

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

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PUT ON YOUR BLUE AND WHITES OR YOUR ALL WHITES for our well-loved annual event which is almost here! We will roll out the Royal Red Carpet to honor and thank our past presidents this Saturday, August 5. The traditional game between the Guys and the Gals will begin at 10:00 followed by a program around 12:30 and a BBQ at around 1:00.

The Royal Red Carpet was used to welcome Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to Santa Barbara in 1983. This LA Times photo shows then President Reagan welcoming the Queen at Santa Barbara Airport. The carpet was later given to our club for safekeeping. We have been privileged to roll it out for Presidents' Day for the last 34 years.



We are most grateful to the Van Wingerden Family for their donation of flowers to our club. Agatha and Hank Van Wingerden became club members in 1988. Agatha and Connie Van Wingerden are Life Associate members and keep up with us by reading this newsletter. We are thankful for their continuing support and send them our best wishes.

The beautiful Van Wingerden flowers are picked up from the greenhouse in Carpinteria and delivered each month by Elizabeth and Tony Cunningham. The bouquets are then bought by club members. The money is set aside for special events and parties at the request of the Van Wingerdens for club members and their guests. These funds will provide food and beverages for this Presidents' Day.

We are very happy this month to welcome **Karin Hughes**, the 100th member of our club. Karin and her husband, Bob Hughes, are well on their way to becoming fine lawn bowlers. They make a point to get in extra practice on the green when they can. They report that they have received some great instruction and additionally, have found some You Tube instructional videos helpful, too.

So, as you celebrate and bowl with us this month, please remember that we are an all-volunteer club. Each of us has an important part to play in the continuing success of Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club. Over the last 80 years, we have built up a reputation as a warm, welcoming and friendly group of competent lawn bowlers. Let's work hard to be sure that reputation continues. See you on the green!

Sharron

COMING EVENTS:

August:

5, Club Presidents' Day & Barbecue
12, Visitation to MacKenzie Park with Holmby Park LBC
19, Open Saturday
26 & 27, Club Triples Championship

September:

2, Patrizzi Invitational Triples
at MacKenzie Park
12 & 14, Spencer Adams Triples
blind draw tournament

TOURNAMENT NEWS:



Twelve happy bowlers signed up for the prestigious **Club Singles Championship** tournament which was played on July 22 and 23. In the mix we had veteran bowlers, novices and several “in between” and some really great games and surprising upsets too. As a single elimination tournament, that meant that if you lost you were out of the running, so it was not an easy format. Hanging in there to the very last were veteran Bud Viard, “in between” Bruce Walter and novice Brent Boone. Brent drew the lucky straw and sat out while Bud and Bruce played then Brent played the winner of that game which was Bud Viard. Then Bud and Brent played off in a really great, close game. In the end, our super novice, Brent Boone was the final winner and is our Singles Champion for 2017.

Congratulations to Brent for his really excellent playing and to all the other participants who joined in the fun. Also, many thanks to Mary Penny, Gloria Torres, Sharron Adams, and Jim Stahl who volunteered to mark for the tournament to make it a better experience for all the players.

We have scheduled another good tournament for the end of August, the **Club Triples Championship**, which will be played on August 26 and 27. For this one please put a team together, wear your whites or club shirts and come prepared for some good competition. Since this is a Championship tournament, there will be a \$5 entry fee per person and all the money will go to first, second and third place winners depending on the number of teams entered. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and please get your names up ASAP so the tournament directors know how many to expect.

BOWLS FOR SALE:

A new bowler in Laguna Beach has set up a website for the buying and selling of used bowls. If you are looking for slightly used bowls go to usedlawnbowlsforsale.weebly.com. Also, if you have some bowls to sell you can put them on the site and they will be exposed to many clubs in the Southwest Division.

REMINDERS:

Please remember that a vice in each game is responsible for taking the chips from the game and returning them to the game board. Lately the chips have sometimes been left in the score board slots and been put away with the boards in the equipment cupboard. This means that the person doing the game board has to go hunting for them.

Also, please remember to put away the equipment after the 10 a.m. game leaving only enough for one game. The bowlers coming for the 12:30 game can get out more if needed but should not have to collect rakes and equipment from all over the green and put them away.

VICE CLASS:

We have several new bowlers and I believe they could benefit from a vice class. Taking this class does not mean you will immediately be required to play vice but it will help when you are put in a game of pairs. So it's hoped that all the newer bowlers will sign up for this class and perhaps learn some more about this great game we all love. Since some newer bowlers play during the week and some on the weekend, I will put up a sign up sheet with date and time choices.

CLUB GARDEN:

Ever wonder who is in charge of care and maintenance of the plants around our bowling green? Well wonder no more – it's Howard Wang and we thank him for doing such a good job keeping our green surrounding areas looking beautiful.

VISITATION:

On Saturday, August 12, we have the only visitation still in our schedule – to MacKenzie Park LBC. We will be joined by a busload of bowlers from Holmby Park LBC so we won't know who we are going to play but we'll be sure to meet some new people, bowlers from other clubs who love the game as we do. Anyone who would like to go should sign up on the bulletin board or call or email Diana Kruse. Bring a lunch, wear your whites or club shirts, and arrive around 9 a.m. The games will begin at 9:30. I would love to see our new bowlers joining in this visit to experience bowling with different people and on a different green. This is not a tournament and there will be no pressure, just a good game.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Treasurer: Russ reported that with our new member Karin Hughes, we now have 100 members.

Greens: Max is working on the old planing machine, trying to get it running so it can be used to level the green. He is also hoping to improve the carpet green and get people using it as well. In the fall work will begin on replacing the backboards on the upper green.

Shades: Tony has been very busy at home but plans to erect shades over the benches on the De La Vina Street side of the green very soon. He has the materials on hand and just needs the time to do the work.

Special Events: Bud continues to bring in extra revenue for our club by supervising the special events. Three more are scheduled for this month; August 11, August 12 and August 25. Bud needs help with all of these and a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Help consists of showing a few folks how the bowling works (small side inside), putting away equipment and bowls afterwards and enjoying seeing all the young folks who try it out and really have fun playing our great game.

Presidents' Day: Denise announced that there are approximately 34 people signed up for the Saturday event and she will contact the man who caters our barbecue to let him know to plan for 40 in case of extras.

President's Report: Sharron noted that our next Open Saturday will be on August 19. Help is always appreciated.

The ongoing problem of the outdated sign in our parking lot was again brought up with the City and this time we were told that they will replace it but the club will be responsible for the cost.

Scott has located a professional marketing person and the board agreed to hire her for three months on a trial basis. Sharron will negotiate a price with her.

NEW MEMBERS:

Last month we gained Bob Hughes as a member and this month he brought his wife Karin to the club and she joined as well. Below they are pictured at our July 4th celebration in all their red, white and blue finery. Following are the bio's they wrote for us.



Karin Hughes: *I came to Santa Barbara by a most circuitous route. Born in Asuncion, Paraguay, moved to Canada with my family and then to beautiful Santa Barbara. I grew up speaking German and Spanish, learning English at age 9. I have worked as a real estate agent in SB and in the travel industry. I met my husband "awesome Bob" in 1974 when he sold me a lemon car. We moved to Texas in 1977 where I worked as a reservation agent for Texas Intn. Airlines and later at the ticket window for Aero Mexico Airlines. We designed and built our lake home on Lake Conroe. In 2005 we moved back to Santa Barbara, right back where we started from to begin retirement and helping our families.*

It has been nice to join the lawn bowls club. Lots of friendly folks!

Bob Hughes: *I was born in Glendale, CA, however I grew up in Burbank, CA. In 1953 my family moved to Santa Barbara where my father and uncle started, owned and operated Hughes Brothers Pontiac on Chapala Street. I worked at the agency for several years. My father passed away in 1964 and I then decided to change careers. I began flying lessons in 1967. After my lessons I began teaching flying in Oxnard and later at the Santa Barbara airport. In 1970 I was hired by Texas International Airlines with a base in Houston, Texas. My commercial aviation career was much too brief as a layoff took place lasting more than six years. I moved back to Santa Barbara for a few more years and went back into the car business. I met my wife Karin in 1974 when I sold her a yellow lemon. She had so many problems with the car that I sold her that we got to know each other and decided to make lemonade in August of 1974 by getting married. We both flew for the Lynyrd Skynyrd Rock group on a Convair 640 in 1976/1977 to their various concerts. Finally I was recalled to Texas International Airlines to fly a DC-9 and back to Houston we drove, in the yellow lemon! In 1981 a labor strike ensued and another layoff for four years followed as I*

worked and honored the Airline Pilots Association picket lines. When I was recalled this time, I flew a Boeing 727 as a flight engineer,. I flew most models of the Boeing 737's and ended 34 years of many landings and take-offs on a Boeing 737-800 in December of 2003 as a Number 1 Captain in Seniority at Continental Airlines in the Houston base of the 737 aircrafts, now known as United Airlines. We moved back to Santa Barbara in 2005 to enjoy and help our families and we love the cooler weather! We had two sons. We lost Jon in 1991 and my other son, Bret, lives just a few doors away from us. We have really enjoyed the many new folks we have met in my brief time at the SB Lawn Bowls Club.

Welcome to the Hughes and we hope you enjoy many years of “bowling on the green”.

The following article is one I found in one of my old newsletters, 2009, when I was looking for something else. I think it might interest our bowlers.

The Origin of the Hog Line.

According to page 93 of “Canada Curls”, a book written by Doug Maxwell which outlines the history of curling in Canada, the origin is as follows:

The term is derived from Scottish agriculture. In the country where so many sheep were raised, a lamb in its first year of life was called a “hog”. In time, the name came to represent a STRAGGLER or a WEAKLING, the one most likely to fall prey to predators or to be culled from the flock.

Similarly, a curling rock that could barely make it into the playing area was called a HOG, and therefore was culled from the rest. The DEMARCATION to decide which curling rock was “healthy” and which was not, was called the HOG LINE.

Originally, the hog line had only one use and that was to determine whether or not a rock was in play. It was only after the long slide came into the game that the near hog line came into being. This was to prevent someone from sliding all the way down the ice and placing the rock exactly where he wanted it to be.

And here’s another article; this one I copied from our then National Umpire, Conrad Melton. This is only a part of the article and I cut some out because of lack of space. If anyone is interested in the whole piece, let me know and I will make a copy for you.

Intention: Having an absolutely clear understanding of the intention of your shot, including where it should come to rest, is the foundation upon which all other parts of your delivery are constructed.

Aiming Point: There are many methods of determining where to aim and how to pick one’s aiming point. If you want to increase the consistency of your shot-making excellence, one thing you may want to consider is a different aiming system. You must first know your bowls, how much bias they take, etc. A lot of champions use the backboard as their reference for aiming points. I recommend it because there are usually plenty of blemishes, knotholes, or other marks in addition to the rink markers that can be used for reference points. In addition there

are many stationary objects like fence posts, tree branches, flower pots, bowl bags, etc. that you can also identify as your reference.

Smooth, Silent Delivery: It is impossible not to notice that most champion bowlers have a smooth, rhythmical, balanced delivery. They finish (and usually hold) an impressively balanced and rock steady position after their bowl has been released. Their back and fore-swings are smooth and rhythmical, and their bowls are laid down with little-to-no-loft. If you can hear your bowl hit the green, your accuracy will not be as consistent as if you lay your bowl down smoothly and silently.

Follow Through: Arguably, the most common cause of not delivering your bowl on the line you intend, is lack of follow through. Your arm should rise to a position pointing precisely at your aiming point and parallel with the ground. It takes a little practice, but you can do it. It's one of the easier delivery fixes. Most great bowlers have a great follow through. Try it. You'll like it!

Perks of Being Older:

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run- anywhere.
4. People call at 9 pm and ask. "Did I wake you?"
5. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
6. You can eat dinner at 4 pm.
7. You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
8. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
9. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
10. You sing along with elevator music.
11. Your eyes won't get much worse.
- 12.** Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.