorial right here on our green, and brought home several Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals. Saturday’s practice also gave the athletes a chance to go

out in front of the club and get some time on a less friendly grass surface, much like they will face at the Southern California Region Summer Games this upcoming weekend in Long Beach. Saturday's practice was topped off by a hot dog barbeque provided by the lawn bowls club, with a cake and pot luck side dishes brought by the athletes and coaches. Our thanks go out to Stephanie Viard, Lynda Terres, and especially Tim and Joy Thornton for manning the grill and helping everything run so smoothly. The Santa Barbara Special Olympics management, athletes, and coaches have all expressed to me just how appreciative and thankful they are to have been so welcomed at the club. Even when they come to visit on non-practice days, you all have made them feel welcome and accepted which is really all they ask.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Bud reported that he is getting many requests from outside groups to come to our club for a special event and bowling. He really needs more help with these events and would appreciate more members coming to assist with showing visitors how to bowl. These are worthwhile events for us and introduce many young people to our sport.

The Presidents' Day Barbecue, which was scheduled for August 13 this year, has been moved up to July 30, a Saturday, due to a schedule conflict. Put this one on your calendar as you won't want to miss the fun.

Saturday, June 11 will be our next visitor's day and our great Pres has been advertising on line and by the new banners which are posted outside our building to try to get more people to come learn to bowl. There again, more help is needed to be here on "visitor day" to help Sharron and Jeff with any drop-ins. This effort to attract new people is for the benefit of all our members and should not be shouldered by one or two people every time. So step up and help out. Anyone can show someone how to bowl!

VISITATION:

Oxnard LBC is coming on June 23 to play with our club, enjoy a friendly lunch and get a chance to have fun bowling. This is a chance to get acquainted with social bowlers from other clubs who love the game as we do. Sign up on the bulletin board to play and also to bring a dish to share for our lunch. Everyone should attend this visitation, new bowlers or veteran bowlers. It's just a fun time playing our great game.