

Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club

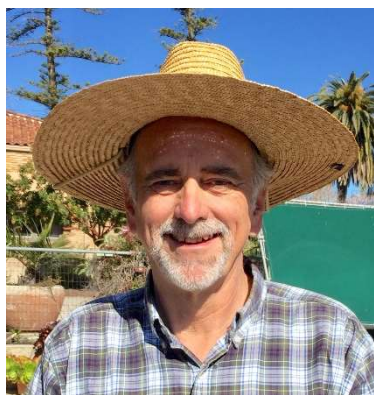
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Not everyone can become a champion, but from the thousands of enthusiastic bowlers all over the world, there are many who will reach a level of personal satisfaction, ability and proficiency. As in any sport, some will gain the honor of representing their club in local competition and challenges. Top honorees seem to go to those who possess the qualities of stamina, commitment and determination common in all accomplished athletes. Success in organized competition, interclub, demands dedication and concentration, and of course competing (and winning) against your cross town Lawn Bowls Club, is most rewarding.

But for those who take up the game just for recreation and relaxation invariably find in the congenial atmosphere of a lawn bowling club, to meet and mingle with people from all walks of life, young and old. That is one of the reasons we have Open House to expand our awareness and of course our membership.

So please share with non-members (family, friends, co-workers, neighbors), that our lawn bowls club is the friendliest place in town, and once they have shown an interest in the game they will be welcomed by its members who will do all they can to encourage their interest in the sport. A membership at the SBLBC will involve them in a world of fraternity which holds friendship to be the most valued asset. There are no strangers in the game of bowls, and although the rewards will solely depend on their participation and efforts, there will be assured rewards in terms of human contact and friendship which are the outcome of personal involvement on a scale unmatched by any other sport.

Santa Barbara is blessed to have two world class Lawn Bowls Clubs who are very active and would enjoy having persons of interest stopping by to inquire about the clubs and the sport, but do suggest that they visit us at the Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club. Remember we host "Open to the Public" Saturday free lessons as well.

Good Bowling to all, and to all, a good time.

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Coming Events:

May:

18, Saturday, Hedrick Bocce Tournament

27, Monday, British Cup Memorial Day Tourn.

June:

15, Flag Day Triples & barbecue

25 & 27, Tues. & Thurs. Super Senior Singles

29, Saturday, Club Pairs Championship

Tournaments:

On April 20 we played a “very special tournament” – the Graffy Memorial Blind Draw Triples. This meant that the teams were made up by blind draw and stayed together for the two games. Once again, the Graffy family, represented by Chuck’s son-in-law Jim Garcia, provided us with goodies to start, and at lunch time a lovely spread including wraps, salad, fruit and much more. Jim’s wife, Erin, and her brother Neal and his wife all came down after the games were finished to present the trophies. The winners each received a nice trophy with name engraved and the second and third place teams received medals with names engraved. Wow! It was “very special”. But just right to honor the memory of a man who bowled at our club for more than 20 years, who also volunteered for many jobs while he was here and was a good friend.



First place winners were Victoria Lopez, Mark Hreha and Judy Wang. **Second place:** Janet Napier, Jeff Adams and Val Piermarini. **Third place:** Bruce Walter, Jim Garcia and Vern Rodriguez.

Congratulations to all on a game well played. And many thanks to the lovely Graffy family!

Our next tournament will be the **Memorial Day British Cup** which will be held on Monday, Memorial Day May 27. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with all the details about the format. You don't want to miss this one. It's now sponsored by Jo Millett and Denise Foxwell and includes a really nice “happy hour” after the games are finished with wine and cheese and other goodies.

Also happening this month on Saturday, May 28 is the **Daniel Hedrick Memorial Bocce Tournament** which we set up for the Special Olympics bocce players. Daniel was the inspiration for moving the Special Olympics players to our club for their practice location. Since

Bud Viard has left us, Tim Thornton has taken his place and he needs some help with this event. A sign-up sheet on the bulletin board shows what exactly he needs so please give Tim a hand with this.



Vice Class:

Sharron Adams, our Head Instructor, presented a vice class last month and it was a success. Several people participated and learned all about the duties of the vice position. This was followed by practice at measuring. These classes and workshops are valuable to everyone and hopefully, more people will take advantage of a refresher course whenever it is presented. Often, due to the fact that we make up games with

whoever comes to bowl, people are asked to play in a position they don't really know. So, if you get a chance, take a class!

Where are you?

It seems that lately there are not very many of our members actually coming to the club to bowl. So **where are you?** Maybe it seems rather cold and overcast? Or maybe everyone is off on a vacation? But we have many members and we need a good sized group to make the bowling enjoyable for everyone. So come on down! The weather always warms a bit during the morning some time and even if it doesn't, we still have a fun game and a pleasant get-together for coffee and cookies afterwards.

Open House:

Our annual Open House was held on Saturday, May 4. Many members showed up to help out and before 10 a.m. there were beautiful strings of balloons flying over our entry, donuts and coffee ready for visitors and members, welcome banners flying and lots of people in blue shirts and white pants to greet people. The day was fairly cold and overcast so only a few visitors showed up in the morning but after lunch – pizza and sodas – more people came by. All seemed to enjoy the experience and 12 signed up for further lessons. Now our Chief Instructor, Sharron, will need some help teaching all those folks to bowl. Hopefully this will go well and we will gain some new members. A sincere “thank you” to all the members who came to help out, who set up and cleaned up, sat at the table to sign people in and of course, those who showed visitors our great game. Good job everyone!

Reminders:

So I noticed a few things during this past month to nag at everyone about and here they are:

- When measuring please don't move bowls unless they are in the way of your tape. If you need to move bowls to count them, always place them on a towel. Never kick or throw them out of the head.

- When changing ends, please walk down the center of the green and not down the very edges where you might interfere with the sight-lines of the people in the next rink.
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- When standing in the head playing vice or skip, please remember to stand just about six feet behind the jack and one pace to either side. This will put you where you will not obstruct your partner's view of either of the boundary lines or the center of the rink.
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- If you are playing vice and your skip throws a heavy shot or a drive, it often happens that bowls are hit by the drive and go flying out of the head. It is your responsibility to see that they are stopped and not allowed to disrupt the game in the next rink. It's a good idea to warn the other players if you intend to drive so they can stop wayward bowls.



Neal Graffy & Erin Graffy DeGarcia



Trophies for tournament