

ON THE JACK



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It's Open House time! We are the only Lawn Bowling Club operating in downtown Santa Barbara and the month of May is our opportunity to showcase our club at its finest. We throw open our doors for our OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, May 7, at 10:00.

Many thanks to that small but powerful cadre of members who spruced up the grounds and the clubhouse last month. Tim and Joy Thornton shined up the windows of the clubhouse and removed all the cobwebs. Max and Gloria worked hard trimming shrubbery and the hedges and Eileen, Jeff and I organized the locker room and clubhouse.

Tony and Betty Cunningham finished a long, labor of love on four terrific, adjustable sun shades on the Carol Smith Green. Amazingly, they have more shades planned to make our games safer and more enjoyable. What a team!

Max Mickey made fresh, legible rink markers for us and has spent hours pruning roses and gardening. New board member, Howard Wang, keeps our pots filled with colorful bougainvillea and looks after the cacti and succulents. Our new banners are up on De La Vina offering FREE Lawn Bowling Lessons.

Bud Viard begins the popular Twilight Bowling series on First Thursday, May 5, at 5:30. Countless others of our 95 members volunteer their time and talents to make this a remarkable and special community club.

Our Beginner's Special at only \$50 for seven months of Lawn Bowling with loaner bowls furnished can't be beat! There IS no better deal to get into a great sport for men and women of all ages. So, SBLBC members, wear your blue club shirt, your name badge, and arrive at least by 9:15 on Saturday to help set up and get ready for our guests. Good times ahead! Please be there!

Sharron

COMING EVENTS:

May,

7, Saturday, OPEN HOUSE
14 & 15, Saturday & Sunday
Mixed Singles Championship
30, Monday, Memorial Day British Cup
Tournament.

June,

7, Tuesday, Board Meeting
7 & 9, Tuesday & Thursday
Super Senior Singles
18, Saturday, Flag Day Triples
and barbecue
23, Thursday, Oxnard visit to SBLBC

TOURNAMENT NEWS:



Meet our 2016 **Club Pairs Champions, Ron and Sherry Creager**. A small but powerful group turned out for the Pairs tournament on April 16 and a round robin, three game competition which resulted in some really fun and exciting games. When all was done, Ron and Sherry were in first place, followed very closely by **Roger and Sue Sullivan** in second. Good job everyone and thanks for turning out for the tournament.

Coming next will be the **Mixed Singles** on the weekend of May 14 & 15. This is always fun and hopefully lots of bowlers will give it a try. A sign-up sheet with the format will be posted very soon so look for that. Playing tournaments is a good way to improve your skills if you can just relax and not worry about the outcome. As people always say “everyone can be beaten on a given day” so enjoy the game and be part of the fun. The format will probably be a single elimination so may be only one day, depending on how many sign up.

Also this month the very popular **Memorial Day Australian Pairs** will be on Monday, May 30. Find a partner now and plan on joining in this one which is followed by a very nice wine and cheese party sponsored by Jo Millett. If you are

new and don't know about Australian Pairs, don't worry, all will be explained.

WELCOME:

We are lucky to have a few new members lately and everyone should help welcome them to our club.

Jay Dooreck, played his very first game in a tournament (how brave was that?). He then went away for a long trip but is now back and ready to roll again.

Venita Rames, was a member a few years ago and recently decided to return to us. We have missed her lately but hope she will soon come to the club to play.

Kathy Vea, was also a long-time member of our club who unfortunately had to leave us for a while. She is back now and soon will be coming to sharpen her rusty skills. When she does, watch out tournament players!

Robin Smith, has been bringing her dear mom to the club and helping her, Jo, and Nancy bowl for some time. We are happy to welcome her as a full time member.

OPEN DAYS:

Our great Pres, Sharron Adams, has begun holding an Open Day every month to encourage people to come to the club to learn our wonderful sport. Each month she places ads in Edhat.com, Noozhawk.com, SB Independent and always a few folks come by to try it out. Most agree to have their pictures on our facebook page so check it out at [Facebook.com/SBLawnBowls](https://www.facebook.com/SBLawnBowls). Sharron is trying very hard to grow our

membership and we all need to lend her as much support as possible.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION OPEN:

This year the Southwest Women's Division Open was held at Newport Beach and Laguna Beach due to the problems with greens at Santa Anita. So the men went to Santa Anita and the women elsewhere which meant that a few couples who usually attend, skipped it this time. Still we had a good turnout with women from all over the U.S. including Arizona, New Jersey, San Francisco and area, Milwaukee, etc.



Flor, Dawn, Melanie, Eileen

The first two days were spent at Newport Beach playing the rinks (or fours) tournament. Our team did really well the first day which was four 10-end games to qualify. We finished in second place which put us in the Championship Flight (8 teams) to begin our second day. Our first opponents on the second day turned out to be a very tough team and we lost our first game which put us in the second flight. However, we won our next game and so got to play in the finals. The second day we played 14-end games and by the final game we all fell apart (or as they say "the wheels came off") so we finished in second place, second flight, for which we were very pleased.



View from the greens at Laguna Beach

Monday and Tuesday we played pairs at Laguna Beach. Both Newport and Laguna had very fast tournament greens which took some getting used to. Dawn and I did OK but not great and we had some wonderful, very exciting games, but we got knocked out on the second day. Laguna Beach is so very beautiful, with views from the fence surrounding the greens overlooking the ocean. While we were playing the flocks of seagulls or pelicans came soaring past making a lovely sight. So just being there is great, and bowling as well makes a good day indeed.

WOMEN'S DIVISION MEETING:

Following is a brief description of the highlights of the Women's Division meeting (men can skip this).

The Tournament Committee began by proposing a small change to the dress code for women to all wear shorts that are no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. This was approved and will be enforced after the Open is finished.

We had the sad announcement that Lake Hodges club will be closing. In spite of heroic efforts by a few of our members to save the club, they just couldn't get enough members to make it work.

The Katie Stone Singles and the Division Rinks will both be played using a different format this year to give everyone a little variety. The Singles will be played using 9-end sets with a 3-end tie breaker if needed and the Rinks will be scored 4,3,2,1 instead of the usual way.

A merger with the men is still under discussion and the Merger Committee will be meeting by phone conference to pose questions which need to be resolved before a merger can be accomplished.

One of the newer members at Newport stood and told the group about her successful recruiting among her golfing friends. She brought quite a large group of women into the club to

learn and then to play among themselves, followed by wine and snacks. From this group, they netted several new full-time bowling members.

LADIES DAY:

On May 18, Wednesday, the SWWD has a Ladies Day at Santa Anita which is the club which is nearest to us who holds this event. These Ladies Days are held every month in a different place but most are too far for us to go. This is not a tournament but simply a get-together, bring some lunch and enjoy some fun games and get to know some women from other clubs.

If anyone is interested in going to Santa Anita please let me know and we can arrange to car pool.