

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK



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These are exciting times at Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club! Our grass green is beginning to show its springtime

verdant hue with care from our grounds crew and a little help from Baby El Nino. The turf weed, pearlwort, has been sprayed and fertilizer applied. The succulent and rose gardens and the plants in pots are waking up to a new spring and are carefully tended by Howard Wang and Max Mickey. Multi-talented and energetic Tony and Betty Cunningham opened their amazing toolkit of design once again and are treating us to welcomed and convenient shade for the benches while we are bowling.

You've probably noticed some impressive activity lately on the "We're Comin' Back" rink. Carol Smith, Jo Millett and Nancy Mayer are showing us just how tough lawn bowlers can be! These amazing women aren't letting anything stand in their way of enjoying the sport of lawn bowls.

Weekend bowling is becoming even more popular. Our Sunday afternoon game time has been moved up to 12:30 at the request of several members. Now, all our game times are consistent at 10:00 AM and 12:30 PM on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. So many things are happening! We are making it even easier for you to stay informed about club news and activities. Thanks to Editor Eileen Morton, you can read this great newsletter every month. You can now follow us on our NEW Facebook page: [Facebook.com/SBLawnBowls](https://www.facebook.com/SBLawnBowls) or browse our website at santabarbaralbc.org. Click on the Calendar link for updated events and weather-related greens information.

Our club was bursting with activity on a recent Saturday with the opening day of the Special Olympic athletes' bocce season. Coach Bud Viard livened up the carpeted green with red, white and blue boundaries for the bocce courts. The same day, we had four visitors learning about lawn bowls as a result of our monthly advertised free bowling lessons. Additionally, four rinks were busy with lawn bowlers. At least 50 people were having great fun at our club.

Our outstanding board members, chairpersons and committee members make this club run smoothly. The adage, "Many hands make light work," can be seen in action every day. Thank you all for the exciting times!

Sharron

COMING EVENTS:

March.

11, Friday, Oxnard Visitation
17, Thursday, St Patrick's Fun Day
19, Saturday, Novice Pairs Tourn.

April.

16, Saturday, Club Pairs Championship
22, Friday, Clean- Up Day (lunch too)
26 & 28, Tuesday & Thursday
Super Senior Pairs Tournament

TOURNAMENT NEWS:

by Bud Viard



It was one of those typically beautiful Santa Barbara days, February 27th, and 6 happy teams met at 10:00am to contest the 2016 Veteran – Novice Pairs Championship. Our teams were Grant Gibson and Jay Dooreck (playing in his first tournament and in his first game), Denise Foxwell and Janet Dickson, Ted Bailey and Howard Wang, Bernard Talco and Judy Wang, Bud Viard and Max Mickey, and Sharron Adams and Marlyn Nicolas. The competition was hot and heavy, with some great shots, some close wins, and by lunch time there were many teams still able to win it all. The third and final game was no different, very close games all, with two of them ending in ties. After all the chalk dust had settled, two teams emerged with 2 Wins and 1 Tie. A quick tally of their margins of victory ("plus points") and the team of Ted Bailey and Howard Wang were clearly the winners. Coming in second was the team of Bud Viard and Max Mickey with Sharron Adams and Marlyn Nicolas picking up third place. Our congratulations to the Champions. Our next tournament is also for the novices. Saturday, March 19th is the Novice Pairs Championship. An announcement will be posted soon, so if you're a novice find yourself a partner and get ready for some more outstanding, competitive bowling.

Keep reading – there's more tournament pictures to come. Ed

SOUTH CENTRAL OPEN:



***Margi Rambo, Eileen, Cheryl Barkovich,
Betsy Laurysen***

As mentioned before, the Bowls USA is divided into seven geographical divisions and the South Central Division is mostly Arizona. So each year I travel there to play in their open tournament which draws bowlers from many parts of the country. Also, quite a few of the people there at this time of year are from Canada or other cold places and they stay for several months to enjoy bowling in the warmth. And warm it was! In fact this year it was really hot.

I drive over there with my friend and roommate, Margi Rambo, who puts me up for a night at her house in Sierra Madre so we can get an early start the next morning. We drive on Thursday, and that gives us Friday to practice with our team on the very fast greens. Competition starts on Saturday with rinks, (or fours), which is played in teams of four bowlers using two bowls each. It's challenging and we were struggling a bit with the pace of the green, not to mention the very harsh Arizona climate. Our skip was having the worst time and kept putting her bowls in the ditch, so eventually we changed positions and she did better in

a lead position. This put Margi in as skip and me as vice and we won all the rest of our games. This year, since they didn't have enough teams entered to use their usual format and divide us into flights on the second day, they had us play four ten-end games each day. Then they paid seven positions. We wound up in fifth place, so redeemed ourselves a bit.

Margi and I had opted out of playing singles, so for the next two days we took our time over breakfast, went shopping, rested and went to just watch the bowling. I love singles, but it's just pretty intense and tiring playing three games to 18 points at my advanced age. However, it was fun to watch the other women in their games, some of which were so very well played. The final winner was a Canadian woman who winters in AZ.

Pairs tournaments were played Wednesday and Thursday so we got back into the fray. Usually I skip our pairs but this year we switched because Margi, a member of the U.S. Team did so well overseas and we thought it would work out with me as lead. Big mistake! Margi is a much better lead than I am and we lost three of our four games the first day and landed with a thud in the fourth flight on day two. On the final day of the tournament we decided to change our positions and sure enough, we won all our games and first place in the fourth flight. But we did have our small victories – we beat a very hot team not once, but twice, having to play them both days.

For two days after the tournament finished, there was a women's "skills camp" led by Jackie Tucker who is the coach for the women's U.S. team. She started two years ago with camps for women who wanted to apply for the

team. The format for selection has changed and this year, for the first time, she organized her camp around improving bowling skills and opened it up to anyone who was interested. And lots of people were! There were at least 40 women attending coming from all parts of the U.S. She also had three members of the U.S. team and three members of the Canadian team, (some past members) to help with the instruction. She provided everyone with drills to practice many kinds of shots, with talks about many things, with head set-up's which the players discussed with the experienced team members and much more. It was really good. I didn't participate but helped out with the practice drills and thoroughly enjoyed the whole thing. I would highly recommend to any woman interested in improving her skills, that she make an effort to get to the camp if Jackie does it again next year. And she probably will. It gets better every year as she fine tunes it and includes items that attendees have suggested.

P.S. Just to let you know, Sharron Adams suggested I write about the SC Open. I don't talk that much but I do tend to get carried away writing on my favorite subjects so Sharron "Be careful what you wish for".

Eileen

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Tony announced that some members have been asking to buy bowl lifters and he will be ordering some along with another supply of measuring tapes.

There was more discussion about lowering the plinth boards so that bowls that are sent down very heavily will not bounce up off the green. Our greens keepers are still working on this

problem. Meanwhile, if someone intends to throw a firing shot, he/she needs to warn people on the rink and on adjoining rinks as well as bowls often scatter far and wide.

The board approved the construction of three more of the shade units that Tony has designed and will now construct.

Thanks were extended to Diana Wilk, who agreed to make up our new set of name discs even though she has given up bowling for awhile. A good friend we hope comes back soon.

TED BAILEY



We were delighted to welcome experienced and proficient bowler Ted Bailey to our club this past August. Ted has been bowling for 11 years, learning at the club in Pasadena, of which he is currently the president—he lives in Ojai and bowls at both clubs. He soon made his mark at our club, winning the Mixed Singles in November 2015.

Ted grew up in Boston. He graduated from Harvard with a degree in

Engineering Science and earned a Master's degree in Engineering from Cornell. He worked for 25 years for General Electric in various locations, specializing in the manufacture of products such as X-ray machines, before moving to California in 1988. He then started a consulting practice and worked for some years as an engineer at the Davis Wire Company in Irwindale. After retirement Ted bought a summer home on Lake Michigan in Wisconsin, where four of his five children live. He bowled at Lake Park LBC in Milwaukee, one year winning the North Central Division Pairs, and also raced a sailboat.

In 2015 he sold the Wisconsin condo and moved his "stuff" to Ojai where his partner of 15 years, Diana deNoyelles, had a small rental house. They've recently installed a new kitchen and have begun general refurbishment on the house. They enjoy foreign and domestic travel and spending time with their combined ten children and eight grandchildren.

One of the things Ted says he likes most about lawn bowling is the feeling when the bowl comes out of your hand, as well as the spirited competition. On Saturday February 27 he bowled in the Veterans-Novice Pairs competition with Howard Wang as his partner and finished in first place.

PS--Ted reveals that his real name is Edward, but like that other Bostonian Edward Kennedy, his preferred nickname is Ted--and adds that you can call him anything as long as you call him!

Thanks to Alice Chaffee for the bio.



***The We're Comin' Back Ladies
Carol Smith, Nancy Mayer, Jo Millett***



***Veteran-Novice Tournament Winners
Ted Bailey and Howard Wang***



**Second Place Winners
Max Mickey and Bud Viard**



**Third Place Winners
Sharron Adams and Marla Nichols**



**Eileen giving a measuring demonstration
to the novices.**

On the Thursday before the tournament, the novices were offered a brief class covering the duties of a lead/vice in a pairs game. Since all the novices had never had a vice class it was hoped this would help them. One novice – the brave Jay Dooreck – had never played a game at all so everything was new to him! All the novices attended and it was a success as we were able to answer some questions and give some advice and encouragement.

A very big THANK YOU to our lovely Pres, Sharron Adams, who is always ready to help and took all these nice pictures as well.

