

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

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Exciting news! You are going to get a gift! Your board voted to align our membership year with the calendar year. This means you will get a **bonus of one free month**. For decades, our club year started Dec. 1 and ended Nov. 30. This oddity created confusion on many fronts. Now, each club year will begin Jan. 1 and end Dec. 31. Our thanks to the Officers and Board Members for making this change possible. Our dues for 2017 will be payable on or before Dec. 31. The amount will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on Dec. 6.

Our ever-popular **Veteran's Day BBQ** is around the corner on Friday, Nov. 11. The festive **Holiday Luncheon** will be on Saturday, Dec. 17, in the clubhouse or the lanai, weather permitting. Be sure to sign up for these not-to-be-missed events and the blind-draw games. Gifts of beautiful bouquets of flowers from the **Van Wingerden** family and transportation by **Tony** and **Elizabeth (Betty) Cunningham** make these events possible via the Flower Fund. This unique fund is set aside solely for the purpose of having good times at our club. Amazing!

The upcoming **Annual General Meeting** on Dec. 6 starts at 10:00 at the Davis Center. Come a little early to enjoy pastries and coffee. At that time, sign up for one of the committees which keep this club of volunteers running smoothly. As Englishman John Heywood wrote back in the 1500s, "**Many hands make light work.**" This year make a real commitment. Be one of the active, contributing members of our organization. Be one of the volunteers giving back to our lawn bowls club so we can all have more fun!

Sharron

COMING EVENTS:

November:

11, Veterans' Day & Barbecue
16, Visit to MacKenzie Park LBC
22, Turkey Shoot Fun Day

December:

6, Annual General Meeting
17, Holiday Luncheon

TOURNAMENT NEWS:



***Debra Rudik, Ellie Jones, Max Mickey,
Brent Boone***

The **Novice Singles** tournament was played on Saturday, October 15 with just four bowlers. Other novices were unavailable to play because of previous commitments. Nevertheless, we had a good competition and a nice day of bowling. Several willing helpers made the day go smoothly: Brent Boone began by dragging the grass to remove the dew, Chris Montgomery set up rinks, Gloria Torres volunteered to spend the day with us as a marker and Victoria Lopez pitched in as a marker as well later in the day. Sharron showed up as well and took nice pictures for us.

My sincere thanks to all of those who helped, especially the ever-faithful Gloria who is always such a willing volunteer.

The group played a round-robin of three games to 12 points. Our winner, Brent, won all three and in second place, Max won two. Good job everyone!



Brent Boone, Eileen Morton

The following Saturday, October 22, saw the **Southwest Division Veteran Novice** Tournament at MacKenzie Park. Some of our club members joined in and our new singles champ Brent continued to shine as a fabulous lead for Eileen. We played four 10-end games, two before lunch and two after. The competition was pretty fierce and we felt very lucky to win three of our games finishing in second place. Grant Gibson and Max Mickey also played and they ended with a tie for fourth place. There were 32 teams from all over the Southwest Division so both greens were full. Good times!

I encourage people to sign up for tournaments as it brings out the best and the atmosphere is great when everyone is trying their best at this wonderful sport of ours.

Our final tournament of the year is always the **Veterans' Day Triples**. This is a blind draw game for partners. Once you draw your team you stay together for a second game. There will be only two very short games and then we EAT. A catered barbecue will follow the

bowling. We hope that everyone will show up for this because it's something you don't want to miss. Watch for a sign-up sheet which will tell our ever-busy kitchen crew how many people we need to plan on for lunch. If you can't make it to the club to sign up but wish to attend, please email Denise Foxwell at foxydesign@hotmail.com or give her a call.

VISITATIONS:

On Monday, September 19, a group of bowlers went to **Oxnard** for a visit and enjoyed it very much. The Oxnard club visited us on October 6 and a good time was had by all. I believe we came out about even on winning and losing games for our first game. After a really good lunch of taco salad, several Oxnard players stayed over and we had another game with the teams mixed. Pictures of the event were posted on our Facebook page by Sharron so take a look.

Visitations are a good chance to get acquainted with our fellow bowlers from other clubs, learn about their activities and sometimes get ideas for our own.

So don't miss our next visit, this time to **MacKenzie Park**, right here in Santa Barbara, on Wednesday, November 16. You will get a chance to play on a different green in beautiful MacKenzie Park, talk to people who also love their bowling, enjoy a good lunch – what's not to like? Sign up on the bulletin board because Diana will be arranging teams to play against their club teams for the first game.

BOWLS USA:

Bowls USA (formerly the United States Lawn Bowls Association), is our National Organization. It is divided into seven geographical Divisions, ours

being the Southwest. We are the largest and have the most bowlers, extending from Cambria all the way to San Diego. There is also the Pacific Inter-Mountain (Bay Area), Northwest, South Central, Central, Southeast and Northeast. Go to the Bowls USA website to learn all about the organization and explore their many interesting links. If you start by calling up SWlawnbowls.org you will find a link to Bowls USA.

Bowls USA governs the sport of bowls in the US and is a member of World Bowls, the organization that establishes worldwide Laws of the Sport. The laws are updated every five years or so. There are over 50 countries who are members of World Bowls and they are currently working on getting lawn bowling recognized as a sport for the Olympics.

Bowls USA does much for the sport. They have a new coaching program and have been training coaches all over the country; they sponsor the most prestigious tournament this country has, the U.S. Open, which attracts bowlers from all over the world. They also help sponsor the U.S. team and provide some support for their travel expenses; they sponsor the National Championships and help the clubs that host them; they have a Memorial Fund which accepts money from wills or donations honoring loved ones and also works to support the bowling community. Recently Bowls USA has established a grant program which will be used to help clubs which need assistance in purchasing equipment, repairs or any other bowling related item they can't afford.

Membership for Bowls USA is only \$20 per year, not that much these days, and it is required if you wish to play in

the SW Women's Division tournaments. Membership in the Southwest Division is only \$10 per year and is included in our dues. I have heard that other sports clubs, such as golf, always include membership to the national organization in their dues. This is something we will discuss at our annual meeting, so please give it some thought, look into the website and be ready to vote.

VICE CLASS:

We have been talking about giving another vice class for some time and now we have a good number of people who signed up to show interest. So Sharron and I will present a class on Thursday, November 10. We'll start at 9:30 and delay the first game until 10:15 to give us enough time. If we still leave things unfinished at the class, we will plan to continue after lunch.

Two or three people indicated they would like a Saturday class and this will be done as well. I will notify everyone of the date when it's scheduled.

I want to encourage our new members to take the time to come to the class. You will not be turned into instant vices, but if you draw a pairs game, the information presented will be useful to you.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Our important Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6 at the Davis Center, a change from the Saturday date originally planned as we were unable to secure the Davis Center for that date. All members are encouraged to attend. We will be doing a recap of the year, talking about dues for next year, seating our new board members and officers and much more.

On the wall in our clubhouse, next to the serving counter, there is a plaque honoring those members who have left money to the club in a will or simply donated a substantial amount to help out. They are called the "Heritage Club" and everyone should be aware of their huge contribution to our wellbeing.

Max will be getting signs made up showing our bowling days and times. These will be placed on the front door and the gate so passers-by will know when we will be there if they are interested in joining us.

Research on night lights for our greens continues. Bud and his committee are working on specifics and will share plans with everyone when they are completed.

Bud continues to draw many people to our greens for parties and gatherings of all sorts. He is expecting 20-30 people this coming Sunday for a birthday party and would appreciate some volunteers to help out. Since Bud is the man who takes care of all these outside events, he really needs a backup person who can take over for him occasionally. If anyone feels they could do this job, please see Bud and he will tell you what needs to be done.

It was decided that there will be sign-up sheets at the annual meeting and also on the bulletin board for people to volunteer their help with the work of his club.



***New Members
Karl Jakel and Carolyn Wilson***



***New Members
Sally and Daniel Stein***

