

# SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

# ON THE JACK



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These are exciting times at our club! Despite the recent heat wave, we are happy to welcome six new members: **Cliff Gietz, Bhrian Resnik, Marti Furman, Tim Furman, Barry Pickup and Bob Rifkin**. Barry and Bob are experienced bowlers and Cliff, Marti, Tim and Bhrian are taking up lawn bowling for the first time. Our club now stands strong with 106 members and we presently have at least ten opportunities a week to bowl. The grass green is very fast and our greens committee is working on the carpet green to bring it back in good shape.

For the first time ever, we are pleased to be among the recipients of a 2017 Bowls USA grant. The Mission of the Grant Program is development and to assist recruiting and retaining members. The grant was for \$500 which we are using for celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> year in Santa Barbara and furthering the great sport of lawn bowls.

The Bowls USA grant encouraged us to engage the services of **Bonnie Carroll**, a professional public relations consultant, for a period of three months. Bonnie has been busy making contacts and arranging publicity for our 80<sup>th</sup> celebration and luncheon on Saturday, October 14. Invitations have been sent out to around 20 VIPs including the Mayor and City Councilors. The luncheon will feature food and liquid refreshments which were popular in 1937. Mark your calendars! Don't miss the fun!

Thanks to Bonnie and our hard-working board, we have an important sponsorship. **Jerry Jordano** of **Central Coast Home Health, Inc.** has most generously pledged a donation of \$2,000 to our club. He is also sponsoring four memberships to the club for a year. Jerry says that he looks forward to promoting our club in the community. He and his medical professionals know how important it is for everyone to sit less, move more, and get fresh air and exercise with friends. The sport of lawn bowls fits that bill perfectly. So, stay tuned. The best is yet to come!

*Sharron*

## **COMING EVENTS:**

### **September:**

12 & 14, Spencer Adams blind draw triples.  
16 OPEN SATURDAY

### **October:**

7 & 8, Novice Singles Tournament  
14, 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY  
28, Halloween Fun day  
28, SW Division Vet-Novice Tournament



***TOURNAMENT NEWS:*** August 26 & 27 was a fairly hot weekend but we still managed to play a really fun tournament with five teams participating. The sixth team was about to happen but never quite filled out so we went with five and a bye in each game. The players were Ted Bailey, Joe Streiff & Susan Wadell; Denise Foxwell, Mary Penny and Tom Stansberry; Bruce Phillips, Eileen Morton and Brent Boone; Tony Cunningham, Bud Viard and Charles Swegles and Roger Sullivan, Sue Sullivan and Dale Johns. A really tough field and there were some amazing games! Three teams scored a super shot – that is 7 or 8 in a single end. I know, because our team gave up a 7 when we were comfortably ahead! We played two games each day and when it was all done, we had a grand winner in the team of Tony, Bud and Charles. In second place were Bruce, Eileen and Brent and in third Denise, Denise, Mary and Tom (who

left early and didn't get in the above picture!). Once again our Director Gloria provided fruit and muffins and coffee to start us off and Director Jim kept the scores and everyone in order. Thanks everyone for a good tournament.

Planned for Tuesday and Thursday, September 12 and 14, is the **Spencer Adams Blind Draw Triples Tournament**. Results of the tournament survey put out by Sharron a couple of months ago showed that many people preferred a blind draw tournament. So here's your chance everyone! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board so put your name under the position you wish to play – skip, vice or lead. We will play just one game a day to 10 ends. The team you draw on Tuesday will stay together and play a different opponent on Thursday.

Then on October 7 and 8 we have the **Novice Singles**. We have some very good novices right now so this should be a hotly contested and exciting tournament. We will also need volunteers to be markers and set jacks for the games. Watch for sign-ups on the bulletin board.

### ***Important News Regarding Refreshment/snack assignments.***

#### ***By Jane Streiff***

At today's board meeting it was decided that refreshments after the first game on Tuesdays and Thursday would no longer be furnished by our members. The club will furnish coffee and tea, lemonade and cookies. Members would be asked, on a scheduled basis, to make coffee, tea and lemonade and clean up after. This will eliminate the need for two people to be scheduled at the same time. Consequently, you will not be asked to do "kitchen" duty nearly as often. This change will take effect Tuesday, September 12. If you are on schedule the remainder of September or in October you will still need to make the coffee, tea and lemonade, and put out cookies, peanut butter and crackers (can't overlook those!) for everyone. Bowlers are encouraged to bring lunch and continue to enjoy the coffee and talk after the morning game.

#### ***REMINDERS & This 'n' That:***

One more time I would like to remind the 10 a.m. bowlers to please put away the equipment for all the rinks except one after their game. At 12:30 we usually have two games and sometimes only one so we really don't want all that extra stuff, including sun shades, to put away. Also, please remember to return the game chips to the game board so the person setting up the next game doesn't have to go hunting for them. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

On a different subject: Tony Cunningham now has measuring tapes for sale. You can ask him or Sharron if you would like to buy one.

I think that everyone got a *2015 Laws of the Sport of Bowls* book when we all joined Bowls USA. Now there are a few corrections that need to be made to the book, mostly

measurements. Please look on the bulletin board where I have posted the list and correct your rule book.

### ***TWILIGHT BOWLING:***

Our ever-popular twilight bowling under the direction of Bud Viard, which starts at 5:30 during daylight savings time, will be coming to an end on the last Thursday of September. However, all you Twilight People should take heart because I'm told that the 5:30 game will continue under our new amazing lights created by Max Mickey. Plans are still in the works to also create an after-work league to play in the evenings. Stay tuned for further details!

### ***NEW MEMBER:***



Everyone please meet one of our newer members, **Bennie Olson**. He is the author of probably the shortest biography in our history, presented below:

*Midwest transplant – lived in Santa Barbara since 1964 (53 years). Married with 4 children. Retired from Santa Barbara Research Center (SBRC) in 1992.*

Welcome to the club and to bowling on the green. We wish you many happy years with us.

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

**Greens:** Max reported that we will be coring and sanding the upper green after we finish with our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Scott will be working on making improvements on the carpet green so we can bowl on that as well. Max will also get up a crew of volunteers to re-paint the rink markers and spruce the place up for our big day on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Scott:** Suggested that we be represented on a website called meetup.com. It is a place where people go to find something to do and he believes we can attract folks to the bowling club. The Board agreed and Scott will manage the site.

**Open Saturday:** Our next Open Saturday will be September 16 and volunteers are always needed to help with visitors. Also, there is now a Vice Class planned for September 12 after lunch. Another Vice Class will be presented on a Saturday later on in the year.

**Bud** reported that he had three private events in August and there will be a returning group coming in September. He always needs help with these groups which bring in some much appreciated revenue for the club and perhaps even people who enjoy the game enough to come back and join us.

**Refreshments:** Jane reported that she has heard from a few people who do not like to be scheduled for "kitchen duty". The Board agreed that the lunch time refreshments

have gotten out of hand and so it was decided to cut this all back to the original plan. Jane will send out a memo to tell everyone the new format.

**President's Report:** Sharron said that 18 invitations have been sent out and follow-up is needed as we have not received replies from most.

She has continued to try to get our hedge trimming in the lanai area done by the city as they suggested some time ago this needed to be done. No luck yet.

Sharron has also been discussing our new sign which the city will be installing in front of the clubhouse. This will replace the old sign in the parking lot which is out of date.

Most exciting news from our President: Our new marketing person, Bonnie Carroll, has secured a sponsor for us – Home Health, Inc. They plan to present the club with \$2,000 plus four memberships.

**New Members:** We have recently gained several new members who are mentioned in Sharron's column. Barry is a former member of MacKenzie who has bowled for many years but took a break and is now returning, and Bob is a current member of MacKenzie who enjoys playing in our 12:30 game. We welcome all our new folks and hope you enjoy your membership in our club.



*The following article was written by Conrad Melton in 2007. At the time Conrad was Umpire in Chief and he wrote a regular piece for the newsletter of the Southwest Division called The Green Jack which is no longer published. Since we have a number of new bowlers, I thought his suggestions for practice might be helpful.*

Practice is critical if you want to become consistently excellent; which, by the way, is every bowler's goal, whether they realize it or not. Here are two of the best drills you can do; the Garbage Can Lid (GCL) and the Four Jacks.

The GCL is about "reproducibility." Roll your first bowl short, or medium or long, but so it finishes close to the center-line. Using the same hand, draw to that bowl with your remaining 3 bowls. This drill teaches you to duplicate your delivery. You hit the jackpot if you can cover all four bowls with a garbage can lid.

Keep score with this easy scoring system; each bowl within 1 foot of the original bowl = 9 points; bowls 1' to 2' from the original bowl = 6 points; 2' to 3' away earns you 3 points; bowls further than 3' away = nothing.

Your GCL with this scoring has a diameter of 6 feet, which may not win you much fame or fortune at the National Open Tournament, but will certainly boost you to legendary status at your club.

The Four Jack Drill: Set one jack on center at the hog line and the other two yards from the ditch. Place the mat line at 2 yards. Set up the adjacent rink the same way but going the opposite direction. Roll to the long jack, then the short one, the long,

then short. Use all forehands or all backhands. Then move to the adjacent rink and do the same using the other hand.

If you want to see how your skills improve over time, keep score as follows: bowls coming to rest within 1 foot of the jack = 10 points; within 2' = 8 points; within 3' = 6 points. If your weight is within 3 feet of the target, even though you were too wide or too narrow to get 6 points, give yourself 4 points; more than 3' light or heavy = 0 points.

***WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS:***

**"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire" – *Winston Churchill***

**"A modest little person, with much to be modest about." – *Winston Churchill***

**"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." – *William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)***

**"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." – *Abraham Lincoln***



*Let's hope for some cooler weather in the days ahead.*

*Keep on bowling!*