

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

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The 80th birthday of Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club was celebrated in 1937 style on October 14 with great music, food and beverages. Among the many jubilant attendees were City Mayor **Helene Schneider** and County Supervisor **Das Williams**. They proclaimed October, 2017, as Lawn Bowls Month in the City and in the County of Santa Barbara.

Our corporate sponsors, **Jerry Jordano** with **Central Coast Home Health, Inc.** and our national organization **Bowls USA**, helped tremendously with their generous donations. They know that the continued practice of lawn bowls improves quality of life by healthy competition, mental stimulation and social interaction for citizens of all ages.

We are grateful to Director **Jill Zachary** and Rec Supervisor **Jason Bryan** of the City Parks & Recreation Department for their continuing support and encouragement. The year 1937 will forever be remembered as the year that an idea took root and grew in the midst of our town. Today our club at Spencer Adams Park is where good times rule while the timeless sport of lawn bowls is nurtured and played. Public Relations Consultant and Chief Cheerleader, **Bonnie Carroll**, ensured that media coverage was abundant.

We are very pleased to welcome eight new members to our club in the last month: **Tamera Pullen, Art Jones, Linda Jones, Leo Bechstein, Patty Bechstein, Val Piermarini, K.C. O'Donnell** and **Bill O'Donnell**. Newer members, **Karin** and **Bob Hughes**, have stepped up to the plate with their respective skills for the upcoming Veteran's Day BBQ this Saturday. The blind draw game starts at 10:00. Lunch follows with **Bob** behind the grill. Be sure to wear your red, white and blue.

We're delighted that **Scott Coons** is taking the lead on Night Bowling under the lights on Tuesday and Thursday nights 6:00-8:30. **Scott** and **Max Mickey** have worked very hard to make this possible with appropriate lighting. So, come on out for some additional fun. Our club is truly going from strength to strength in our 80th year and we look forward to more good times ahead!

Sharron

COMING EVENTS:

November:

11, Saturday, Veterans' Day
Blind Draw Game & Barbecue
18, Saturday, Turkey Shoot Fun Day

December:

16, Saturday, Holiday Luncheon

TOURNAMENT NEWS:

October began with a fine **Novice Singles Tournament** on October 7 & 8. Eight contestants vied for the title of Champion Novice. It was a hot weekend and there was some hot competition too. The games were played to 16 points and one loss put you out of the tournament, so not an easy one.



However, everyone played their best and enjoyed the day. By Sunday the only two left were Brent Boone and Mark Hreha and they had a really good game finishing with Brent the winner and Mark runner-up. Mark is a pretty new bowler and did very well against our club Singles Champ. Many thanks to the Tournament Director Jim Stahl and the people who volunteered to help out as markers. They included Denise Foxwell, Joyce Greene, Carolyn Wilson, Bud Viard and Eileen Morton.



The **Southwest Division Veteran and Novice Pairs** was played on Saturday, October 28 at MacKenzie Park LBC. This year there was a really good turnout of bowlers coming from all over the Southwest Division. There were 22 teams and it was really nice to see both greens full of bowlers. Four 10-end games were played and after they were all finished, two teams had won all four. In first place was the dual-member team of Sue Sullivan and Tom Stansberry. Congratulations to Sue and Tom – what a great team!



In the 2017 Directory under the Schedule of Activities we had listed a **Van Wingerden Mixed Pairs Tournament** to be played on December 2. Unfortunately this has been cancelled by the Board of Directors. So no more tournaments until early next year.

FUN DAYS:

Halloween was celebrated in great style this year on Saturday, October 28, with costumes and good food, arranged this time by Smurfs and Hot Dogs otherwise known as the Nicolas family and Mark Sabens. There were prizes for the games of skill; getting closest to the ditch and the "spider". Then a game was played with variations which included changing positions after every four ends. This was all accompanied by much fun and ended with a delicious lunch. Many thanks to the inventive Nicolas family for making our fun days so special! (Pictures are on the final pages of the newsletter).

On Saturday, November 18, we have another Fun Day – this time the Turkey Shoot. No turkeys will be injured but we will have some games with prizes and everyone is encouraged to come, wear your turkey feathers or pilgrim hat and enjoy the day. Put it on your calendar.

NIGHT BOWLING:



Scott has been doing a great job attracting people to our club who would otherwise never have heard of us through his on-line Meetup group. A few of our regular bowlers also attend and enjoy bowling under the lights. Already we have some people who have found us this way and are ready to join the club. So everyone should support this effort and try to put in a little time helping Scott show people how to bowl. Thanks to Brent and Mark for helping teach the newcomers and also many thanks to Max for designing and making the lights we are using. We are hoping to expand this program and bring in more working people.

CLEAN UP DAY:

On October 11, 14 people showed up to spruce up our clubhouse and campus before guests arrive for our 80th anniversary celebration. And a lot of work got done! Clubhouse windows were cleaned and polished, both refrigerators were cleaned out, cobwebs were swept away and the main room was tidied, the lanai tables were cleaned, the entry ramp was painted, walkways were swept and washed, greens markers were painted and much more! Whew! And then when all was finished those who could stay for lunch went into the clubhouse and pizza was ordered. But for some reason it never arrived so we gave up and went home. The following people should receive a pat on the back for a job well done: Denise, Tim and Joy, Max, Joyce, Janet N, Janet D, Dale, Diana, Eileen, Jane, Sharron and Jeff.

NEW MEMBERS:



First I would like to correct a mistake I made in the last newsletter. This is a picture of the REAL Bhrian Resnik whose bio I included with a picture of Cliff! Sorry about that! Cliff hasn't been bowling lately but Bhrian has become a regular at the Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. games so please welcome him.

Then another new member is Mark Sabens and the brief bio he supplied follows: *I recently moved to Santa Barbara and was introduced to lawn bowling by my girlfriend ReGina Nicolas. I love all sports and am loyal to the Dodgers, Lakers, Kings and Chargers. I played tennis in college and graduated in 2007 with an MBA. Currently I am attending UCSB for an accounting certificate. I love being in Santa Barbara and a part of the lawn bowling club. And we love having you Mark!*



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD MEETING:

The meeting began with a great suggestion by our Treasurer, Russ Morgan. Russ said that our club is doing well financially and he would like to see us give back to our loyal members by paying dues to the national organization, Bowls USA, for all members who join in 2018. The Board agreed unanimously and suggested this would be an 80th anniversary present to all members.

Tournaments: Jim Stahl reported on tournaments that were played last year and suggested that in future we should include a cut-off date for signing up. This will be done. He reported that for this year only the Veterans' Day Blind Draw Tournament will consist of one game to 12 ends. It was suggested we eliminate the scheduled Mixed Pairs in December since we had a similar tournament earlier in the year.

Greens and Grounds: The greens are in pretty good shape and Max has been working on repairing the backboards which have come loose in some places.

Night Bowling: Scott reported on his night bowling efforts to attract new and younger bowlers. He requested that we renew the contract with Bonnie Carroll so she can generate some publicity for this program. The board agreed to renew her contract for another three months.

Private Events: Bud is still handling many private events which bring in some revenue for our club but also introduce many people to our great sport. Two more are coming soon and he asks that people sign up to help on the bulletin board.

Hospitality: Bob Hughes has volunteered to man the barbecue for the Veterans' Day event and Karin volunteered to make the flyer which is on the bulletin board. The Christmas holiday luncheon which is set for December 16 will be catered again this year.

Snacks: Jane reported that Alice Chaffee has agreed to take over scheduling the kitchen duties for noontime snacks next year.

President's Report: The club sign which was in the parking lot has been removed and a new sign has been installed in the front of our building.

A nominating committee has been selected and they are working to fill seats that will be vacated on the board next year.

It was agreed that a plaque be made for Jerry Jordano and Central Coast Home Health, Inc. in recognition of their generous support for our club.

Annual Meeting & New Year's Day: There was some discussion about our annual spaghetti feed which is on January 1st and our annual meeting which would fall on the next day. It was finally decided to move the meeting to the following Saturday, January 6th so that our working folks can attend.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST:

Sharron has suggested the following sites may be of interest to bowlers:

<https://www.bowlschat.com/images/pdf/bowlschatclubposterprintpapersizeborderlessa4.pdf>. This is an international chat room for lawn bowlers and has much to offer. They also covered our Anniversary celebration.

This one is in Florida: http://www.sarasotalawnbowlingclub.com/?page_id=458. This will probably interest new bowlers especially.



Above is the banner which was attached to the side of one of the pop-up tents used for our celebration. Everything looked wonderful and very festive. Sharron made a great introductory speech and Bud gave some history of our club. This was followed by our Mayor Helene Schneider who presented a proclamation from the City and Supervisor Das Williams who presented one from the County.

The food was delicious – sandwiches of many kinds including some Spam which was introduced the year our club was born 1937. There were also salads and vegetables with dip and much more. Everywhere you turned there were photographers from newspapers; the News Press, Independent, Montecito Journal etc. and they must have taken about a thousand pictures. Sharron has made up a scrap book which is in the clubhouse and it contains all the media coverage we received for our event. We were also covered on line by Noozhawk and EdHat.

Below are three of the pictures sent to me.



More pictures below.....



A small group of our bowlers took advantage of the good special package at the Cambria Lodge and drove up there, had a good dinner, spent a night and bowled with the Cambria club the following day. Here they are posing with some very strange looking dummies (just the two in the middle of the front row). They say they lost badly to Cambria, that it was 90 degrees out but they still had lots of fun and from the smiles in the picture it's easy to believe they did.



Our great Smurf instigator of fun and games and her assistants – a hot dog with ketchup. Halloween 2017.