

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

ON THE JACK



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Well, here we are at the beginning of a new year. Thank you to Sharron Adams and last year's board of directors. They did a great job. A tough act to follow.

This year I'm looking forward to getting to know our new members better as well as seeing our regulars return. Under the guidance of Past President Sharron, we will continue with our Bowling Open Days with the goal of bringing even more friends and neighbors to our wonderful sport. As always, upkeep to our grounds and club house will be an important focus of the board. I'm excited to let you know that members, Marlyn Nicolas and

her daughter, Regina, have agreed to head up our tournaments. A fun time will be had by all. We look forward to the expansion of Night Bowling under the leadership of Scott Coons. More news on future plans as they progress.

Following the disruption to our games because of the Thomas fire, we are now facing heavy rains. Hopefully, nobody's home is in danger of mud slides. Heavy rain, however, does mean that we will not be able to play on the green in order to maintain its pristine surface quality. Prepare to put your skills to the test on the carpet! It's good practice to learn how to adjust your game to a different playing surface, bumps and all. Hopefully, you've all given Russ Morgan your renewal checks for 2018. The best deal in town! During the month of January, those of us who park in the Louise Lowry Davis lot need to purchase new stickers. Find the application forms in the Club House and take them to the Davis Center office together with your check or credit card. We are usually given a 30-day grace period before the parking enforcement people start ticketing.

Thank you to all of you who have so far signed up for various duties on our Club committees. If you've not yet had a chance to do so, please do sign up on the bulletin board or let me know what you would like to do to help. Many hands make light work! We will soon be providing everyone with our 2018 Membership Directory that will give you key dates to put in your calendars. The Directory also lists our members, includes the Club Bylaws and gives valuable information on play rules and etiquette. Many thanks go to long-time member, Ryan Strehlow, a local realtor, for underwriting our Directory and to Eileen Morton, our expert editor. See you on the green!

Janet

COMING EVENTS:

Since our schedule for 2018 has not yet been finalized, there is just one date to mention this month and that is January 20, a Saturday, when we will have our first Open Saturday of the year. This program was very successful for us last year and we hope to continue to attract new members in this way. So come on down and lend a hand on January 20 to the hard working instruction crew.

DECEMBER EVENTS:

We began December with a very successful Open House for our new bowling-under-the-lights group. Scott and Max did an excellent job of making the lighting available and advertising our new program. A number of people showed up and many of them were introduced to bowling for the first time.



Unfortunately the new program came to a halt when our hills started burning. Above is a picture sent to me by Sharron taken from the internet. Lawn Bowling, or any other outdoor activity was out of the question with the terrible air quality and with ashes falling like rain. So most of the rest of December was stay inside and get cabin fever. Many of our members evacuated, some mandatory, others just to get out of the terrible air at home. After what seemed like a very long time, the air cleared somewhat and Santa finally arrived. But when he got over SB he still needed to put on a mask! Our Holiday Luncheon, planned for December 16, was postponed for this reason but enjoyed after the annual meeting on January 6.



Dorothy Thielges



Members and guests enjoying the "feed"



Fortunately, by New Year's Day on January 1, the skies were clear enough that we could enjoy our annual Spaghetti Feed. We played our usual game first and then piled into our small clubhouse for a very nice dinner of spaghetti, salad, bread and ice cream sundaes for dessert. Many thanks are due to the instigator of this event, Dorothy Thielges, who began it quite a number of years ago, and also to her long-time assistant Stephanie Viard.

DIRECTORY:

As mentioned in Janet's column, our annual Membership Directory will be produced probably in early February. Please be sure that your dues are paid so you will be included and also, most important, please let Russ and Eileen know if you have any changes in your information – new address, phone, email address, etc. This will be most appreciated.

ANNUAL MEETING:

By Bud Viard

The New Year brought us some new directions for the Annual Meeting. With our bowling year finally being adjusted to coincide with the calendar year, this was our very first Annual Meeting in January. With a new spirit of including our growing numbers of working and weekend bowlers, this was our very first Annual Meeting on a Saturday. Somehow these changes seemed to have a positive effect on the membership and this was one of the best attended meetings in recent memory. An "easy to count" quorum was declared at 10:00am with what appeared to be more than 50 members in attendance. Outgoing President Sharron Adams then led us through a well-organized meeting. The easy-going style that Sharron developed during the years of her teaching and administrative careers was in evidence as she led us into Financial Reports by Treasurer Russ Morgan and Investment Guru Ken Gould. Sharron then announced the various committee reports; Greens and Lighting by Max Mickey, Instruction by Eileen Morton (read by Mary Penny in Eileen's absence), Tournaments by Gloria Torres, Night Bowling and Marketing by Scoot Coons, Sunshades, Lockers & Supplies by Tony Cunningham, and Twilight Bowling & Private Events by Bud Viard. Bud also gave a huge thank you from the Santa Barbara Region Special Olympics for the generous

efforts of many members which made it possible for their Bocce teams to practice on our artificial green. Sharron then led us in moments of silence for the 4 members that we lost during 2017, Chuck Graffy, Nancy Mayer, Grace Kipp, and Chris Casbeer. Sharron's Report of the President followed where she mentioned the accomplishments of 2017; 100% Bowls USA Membership, Updated By-Laws, the aforementioned change in the bowling year, our wonderful 80th birthday celebration with the renovations to the Dita Joseph mural, just to name a few. She also gave thanks to Bowls USA for their Grant for the club and to our friends from CCHH for their generous gift plus 4 pre-paid memberships. The meeting finished up with the Lynn Abbott Volunteer of the Year Award announcement from Bud Viard. Naturally, as she had demonstrated to all in attendance, because of her hard work as President for two years along with her work on recruitment this year as well as all the other things she has done, the award was given to Sharron Adams.



Our new board was then unanimously installed in their new positions. Our new President, Janet Napier, immediately spoke of what "big shoes" she had to fill. Replacing Sharron may be no easy task, but Janet is no doubt up to this challenge.

After the meeting, the membership went to the clubhouse where we celebrated the New Year with a traditional holiday feast of Ham, Turkey, and all those fixings followed by desserts prepared by some of our members. A great Annual Meeting

followed by a wonderful blend of food and fellowship, Saturday was truly a day to celebrate our wonderful little club.

Many thanks to Bud for this nice article describing the annual meeting. He also sent me the letter from the Secret Committee naming Sharron Adams as Volunteer of the Year. A wonderful choice! The letter was long for On the Jack so I will print it out and post it on the bulletin board for anyone who missed the meeting.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL AT SB LAWN BOWLS CLUB AND
MAY ALL YOUR HEADS LOOK AS GOOD AS THIS ONE IN 2018.**

EDITOR EILEEN