

# SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

# ON THE JACK



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**Presidents' Day** at the club on August 13 was a huge success with fifty or more of us joining in for the celebration and the BBQ.

We had a great time honoring nine of our past presidents on the royal red carpet and enjoying their wit and wisdom. Thanks to **Bud Viard** for running the Men vs the Women tournament and this year, the Women won! Abundant thanks to **Denise Foxwell**, the kitchen crew, the dessert providers and all of you who set up and cleaned up.

Our recent monthly **Open Day for Visitors** almost overwhelmed us! Thirteen visitors walked in to try their hand at lawn bowling. While we are overjoyed with the success of our recruiting efforts, we are wearing out our small, stalwart team of instructors. **Eileen Morton, Jane Streiff, Gloria Torres, Jeff Adams** and I have been teaching almost nonstop this year. New bowlers need instructors. If you can bowl, you can help teach in a team of two. Teaching is the best way to keep our own bowling skills sharp and up to date! Join us in this critical effort. We are very pleased to welcome **Debra Rudik, Dale Johns** and **Victor Elsey** as new members this month. Victor is the

designer of our attractive club brochures.

We wish the best of luck to **Eileen Morton, Roger** and **Sue Sullivan** when they represent our club at the upcoming **Joslyn Mixed Triples** at Holmby Park Lawn Bowls Club in Los Angeles on September 24. They will be competing among 32 top teams in this prestigious tournament which began in 1985. It's named after Marcellus L. Joslyn who was an outstanding bowler from Santa Monica. Practically every lawn bowling club in Southern California is indebted to Mr. Joslyn who passed away in 1963. We gather in the **Joslyn Lanai** and enjoy bowling on two greens because of donations from the Joslyn Foundation in previous years.

Thanks to everyone who completed the recent survey. Our growing club is over 120 members now with a strong board intent on making lawn bowling enjoyable for all. Feedback is important for the smooth operation of our **All-Volunteer Club** run BY the members FOR the members. See you on the green!

*Sharron*

## **COMING EVENTS:**

### **September:**

9, Visit to Cambria LBC  
13 & 15. Spencer Adams Triples  
17, Open Saturday  
19, Visitation to Oxnard LBC

### **October:**

6, Oxnard visits SBLBC  
15 & 16 Novice Singles  
20, Cambria visits SBLBC  
22, Veteran-Novice Pairs at MacKenzie  
29, Halloween Fun Day

## **TOURNAMENT NEWS:**

By Bud Viard, Tournament Director

The **SBLBC Club Championship Triples** was contested this past weekend, and what a contest it was. Six very good teams met on Saturday, August 27, and bowled two twelve end games in the cool of a foggy day. The level of play was terrific, of the six games played the largest margin of victory was a mere 5 points. By the end two teams had gone undefeated and untied and each had amassed 6 "plus points", making it a dead heat. And on Sunday the heat got turned up. Not only the weather, but the competition as well. Prior to beginning, the participants took a vote and changed the format ever so slightly as to make the tournament a true round robin where we all had an opportunity to bowl against every team in the tournament. The three games played on Sunday were shaved to 10 ends, but the quality of play wasn't shaved at all. By the time the smoke had cleared and the wine and chips were being passed around (our thanks

to Eileen Morton for hostessing), there was only one undefeated team left standing. With 4 wins and 1 tie, the formidable team of Ted Bailey, Chris Kennedy, and Hildegard Kennedy are our new Club Triples Champions. Second place went to Grant Gibson with Max Mickey, and Brent Boone (two of our finest novice bowlers). Third place was eked out by the team of Bud Viard, Arnon Blau, and Bruce Walter. Our thanks to all who participated.

We have two more serious tournaments left this year, and one for fun. On Tuesday and Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, we have the **Spencer Adams Triples** (a blind-draw for team event). An announcement and signup sheet will be posted soon. Then on Saturday and Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, it's the **Novice Singles Tournament**. We moved this one from early in the year to late in the year so this year's new crop of amazing novices could participate. So for this year only, if you were a novice at ANY TIME during 2016, you are eligible to play. Then comes the **Veteran's Day Blind Draw All American Triples and Barbeque** on the day itself, Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be one of those fun events (Barbeque - hint, hint) that if you don't attend, you'll regret it until the end of time.

So make your plans early, there is no need to worry about putting teams together for these remaining contests. Save the days, come and play.

## ***VISITATIONS:***

During September and October we have three visitations coming up and I hope that everyone will enjoy participating in these fun events. On September 19, a Monday, we will be travelling to Oxnard to play on their green, enjoy a nice lunch and enjoy meeting the Oxnard bowlers. Please remember that these are not tournaments, so don't back out because you are worried about not playing well enough. These are just visits and a chance to try other greens and meet other folks who love our great sport. We will car pool to Oxnard, a 45-minute drive, so if you are willing to drive or need a ride, put your name on the sign-up sheet and indicate which.

In October the Oxnard club will return the favor and visit us at our club on Thursday October 6. Once again, just a fun blind-draw game as usual but with bowlers you haven't met before. Then on Thursday, October 20 the Cambria club will be visiting us. So put these dates on your calendar and plan to participate in the fun.

## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:***

Our wonderful President, Sharron Adams, has initiated a monthly Open Saturday event which is bringing in new members. Because of this, our teaching staff is in need of some more help.

Recently we have welcomed three new members and there are several more who are taking lessons and will be joining very soon. Please contact either Eileen or Sharron if you are willing to help out with this effort which is critical to the survival of our club.

Also, we would like people to just mentor a new member; make them welcome, answer questions, introduce them to others and just get them started as club members and lawn bowlers. This is a job anyone can enjoy doing. Please let us know if you will help.

## ***NEW MEMBER:***

As mentioned, we have three new members this month and one kindly wrote a brief bio for the newsletter when asked. The others will be featured in future newsletters.

***Debra Rudik***



I was born in Endicott, N.Y, the first congenitally deaf generation born in America. Father was an immigrant from formerly Czechoslovakia, now the Czech Republic. Our family's ethnicity is Russian.

I have four siblings, two deaf and two hearing. I attended the New York State School for the Deaf, at Rome, NY which was a residential school. I went home for Christmas and summer vacation. Then I went to Gallandet University, the world's only liberal arts college for the deaf in Washington DC. I finished with a BA in History with a minor in Economics.

Work experience:

- 1) US Peace Corps volunteer 1978 to 1981, Philippines.
- 2) Software tester. B-2 stealth bomber first flight, Edwards Air Force Base, California.
- 3) Personnel Operations Analyst, Safeco, Seattle, WA
- 4) America Sign Language Instructor, part time faculty
- 5) Budget Analyst, greater Seattle

Since April 2009 I have been living out of a suitcase and travelling America. In 2010 I registered as a new resident of South Dakota and became a full time RV'er.

*Welcome to SBLBC and the lawn bowling community Debra. May you enjoy many happy hours bowling on the green!*

### **TOURNAMENT INFO:**

I recently became aware that some of our bowlers are not always "in the loop" when it comes to tournaments. During "tournament season" – spring through

the summer – there are many to choose from, some local and others farther afield. If you are interested in participating in these events you can start by always checking out our bulletin board for sign-up sheets for local club tournaments. As a representative to the Southwest Women's Division of Bowls USA, I receive the flyers for Southwest sponsored tournaments and also club invitationals that are sent out to all the bowling community. These will be posted at the right side of our bulletin board

Also, you might check out our Southwest website. Go to [SWlawnbowls.org](http://SWlawnbowls.org) and look on the right side of the page. There you will find a listing of all available tournaments. Click on any tournament and you will get the flyer and the entries. You don't need to be an "expert" to join in these tournaments but you will try your best, meet a lot of nice people, and probably improve your skills and have a great time with the sport we all love.

### **SBLBC ON LINE:**

Thanks to our Pres Sharron, we are now participating in the 21<sup>st</sup> century with a Facebook presence for our club. Be sure to check it out at [facebook.com/SBLawnBowls](https://facebook.com/SBLawnBowls). Sharron spends MUCH time posting pictures of all our activities, tournament winners, volunteers and much, much more. Since we are hoping to attract younger new bowlers to keep our club alive and active, this facebook page is very important. And while you're at it, check out our website as well at [santabarbaralbc.org](http://santabarbaralbc.org). This is kept current by our web master Bruce Walter.

## **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

### **Max, Greens Committee**

The green is getting much better mostly because Max and Scott have been doing a lot of hand watering in places not touched by the automatic sprinklers. There is one bare spot which remains a problem but extra fertilizer and TLC will hopefully remedy this.

### **Tony, Grounds Committee:**

Tony will be finishing his shades project but not until the beginning of next year as he is too busy to do more right now. He has spent many, many hours working at the club and plans to erect his specially designed sun shades on the west side of the green early next year. Meanwhile, umbrellas still work.

### **Bud, Private Events:**

During August there were four private events held at our club and these involved lots of people who were given the basic instruction in lawn bowling. One of the events involved 32 people who divided into teams of four, came dressed in team outfits, and had a simply wonderful time. This month Bud already has two more events scheduled

and will need volunteers to help show people the basics of the game.

### **Bud, Tournaments:**

There were six teams for the Triples Championship Tournament and the winners were the team of Ted Bailey, Chris and Hildegard Kennedy. Next will be the blind draw Spencer Adams Tournament and then finally, the Novice Singles.

### **Sharron, President's Report:**

Our club brochures have been updated and a new supply printed .

Our next Open Saturday will be on September 17, 10:00 a.m. to noon.

The results of the survey which Sharron sent out by email to everyone is now posted on the bulletin board.

There was discussion about the new entry fee for championship tournaments. It was decided by a vote of the board that this is something most tournament bowlers want and it will be continued.

There was discussion about the condition of the cupboard which houses the training bowls. It was agreed that new shelving and new bags will be purchased to make the bowls more easily accessible to everyone.



**Club Triples Champions 2016**  
**Ted Bailey, Hildegard Kennedy**  
**Chris Kennedy**



**Club Triples Second Place 2016**  
**Brent Boone, Grant Gibson**  
**Max Mickey**

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