

Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club

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Coming Events

February:

13, Valentine's Fun Day
22, Veteran & Novice Pairs Tournament

March:

17, St.Patrick's Fun Day
28. Club Pairs Championship Tourn.

A message from our President:

SBLBC Members,

Private Bowling Events are becoming more popular with new and repeat customers. We will possibly be having an event at least once a month, possibly two a month soon. We get new club members from these types of events (and leagues), so it is important to show them all a great time, as we always do.

To encourage our Members to volunteer at Corporate/ Private Bowling Events, what do you suggest?

It has been suggested that members who volunteer, get a credit/ discount towards their next year's club membership..... your comments?

Bowling Events are a great source of creating interest within the community and a good revenue source for the SBLBC.

As the survey indicated, most of you agreed the Club could use a little upgrading, so we are going to do just that. We have a few projects in the works to upgrade the club/property, which we will be sharing some of the cost with the City.

So if you have any suggestions (positive or not so positive), please let me know.

Regards,

GRANT

(805) 698-3683

Tournaments:

"Tournament Season" is now about to begin so start looking for partners for the upcoming events. First is our **Veteran & Novice Pairs Tournament** which will be played on Saturday, February 22. Tournament Director Marlyn Nicolas has already posted a sign-up sheet which also includes a list of eligible novices. We have several very promising newcomers so

hopefully all will be included in our first tournament of the year. Remember, this is a good way to improve your playing and enjoy and really fun and competitive day. The format will be three 8-end games, lunch after the first two games, so bring your lunch, wear whites or white pants and club shirts, come and enjoy!

Next month on March 28, we will be playing our **Club Pairs Championship**. Since this is a championship tournament there will be an enormous \$5.00 fee to enter. The money will be returned as prizes to the winners and runners-up. Now is a good time to begin looking for a partner.

Fun Days:

We have five Fun Days during the year and the first one is coming up on February 13, Valentine's Day. Generally we have one committee who handles all these events, but this year we are asking that people volunteer to organize just one of the events. We already have two fun days covered but we would appreciate a volunteer to handle Valentine's Day. The job entails running the special short games to begin the event – a spider, perhaps drawing to the ditch, etc. or anything that sounds like it would be fun and different. Also, if desired, perhaps some special treats at lunch time. The club will reimburse for anything spent. Time is short, so if you would like to volunteer to handle Valentine's Day please let me know, or let Grant know right away.

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights:

- Brent Boone addressed the Board and explained the reason he wishes to play on the carpet Saturday mornings in order to improve his game. Brent plans to play in many tournaments around the South Coast where the greens are very fast or artificial turf. The Board discussed the "make-up game" situation and agreed to designate Saturday mornings as the time these games can take place. Blind draw games will continue also on Saturday mornings.
- Chris Trenchel announced that March 7 will be the first of our 2020 Open Saturdays. Our publicity committee advertises these events on social media and on-line news outlets and this has been in the past a reliable source for new members. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers to help out on that day.
- Chris is heading up a committee which is working on updating the Bylaws for our club. The committee is planning on having a rough draft for members to see some time this month. There will be a 30-day period for people to respond, make suggestions and then a meeting of the whole membership to take a vote to accept the changes.
- Our Special Events are a good source of revenue for the club and as mentioned in the message from Grant, the Board is trying to work out ways to encourage members to support this effort. Any suggestions you have to get more participation by volunteers, please talk to Grant.
- The Board approved an outlay from our treasury to begin much-needed repairs and improvements to our campus beginning with painting. After the painting the Board also

approved repairing and replacing benches. The front of our building is being painted by the City workers. We will also be purchasing motion lights to be placed around the building to discourage unwanted visitors and to light the walkway after the evening games.

- A new evening league is planned to begin on Wednesday, March 11. The league will last for 8 weeks, begin at 6:00 p.m., cost \$50.00 for non-members and \$25.00 for members of SBLBC. The format will be one pairs game each week. Anyone interested in joining in this fun event should sign up right away as it will fill up fast.

Work on Backboards:



I'm quite sure that everyone has seen our hard working Brent replacing the backboards and also putting in fresh, new sand on the north side of our greens. Chris Trenchel was also spotted there helping out. We all owe these guys a huge THANK YOU for taking on such a difficult job and doing it well.

Bowls for Sale:

Howard Wang has taken over the job of selling bowls out of our used bowls cupboard. There are many set of bowls and cases there and anyone looking for a bargain should check with Howard. Right now there is a set of Henselite, size 1, good condition with bag, \$100. Howard also has a used lifter for sale at \$25. These cost \$40 new.

Part time member:

Tom Huth began bowling with us last year and has recently returned for another two or three months. His primary residence is in Colorado and he comes to Santa Barbara each year for a brief time during which he joins us.

Since he is such a new bowler his bowling skills are quite good. Sorry I didn't get a chance to ask Tom for a short bio but I'm sure people will get to know him and enjoy his company. Welcome to SBLBC Tom.



Directory 2020:

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, there is a committee working on updating the bylaws which are printed in the directory. For this reason, the first half of the directory, which includes our schedule for the coming year as well as all the names and addresses, etc. has been posted on the SB website. When the bylaws are completed the booklet will be printed and hard copies will be available in the clubhouse. To access the Directory on line, go to our website santabarbaralbc.org/membership-directory. The password is skipvicelead2020.

Hall of Fame:

Many may not know that the Bowls USA, the National Organization for lawn bowls in the US has a Hall of Fame. Every year people who have distinguished themselves and done a lot for the sport are inducted into the Hall of Fame. This month we are honored to have one of our own Santa Barbara bowlers, Patricia Cronshaw, chosen for this honor. Patricia and her husband James began their bowling careers at our club, SBLBC, in 1996. After some years with us they moved to MacKenzie Park LBC where they still bowl. Both have accomplished many wins all over the South and beyond and Patricia represented the USA overseas for a few years, playing on team USA.

If you would like to read her biography and see all her accomplishments, go to the bowlsusa.us/hall-of-fame site. Patricia will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Southwest Division General Meeting which will be held on February 15 at the Santa Anita club. The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. and is open to everyone.

