

# SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

# ON THE JACK



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Fall is ushering in cooler temperatures and bringing more bowlers out on the green. Twilight bowling has drawn to a close after a successful season with the advent of shorter days. Our hats are off once again to **Bud** and **Stephanie Viard** for spearheading this popular time to bowl for the last twenty years or so.

We are happy to welcome new members to our club: **Dale Johns, Charles Swegles, Carolyn Wilson** and **Karl Jakel**. Some of our new members are already bowling in games.

This reminds us all to look anew at our own bowling and make sure we are using best practices to set good examples for our Novices.

'Tis the season for us to be thinking about an election.....No, not THAT one! The Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club year ends next month on November 30. The officers and the directors of our Board of Directors are elected by YOU at our Annual Meeting on December 6.

It has been a personal pleasure for me to serve with the present members of our talented board. If you would like to take a seat and help with this interesting work for next year, please let us know. All board members must have been voting members of the club for at least six months prior to taking office. If you are asked to serve on the board, please do! I would highly recommend it and it's a great way to do your part to insure the continuing success of our club.

*Sharron*

## **COMING EVENTS:**

### **October:**

6, Oxnard visits SBLBC  
15, Novice Singles Tournament  
20, Cambria visits SBLBC  
22, Veteran-Novice Pairs at MacKenzie Park  
29, Halloween Fun Day

### **November:**

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

### **TOURNAMENT NEWS:**

The **Spencer Adams Triples** tournament, which was a blind draw for teams, was played over two days September 13 and 15. This tournament honors a man who was a great benefactor to our club and whose portrait hangs in our clubhouse over the desk.

Only one game was played each day and there was one team who won both; that was Skip Bud Viard, Vice Jeff Adams and Lead, Diana Kruse. What a team and congratulations!

Attention all Novices! The **Novice Singles** tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 and we need more players. There is a change in the format since some of the novices were not available to play for two days, so the format was changed to just one day, a Saturday.

Anyone who has played for two years or less is eligible to join in the fun. I hope that some of our excellent new bowlers will take the plunge and sign up as well. Tournament play is an excellent way to hone your skills and learn the game. Traditionally we wear white for tournaments but this can also include white pants and blue club shirts. Whites are also worn for visitations and other formal club functions, so if you don't have white pants, now is the time to find some. Surely summer clothes will be on sale with autumn coming on.

Our final tournament of the year will be the **Veterans' Day Triples** on Friday, November 11. This one was started by Lee Schmedes and his son Fred some years ago and is now a regular part of our calendar. We honor the veterans,

have a blind draw tournament and follow that with a barbecue. Watch the bulletin board for a sign-up sheet for this one.

### **VISITATIONS:**



**Cambria visitation group**



Eleven bowlers made the trip up to Cambria on September 8. We arrived at Cambria Pines Lodge which is quite a beautiful hotel and has wonderful food. A really great dinner was included in the price of the room as well as a bottle of wine and breakfast too! What a deal! The next morning we went to the Cambria club for a game on their carpet which seemed to defeat us pretty much. We tried hard but lost all our games which was OK because they were really nice to play with and afterwards gave us a lovely lunch which made us feel

better. Cambria will be coming to visit us in Santa Barbara on Saturday, October 29. I hope everyone will turn out to greet them and return the favor with a good game and delicious lunch.

On September 19 we went to Oxnard for a visit and a game with them. This time we had at least four teams to play against Oxnard. Their green is very good, fast and true, and we had a good time with them and as before, a wonderful luncheon. Pictures of the visitation can be seen on our facebook page. Give it a visit and leave a comment.

### ***NEW MEMBER:***

Lately, with all our Saturday Open House events, we have happily gained quite a few new members. Introducing Dale Johns.

*The following is a brief bio in Dale's own words:*



***Dale Johns***

I was born and went to school in Santa Barbara. As a teen I used to practice putting with my dad on a putting green the city maintained, located where this second green is now (turf). In my 20's my young family and I moved to Seattle, WA where I worked in the tele-

communications business for the next 35 years. While living in Seattle, I enjoyed fishing and golf in my spare time, also camping on vacations with my wife, son and daughter. As I retired, I bought a Harley and rode in group rides with the son. In 2004 my wife and I purchased a cabin on a river where my son and daughter, their spouses and my four grandchildren would spend weekends together. Everyone just loved that place.

A few years ago, we relocated to Pismo Beach for the winter months and then moved to SB full time last year. When I moved to SB, my neighbors Roger Sullivan and Ken Gould, both members here, asked me to try lawn bowls. It took a year before I tried a lesson but now I'm hooked! Love the outdoors and everyone I've met is so friendly.

*Welcome Dale. May you enjoy many happy hours bowling on the green!*

### ***COACHING:***

The Board of Directors discussed the ongoing need for a coaching program and a couple of suggestions were made. First, perhaps a brief reminder of rules or good bowling practice just before the game is called at 10:00 a.m. would be helpful. Second, we will attempt to schedule a vice clinic and will put up a sign-up sheet to determine if there is interest and when people would like to have the clinic. Please watch the bulletin board for a sign-up.

As mentioned before, there are many interesting bowling sites on the internet and there you will find videos of wonderful championship games as well as coaching videos and even one showing how bowls are produced. One

such site that has some very good coaching videos is lawn bowls manawatu in Australia. Give it a look-see, you will find it very interesting.

### ***BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:***

**Instruction and Recruitment:** Our several Saturday Open House events have gained us quite a few new members and some are beginning to bowl regularly with the club. The Saturday events will be finished for now and begin again next year.

A mentor program for new members was again suggested. Also, it was mentioned that if too many people offer advice to a new person it becomes confusing rather than helpful so members should offer advice only when asked.

**Training Bowls:** A better arrangement for the training bowls was again discussed. A plan is in the works to remove the old metal cabinet and

replace it with open shelves thus making the bowls more accessible.

**Folding Chairs:** Rinks 9 & 10 going north & south are seldom used since there is no seating available. Folding chairs will be stored just inside the ladies locker room to be used for those rinks.

**Davis Center:** The City has informed us that the Davis Center will soon be undergoing a renovation inside and out. The patio, where we enter our gate, will be fenced in and a roof added so it can be used for future events. Sharron and Max plan to make a trip to the Parks & Rec to look at the plans and make sure our access is not impeded. More on this later.

**Parking Permits:** Permits #1 and #3 are still missing. Everyone should check their cars to make sure they haven't forgotten to return them.