

Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club

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Greetings SBLBC Members and Families,

I want to thank the Board and fellow bowlers for their “nomination” and support in my new assignment as SBLBC President.

As a new member to the Board, I will have a learning curve to understand and conduct SBLBC business at hand, and moving forward.

I do not take this position lightly, and will persuade, prod and promote as needed.

I will encourage the existing and future Board Members to govern the club and to take responsibility, for the sustainable and club building visions needed.

As a service and open Club to the Santa Barbara community...young and old, we need to continue to present the Club as a vibrant and active sport location. With the events planned and being planned, the Club offers a location for persons of any creation, to participate in a fun, rewarding and competitive....as you want... sport.

A Special Thank You and acknowledgement to the Chairpersons, Teams, Committees, Liaisons and Members involved with:

The Greens Team, the grass is in top shape.

Fun Day and Games activities remain most popular with all ages while developing camaraderie.

Private Events introduces the sport and encourage new bowlers to join.

Instruction and awareness remains essential in developing new bowlers.

Without the Kitchen, Beverage, and Snack supporters, we would be malnourished.

Special Hospitality Teams keep us grounded.

Website and Social Media Management will become even more of a positive tool for our future.

Newsletters, Publicity and photographs inform us of our accomplishments.

Supplies and maintenance keeps us in good health.

Our connections with SWWD and SWLBA Bowls USA is most important to keep us connected to the Clubs and Organizations communities.

So you see, it does “take a village”.... and more to keep our Club organized, successful and most importantly..... FUN.

Anyone wanting to assist in any manner, please let me know and I will direct you to the correct person.

We want to continue to support and enhance all these activities as they are the heart and sole of our Club. With the challenges ahead, we all need to participate whenever and wherever we can to support the quality of the Club and its importance to the community..... now and into the future.

With that being said, I encourage all Club members to make any suggestions which they feel will continue to support, build and maintain a quality Club.

We have a suggestion box on the table/ desk in the Club house to allow suggestions to be submitted. Any suggestion is welcome, all suggestions will be addressed with results posted. Please take a moment to share your thoughts.

I want to thank you for this opportunity.... to serve the Santa Barbara Lawn Bowling Club.

As Always,
Lawn Bowling is.... Great Again!

Happy New Year and Good Bowls To All.

Coming Events:

January:

19, Saturday, Novice Pairs Tournament

February:

14, Thursday, Valentine's Fun Day
16, Saturday, Veteran & Novice Pairs

Tournament News:

On December 8 we played our **Club Triples Championship** tournament. We were happy to have a sunny day after a little rain during the week. This year we changed the format so that everyone played in their rated position. There were only four teams signed up so we played a round robin of three games. When all was done, our wonderfully creative tournament director presented everyone with a little sleigh made out of candy canes and candy bars. You had to be there!



First Place
Marlyn, Bud, skip, Victoria



Second Place
Chris, Eileen, skip, Bruce



Third Place
Leo, Joe, skip, Art

Our first tournament of the year is coming right up on Saturday, January 19. This is the **Novice Pairs** tournament which was postponed from last year. Marlyn has posted her green tournament sign-up sheets, so find a partner and join in the fun. Anyone who has bowled for two years or less is considered a novice. If you aren't sure, look in the directory where you will find club joining date next to everyone's names.

Then in February, on Saturday the 16th, we will play the **Veteran & Novice Pairs**. It's not too early to find someone to play with in this tournament. The format for both upcoming tournaments will be spelled out on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Carol Smith Memorial:

Robin Smith, Carol's daughter, asked that I include a short reminder about the memorial "Celebration of Life" which will take place on Saturday, February 9 at 2 p.m. at the Davis Center. This will be followed by a ceremonial rolling of bowls toward the center of the Carol M. Smith Green – a "spider". Robin says "It would be cool if bowlers wore whites too." Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this memorial for one of our most revered members. Put it on your calendar!

Annual Meeting January 5:

The annual meeting was well attended on a rain-threatening Saturday. **Treasurer Jane Streiff** gave her report and said that the club is in good shape financially with a balance of \$209,153 to our account. The special events which have been run by Bud Viard and now by Byron Hahn, brought in a record high of \$7,780 for the club. Greens maintenance and lawn mower repair, etc. were a little higher than usual this year. **Ken Gould**, who handles investments for the club, reported that he is being cautious for the time being since the market is so volatile. However, the investment fund is designed to provide about \$15,000 annually for club expenses. This income has enabled us to keep dues relatively low and to pay for such new items as lights for night bowling.

The various committees gave short recaps of the year's activities: **Max Mickey** reported that the greens are in good shape at this time, that he plans to widen the ditch to a regulation size around the Carol Smith green, and he thanked all the volunteers who helped with various chores during the year.

Sharron Adams told us that we gained 18 new members during the year, many of these came by way of our Open Days for Visitors which were held on the first Saturday of the month for most of the year. Sharron thanked her many helpers and also noted that forty members had attended Vice classes and Focused Skills games.

Marlyn Nicolas encouraged members to check the bulletin board for the bright green sheets which have tournament information and sign-up sheets. She also reported that the night bowling which takes place on Tuesday evenings starting at 5:30, generally has around two or more games, that it is very relaxed atmosphere and lots of fun for all.

Bud Viard reported on the twilight bowling which is held on Tuesday and Thursday from May through September and gives new bowlers a chance to improve their skills in a fun and "no pressure" environment. Bud also reported on the Special Olympics bocce teams who practice at our club and placed in regional competition this past year. He noted that they are very appreciative of the use of our club for their practice.

President Janet Napier gave her recap of the year which included the fact that since we are a 100% Bowls USA club, we were able to apply for and gain a grant for \$300 which will be used to advertise our Open House and our monthly open days. The members then formally voted to award a Life Membership to Stephanie Viard. Janet told us that our young member Loren Dion has been chosen to play on the U.S. team in Australia later in the year. Also, the man in charge of the New Police Department project spoke to the board members in December and

noted that they are leaning toward using the space now used by the Farmers Market instead of the Spencer Adams Park and bowling green.

Bud Viard then returned to the podium once again to present the Volunteer of the Year Award, this time to our Tournament Director, Marlyn Nicolas, for her outstanding efforts, her creativity, cheerfulness and effectiveness as a member and as Tournament Director.



President Janet then installed our new President Grant Gibson, Secretary Alice Chaffee, and Board Members Chris Trenchel and Mary Penny. New President Grant said he is looking forward to supporting the club and has some ideas for doing so. He also thanked the outgoing president for her leadership this past year.

(Complete minutes of the meeting will be available for all to read in the glass bulletin board.)

Reminder:

Many people have paid their dues now because they were due by the end of December. However, if for some reason you haven't done so, please make sure you send in your renewal very soon if you plan to do so. The Membership Directory will be printed early in February. ***If anyone has changes, address, email, phone number, etc. please let Eileen know so corrections can be made for the new directory.*** (Below are some just-for-fun pictures)

