

# SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

# ON THE JACK



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We're very happy to report that our BOWLS USA club begins our 80<sup>th</sup> year with 90 members and we're just getting started! So, hold onto your set of bowls! We are excited to have 20 novice members bowling these days. We haven't had this many novices in a long time.....and, they are GOOD!

This year our club offers an impressive 15+ tournaments. Thanks go to **Co-Chairs Jim Stahl** and **Gloria Torres** for organizing and running them. On February 18, Saturday, all of us can have the fun and challenge of playing in a tournament. Sign-up on the bulletin board for the VETERAN/NOVICE PAIRS. Everyone who participates is a winner in our books!

Once a month, we offer an introductory lawn bowls game to locals who walk in our gate. This successful effort began about a year ago. Our first advertised OPEN DAY will be on Saturday, February 25. Put this date on your calendar. Come meet some new people and share your love of our sport.

Put your hands together for: **Eileen Morton** who gamely tackles assembling and printing of our annual club directory.....**Ryan Strehlow** who generously foots the bill for our directory each year.....**Tony Cunningham** who built the open shelving for the training bowls.....**Eileen** who organized the new bags.....**Tony** who repaired the recent broken shade and installed bird deterrents on the tops of the shades.....**Mary Penny** and **Jim Stahl** who revised our ByLaws.

Thanks to the hard work of the night lighting committee, our board approved a trial installation of rink lights. Hats off to **Brent Boone**, **Max Mickey** and **Scott Coons** who spent countless hours on this project. Their objective is to furnish lighting which is sensitive to our neighbors yet effective for evening bowlers.

Last, the awning and the painting cover in the lanai area are in need of an angel. Step up if you fit that description. It will be part of our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration!

*Sharron*

## **COMING EVENTS:**

### **February:**

- ~~11, Henselite dealer at MacKenzie Park 10 am to 2 pm~~
- 14. Valentine Fun Day, wear red and white
- 18, Veteran Novice Pairs Tournament
- 25, Open Day at the club

### **March:**

- 11, Open Day at the club
- 18, St. Patrick's Day Fun day
- 25, Novice Pairs Tournament

## **TOURNAMENT NEWS:**

Our first tournament of the year is coming up on Saturday, February 18. This will be the **Veteran and Novice Pairs** and the sign-up sheet is already posted on our bulletin board. There are a number of bowlers who are novices, that is, they have played for two years or less, so we hope that everyone finds a partner and signs up. A list of eligible bowlers is on the sign-up sheet for everyone's convenience. Our 2017 Tournament Directors, Gloria Torres and Jim Stahl, are looking forward to a good turnout for our first tournament of the year.

In March, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, the novices will again be highlighted with a **Novice Pairs** tournament. We begin the year with the Vet-Novice to give everyone a chance to get their feet wet with a first tournament. After that we hope all the novices will get into tournaments and enjoy the good competition and fun. It's a great way to improve your skills and maybe learn something too!

## **FUN DAYS:**

Valentine's Day falls on a Tuesday so Tony and Betty will be in charge of the spider and draw to the ditch games. Wear something red to honor the day and come along to enjoy something a little different than just our usual draw game.

***Please note that the visit from the Henselite dealer, scheduled for this Saturday, February 11, has been cancelled due to weather. He will be re-scheduling the trip in the spring, probably in April, and everyone will be informed of the date and time when it has been decided.***

## **CLINICS:**

The Board of Directors discussed the possibility of having another clinic presented by the Southwest Women's Division, Kottia Spangler. Perhaps some people remember her excellent clinic given a couple of years ago. She is offering the following subjects: lead, vice, skip, umpire, coach and skills/open house tips. Anyone who is interested in a clinic should contact me with their choice of subjects so we have some idea what people would like to learn more about. This will probably take place sometime in spring when the weather is settled.

### ***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:***

The General Meeting took place on January 28 at the Santa Anita club in Arcadia. I went as the representative from Santa Barbara LBC to the Southwest Women's Division.

The Tournament Committee, headed by Heather Stewart, reported a few changes for the coming year. First, if a tournament has an uneven number of teams signed up, the last team will be put on a waiting list or declined. Previously the committee spent a lot of time trying to recruit a team to make it even but they don't want to do this any more. Also, The Katy Stone Singles, which last year consisted of 9-end sets with a 3-end tie-break, will now be 8-end sets making it slightly less tiring.

The playdowns have been changed from a round robin format to a three game qualifying first weekend. On the second weekend, only the top eight teams will advance and play a round robin.

Jan Hargraves, our Councilor to Bowls USA, gave a report of the meeting which took place in Sarasota, Florida before the U.S. Open. Jan said that the U.S. Open was very successful and fun, that 13 countries were represented. The Open will be held in Sarasota again next year.

The National Championships will be hosted by the Newport club this year in October.

Clubs who are 100% Bowls USA clubs are eligible (depending on need) to receive a grant for bowling related expenses. Last year grants were given to 11 clubs.

The Division also has a Memorial Fund, supported by donations given in memory of friends, and the money given can be directed to a specific use, such as support of the international players. The men and women who are selected for the international team need to pay almost all of their own expenses. The SW also has a club called the Golden Bias Club, the cost of membership is \$50 per year and the money goes to help the bowlers who represent us around the world. Anyone interested in donating to these causes should let me know and I will put you in contact with the right person.

Finally, the committee working on a possible merger with the Southwest Lawn Bowls Assn. (the men's division), is still trying to get past the impasse created by the two different styles of governance. However, they continue to explore new ideas and hope to come to an agreement.

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

Russ reported that the club now has 90 members, 75 of those are full bowling members.

Max gave a presentation on his plan for night lighting for our greens so we can attract new members. He did an amazing amount of work on this and actually constructed some lights, took pictures to show the board, computed all the purchasing needs and costs and laid it all out for us. This was followed by another presentation, also very well documented and thought out, this time by Brent whose plan is a more permanent

construction. The board voted to go ahead with the temporary plan in order to present it to the city for their approval.

Gloria Torres and Jim Stahl, our new tournament committee, announced that the Graffy family will be presenting a new trophy and tournament in honor of long-time bowler, Chuck Graffy, who recently passed away. Gloria will contact the family to discuss the tournament format and other details and report back to the board.

On Saturday, August 12, our club has been invited to a brown bag lunch visitation at MacKenzie Park which will also include the Holmby Park Club. This is not a formal visitation but anyone who wishes to go will be welcome.

Our club will begin holding monthly Open Days beginning February 25 and continuing on March 11 and April 1. We often get a good turnout for these Open Days and we need some volunteers who are willing to help show people how to bowl. Please let me or Sharron know if you can help out on those days.

We will be purchasing new, lighter tables to replace the very heavy ones we now use for special occasions. These new tables will be light enough to store on top of the lockers out of the way.

On the back of the shed by the lanai there is a very beautiful picture painted by Dita Joseph which has been covered up far too long. Bud would like volunteers to help re-frame the picture, install a new shade which can be drawn up to display the picture, and generally clean up the whole area. If you can help with this project, please contact Bud.

### ***Sally Stein***



I am a native Californian. I was born in LA, grew up in Montclair (in the Pomona Valley), attended UC Riverside and graduated from UC San Francisco School of Nursing. I lived most of my adult life in Arcata, CA, a small coastal town in very Northern CA. There I worked as an RN in the maternity department of a very small community hospital. I was married, had a baby girl, divorced 6 years later, was a single mother for several years and eventually, happily met my present husband, Daniel. In 2009, Daniel was offered a teaching position at Brown University, so we moved to Providence, RI for 7 years. Beautiful, interesting state. Cold, snowy winters. I can't tell you how happy I am to be back in warm California and especially in beautiful Santa Barbara. I recently landed a job as a podiatry nurse at Sansum Clinic. I like to garden, take walks, bake, sing, and read. My wonderful daughter, now grown up, is currently living and working in Tanzania, helping farmers develop sustainable agricultural practices; I am very proud of her. My husband Daniel and I share our home with two extremely cute and fun cats, Bea and Louis, who bring us much joy.

***Welcome to Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club. May you both enjoy many years of our lovely game and we hope to see you often on the greens.***