

Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club

ON THE JACK

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Fellow Bowlers,

As we begin this New Year off, it is important to have our Club Business in order early. It's not out of order, actually it is in great order because of the previous Board Of Directors and the many volunteers such as you. We want to keep the synergism, camaraderie and support, moving forward to allow our Club to thrive.

So, we are looking for volunteers to be in our committees, support our activities and create and maintain an overall fun environment. As noted in the directory we have many areas which could possibly use your support.

Please contact any person in these disciplines and find out what is required..... and wick-on in. If you want to volunteer and don't know exactly what jacks your interest, please contact me. I will assist you to find a suitable match.

Good Bowls to All, and to All a Fun Time.

Regards,

Grant

Coming Events:

February:

14, Thursday, Valentine's Fun Day
16, Saturday, Veteran/Novice Pairs Tourn.

March:

14, Thursday, St.Patrick's Fun Day
30, Saturday, Club Pairs Championship

Tournament News:

Saturday, January 19, saw the first tournament of our bowling year, the **Novice Pairs**. After a week which brought us much needed rain, Saturday was a lovely warm and sunny day and there were four teams ready and looking forward to good competition. Three games were played and there was some really excellent play among these novices. They are all doing very well, including the fourth team of Leo Bechstein and Tamara Murray who bowled well but didn't make it into the winners circle this time out. We hope that all of these fine bowlers will continue to sharpen their skills by playing in tournaments. Thanks as always to our good Tournament Director, Marlyn Nicolas.



1st: Vern and Mark



2nd: Val and Chris



3rd: Mark and Steve

Coming on Saturday, February 19, is the **Veteran/Novice Pairs Tournament**. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and there are only two teams signed up so far. It's hoped that there will be many more now that the rain has let up and we can get down to the club and back to our business of bowling! The format is on the sign-up sheet. Find a partner and join in the fun everyone!

Open for Visitors Saturday:

This coming Saturday, February 9, the club will have the first of the year Open for Visitors Day. This once a month Saturday event has been very successful in bringing in new people to try out our great game and perhaps join the club. It runs from 10 a.m. to noon on one Saturday a month through November. Come down and help our visitors get acquainted with lawn bowling.

Then at 2:00 p.m. don't forget to come to the Davis Center to celebrate the life of our friend Carol Smith. This will begin at the Davis Center and conclude with a bowl rolling on the green, weather permitting.

Board Meeting Highlights:

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday with a new President and Secretary as well as two new Directors. Since Grant is new to the position and has not been on the Board of Directors in the past, much time was spent talking over procedures and helping him get up to speed on what the duties of the board amount to. Grant then presented a list of suggestions which he wanted everyone to consider and vote on at another meeting which was called for in two

weeks' time. Grant will be asking members to participate in the numerous committees which are needed to run our club in an efficient way, so please help out and do your part. The full minutes of the meeting will soon be available for anyone who is interested in reading them. Alice will post them in the glass-front bulletin board next to the locker room door.

Reminders:

Who puts up the score?

In a triples game, the vice of the team who lost the points puts up the score.

In a pairs game, the vice of the team who lost the points rakes first and then puts up the score.

Who does the measuring?

There is no rule stating who should measure at the conclusion of an end, however it is mentioned in the "Code of Bowling Etiquette" which is in the 2011 rule book. It states the following: "*When bowls need to be measured, the team or singles player that will probably or certainly concede a shot(s) should do the measuring and place identified counters together.*"

If the jack is knocked out of bounds (burned end), what happens next?

For many years a burned end was played over in tournaments. All the bowls were raked back and the end started all over again. In club games, most of the time the score was simply carried down and the game continued without that end being played over. In recent years, the rule has changed at the SWD level and our club has discussed this and agreed to go along with the new rule. So if the jack goes out of bounds, place it at the 2 meter mark in line with the number and the game will continue. If you are unsure of the 2 meter mark, we have a stick which is exactly 2 meters long which is kept in the equipment room for this purpose. Thanks to Max for making the 2 meter stick.

Welcome to visitors and new member:



On Thursday we had the pleasure of welcoming Carole and Graham Reynolds to our greens. The Reynolds are from White Rock, British Columbia and have been to Santa Barbara and played with us before. It was great to meet them and enjoy our favorite game with them.

At the same time we were pleased to see the return of our friends Gary and Ruth Suter who visit us for a few months every year from Victoria, BC. Gary was busy playing, but Sharron provided a very nice picture of Ruth visiting with Gloria. Welcome to Santa Barbara!





Tom Huth

We also gained a new member, however only for a short time since Tom lives most of the year in Colorado. Tom says he was a writer and former newspaper man who once worked for the Washington Post. He will be a winter bowler and has joined our club for the next three months. Sharron tells me he played his first full game on Thursday and did very well. Welcome Tom. We hope you will enjoy our sport for many years to come.

Perks of Being Older:

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run – anywhere.
4. People call at 9 pm and ask, “Did I wake you?”.
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won’t wear out.
8. You can eat dinner at 4 pm
9. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
10. You enjoy hearing about other people’s operations.
11. You get into heated arguments about pensions plans.
12. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
13. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
14. You sing along with elevator music.
15. Your eyes won’t get much worse.
16. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
17. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.