

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK



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Let the good times roll! Those are the words you'll hear from Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club members as we look forward to our 81st year of fun and games in downtown Santa Barbara by night and by day. We have more opportunities than ever for all to enjoy the international sport of lawn bowls on our greens. As I write this, we are 116 members strong. Let's keep the momentum going by inviting others to come along to try the game. Night or day!

Get your dues check in no later than December 31 to Treasurer **Russ Morgan** or to one of our board members.

Our dues remain at the very low figure of \$120 for a whole year of bowling enjoyment with some of the friendliest folks around. Our board voted to pay our 2018 Bowls USA dues of \$20 each as an 80th anniversary gift to all of us. What other sport can be yours for only \$10 a month? We are able to keep our annual dues low because we are a club of working volunteers.

We are very happy and fortunate that **Janet Napier** is slated to be our club president in the New Year. Janet is a highly experienced and capable person from a career managing non-profit organizations. She and her husband, Connard, are active Rotarians working to make the world a better place for us all. Janet will be offering you a wide choice of where to put in your volunteer time. She's a busy person, so let's make her job easier by giving her our full support and encouragement.

We'll round out the year with our **Holiday Luncheon** on Saturday, December 16. Following that is the traditional **Spaghetti Feed** organized by **Dorothy Thielges** on Monday, January 1. Then, on Saturday, January 6 at 10:00, we will have our **Annual Meeting** at the Davis Center. You will not want to miss any of these special occasions! We have lots of people and entities to thank and honor for our successful year of 2017 notably the Partners of **Central Coast Home Health and Hospice** and **Bowls USA** for their generous sponsorships. Let the good times roll!



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COMING EVENTS:

December:

6, Holiday Luncheon

January:

1, Spaghetti Feed

6, Annual Meeting

TOURNAMENT NEWS:

November saw just one tournament and that was the **Veterans Day Tournament and Barbecue**. There was some mix-up about the format so we played only one game in the morning but it was a good one and there were plenty of teams. The winners were the games with the highest scores.



1st: John, Eileen, Karl



2nd: Bruce, Vern, Mark



3rd: Bob, Sharron, Casey



Karin & Bob: Our cooks for the day



Fred & Lee Schmedes

After the game we fired up the barbecue and our cooks turned out a great lunch of hotdogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings. A good time was enjoyed by all. We were delighted to have our old friend (and past president) Lee Schmedes, attend with his son Fred. The two of them began the Veterans Day tournament as a tribute to our veterans and also supplied the beautiful trophy. And we enjoyed hearing Lee's funny stories of his mishaps aboard ship all those years ago.

Now please stay tuned for the following commercial: *Tournaments are an important part of our bowling program but they need someone to run them. If anyone has an interest in keeping our tournament schedule going and would volunteer to help out in any way, please contact our new president, Janet Napier who will be thrilled to sign you up*

NEW MEMBERS:

Introducing two of our new members, Leo and Patty Bechstein. Following are the brief bios they submitted:



Patty grew up in Los Angeles mostly and moved to Santa Barbara in 1967 to go to college at SBCC and UCSB. She has been in Santa Barbara for 50 years now! She worked as an x-ray technologist at Cottage Hospital for 40 years before retiring in May 2016. Since retiring she and her husband have done a lot of traveling. When she is home she does Jazzercise, Zumba and line dancing. She also likes basket making, playing around with the computer, and just being lazy.

Leo was born in Bowling Green, Ohio and went to Bowling Green State University. He took a BA in Art Ed. He was drafted into the Army. He taught Art for 1 ½ years in Ohio then moved to California 40 years ago. He worked in construction for 35 years until retiring two years ago. His hobbies include motorcycle riding, sailing and golf.

And now lawn bowling! We are happy to welcome Leo and Patty to the club and hope they enjoy many years of this great sport.

FROM OUR VERY OWN LAWN BOWLING FRIENDS:

Sailing Around the World by Howard & Judy Wang

You can purchase directly from the author (no shipping) an autographed, first edition, two-volume set for \$20 after author discount. The books are also available from Amazon.

Vol. 1: <<http://www.amazon.com/dp/1977685927>> \$12.75

Vol. 2: <<http://www.amazon.com/dp/1977782817>> \$14.75

I can offer an endorsement of these books as very well written, interesting, and at times exciting. A really good read. I'm in awe of the bravery they had to undertake this adventure! Editor



Please don't forget to pay your dues by the end of December. Thank you