

Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club

ON THE JACK

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Coming Events:

June:

15, Flag Day Triples & barbecue
25 & 27, Super Senior Singles
29, Club Pairs Championship

July:

4, Independence Day Fun Day
6, Women's Singles Championship
20, Men's Singles Championship

Tournaments:



The Memorial Day, British Cup Tournament, sponsored once again by Jo Millett and Denise Foxwell, turned out to be another good day of bowling followed by a get-together over cheese and crackers and other goodies. We were blessed with a beautiful day with all the spring flowers in full bloom and a warm sun. Eight teams vied for their names on the trophy and there were some exciting games. The three teams who placed were presented with ribbons. Only one team won all three games – the dynamic duo of ReGina and Mark Sabens. In second place, with two wins were Eileen Morton and Chris Trenchel and third were Joe and Jane Streiff, also with two wins. Once again we thank our Tournament Director Marlyn Nicolas who also happened to be the proud mom of the winners! Below, winner pictures with sponsor Jo.



Coming up this month on Saturday, June 15 (the day after Flag Day) is the **Flag Day, Not-a-Tournament, Hawaiian Shirt** day, one of our most fun days and still sponsored by our sadly moved away Bud and Stef Viard. You don't want to miss this! The day will include two short games followed by a hot dog lunch. Everyone wears a Hawaiian shirt or something colorful and needs a team name. So find your partners and sign up on the green sheet on the bulletin board.

At the end of June we will play two tournaments, one on June 25 and 27, the **Super Senior Singles**, and the other on June 29, the **Club Pairs Championship** which was postponed from earlier this year. Super Seniors are anyone who is 80 or over and there a few in our club so this should be a really good competition. The Pairs Championship, which is generously sponsored by Jeff and Sharron Adams, will follow on the weekend. Watch for the sign-up sheets for these two tournaments.

Wednesday Evening League:

The SB Lawn Bowls Club is now the proud sponsor of an evening bowling league, thanks to the work of Chris Trenchel, Tamara Murray and others. Chris contacted many of the people who have come to our club for corporate and other events, also he recruited interested club

members, and sure enough – a league with 12 triples teams playing every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. The players who are not members of our club have paid for a six week membership. They also have some beautiful tee shirts with logo designed by Vern Rodriguez. Each evening they play one game, enjoy plenty of snacks and have a great time. Many are learning to play quite well. Many thanks to Aaron Solis for the pictures below.



Board Meeting Highlights:

Janet Napier has purchased a container for SBLBC flyers and business cards which will be attached to the fence by the gate each day while we are at the club. Flyers and cards will be available for anyone who is interested in bowling.

Janet also announced that she had spoken to the man in charge of the police station project and he said that they are still working on it and a final decision has not been made.

There was discussion about security of our clubhouse since the front door was left open at one event. There was a suggestion that we buy some electronic keypad locks and install them on all our doors. Also, it may be a good idea to install motion sensor lights. This will be looked into.

Chris Trenchel told everyone about the Wednesday evening bowling league which is going very well. He noted that there is a shortage of smaller bowls. In response, the board suggested that perhaps members who have extra bowls for sale or to donate could be asked to please bring them in for our use. The league will last for six weeks. After that, there will be a two week break and Chris plans to start another league on July 17, same format.

Open Saturday Bowling:

This Saturday is our monthly Open Day. Don't forget to come down to the club to assist our Instructor-in-Chief, Sharron Adams and First Husband Jeff. Our monthly Open Days have been our best efforts at recruiting new members and we really need some new members. If you have friends or neighbors who might enjoy bowling, bring them along this Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Tips From Our Canadian Friends:

I have been writing this newsletter for a long time and I'm afraid that It's getting pretty boring and repetitive. So I decided to look into some of the old issues to see if I could find anything interesting to repeat. I found the following article in the June, 2006 issue and it is from our discontinued Bowls Magazine, Summer 2003.

- 1) The easier shot is usually the right one to play.*
- 2) The scoreboard will often help you decide whether the conservative or the gambling shot is the one to play*
- 3) If both hands are equally reliable, the narrow side has a higher probability of being easier to play.*
- 4) In singles, pairs, triples or fours, the best response to your opponent's toucher resting in front of the jack is to get one close, NOT come I heavy to bust them up. "Close" increases your shot options on subsequent bowls and has a far better chance of preventing or cutting down a possible big count.*
- 5) With the jack in the ditch, you may not have to draw close to the ditch; perhaps all you have to do is draw past your opponent's nearest bowl.*
- 6) Put yourself mentally into your opponent's shoes and think about both offense and defense from their point of view. That will often make your job very clear.*
- 7) Play to your strengths and your opponent's weakness. Your best guide is your team's – and your opponents'- performance that day*
- 8) There are usually many more chances for a favorable outcome from a draw shot, than from an overweight shot.*