

Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club

ON THE JACK

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Coming Events:

November:

16, Saturday, Veterans' Day Triples
and barbecue

23, Saturday, Turkey Shoot Fun Day

December:

14, Saturday, Holiday Luncheon

Board Meeting Highlights:

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, November 5 and there was much to cover. Committee reports included the following:

Greens Chairman, Max, reported that the verticutter is now repaired and working OK. He also said that the clutch is worn out on the mower and the Board approved money to repair it.

Max is also working on upgrading the night lighting setup so it is easier to put up for the twilight bowling. The Board discussed the idea of leaving the lights up during the day to see if they interfere with daytime bowling. If not, this would save time for the people who set up for twilight.

Tournament Director, Marlyn, said that the Veterans' Day Tournament and barbecue is scheduled for this coming Saturday, November 9 but due to her being laid up for a while, no plans have been made. She suggested that we postpone the event to the following weekend, November 16 and said that she and her family would prepare all the food for the barbecue. This was gratefully accepted. The tournament will be a blind draw for partners and two games only. The barbecue will be free to members and \$10.00 for guests.

No tournaments are scheduled for December and a new schedule will be prepared for next year very soon.

The other event for November is the Turkey Shoot Fun Day. This will be a day to celebrate Thanksgiving with a spider (the kind that includes lawn bowls) and a game, possibly prizes for the winners. The Board discussed whether the club would be open on Thanksgiving Day since it falls on a Thursday. This has been done in the past when there were people who were willing to open and close for those who want to bowl. If anyone would like to bowl that day and would be willing to take on that responsibility, please let me (Eileen) know about it so I can send out an email to all and we can let people know.

The big event coming in December will be our Christmas Luncheon on December 14. This will be catered so we are asking that everyone who wishes to attend pay \$5.00 as partial payment for the meal. Guests will be \$10.00. Please, if you sign up to come to the event, be sure to actually show up as the club will need to buy the food for everyone on the sign-up sheet.

It's time to nominate people for positions on the Board of Directors – Officers and some Board members have all completed their terms. Grant will be appointing a three member nominating committee to work on this so if you are asked, please agree to give that bit of time to the important workings of the club. Grant also is very much in favor of working out another day and/or time to hold the meetings so they do not conflict with the bowling game. This is something that will be discussed again at the December meeting and possibly a new time will be agreed upon.

Our monthly Open Saturdays have been discontinued until Spring due to low turnout. It has also been decided to bring our yearly Open House forward a week and have it in April.

Chris Trenchel who is responsible for beginning our very successful evening leagues, plus many other things, noted that the Sunday afternoon league has now finished and the leagues will begin again next year after daylight savings time. Chris also suggested that we might try an evening Open House so people could come down after work.

Chris and Leo are working on replacing our very old rakes and scoreboards. With the grant we received from Bowls USA we will purchase a rake to try out. If we like it, we will buy several more. Leo will be making a prototype scoreboard for us to try as well.

President Grant has had a meeting with City Rep Jason and there were a number of requests that have been approved by the City for work. At some point the City will be painting our building. They are also planning to remove the strip of grass on the De La Vina Street side and replace it with

succulents and other shrubs. Also, solar powered night lights have been approved for the club and will be installed soon.

Leo presented a list of work items that need to be attended to around our campus to make our club look nicer and more attractive and just to update it. He will be pricing some new benches and also the cost of some needed re-painting.

The Board noted that we are still missing an Instruction Director and this important position should be filled. Also needed are two or three people willing to help give lessons. Please let any member of the Board know if you are interested in helping out this way.

Chris noted that some of the new members who play in the evening league have asked to be allowed to come to the club to practice at times when it is not now open. Most of them are working people and cannot come at our usual open times. Chris has made up a form for them to fill out with contact information and also some responsibilities if they have access to the club. This will soon be finalized.

Tournaments:



2nd Paul, 1st Tamara, 3rd Dave



Ron, Paul, Jose, Erik, Chris, George, Tamara, Dave

Novice Singles was a big success this year with eight novices joining in the fun. Four of those novices have joined our club through the evening league begun by Chris. I was unfortunately not available to be at the club that day but I'm sure there were many exciting and close games played. Also, thanks to the folks who volunteered to be markers for the day and help out. Congratulations to the lone woman who joined in then won as well!

Tamara! Good work!

The Winter League began play at MacKenzie Park LBC on October 26. The league has been played every year during the winter months for many years. Generally, there are 12 or 14 teams, but this year only six teams signed up. We play a round robin format, two 14-end games each Saturday. Since there are so few teams this year we will be finishing this coming weekend with one game on

Sunday followed by a pizza party and awarding of prizes. The picture above shows three teams from MacKenzie, one team from Oxnard, and Brent and Eileen, Roger and Sue who are all dual members of MacKenzie and Santa Barbara LBC.



Halloween:

Halloween fell on a bowling day this year so we celebrated with some foolishness and also some eyeball cupcakes and pumpkin cookies. First we had a creative hat contest. There were quite a few to choose from and this was done by applause. Finally, too hard to decide, we declared a tie between Lois (goldilocks) and Max (sad sack). Next we did not one, but two spiders – first the women and then the men. Janet won the first and Grant won the second. The spiders were followed by a ten-end game and the results there were really close. Highest score won the prize. Third place finished with 12 points, second place with 13 points and the winners – Jim Morton, Ron Bromwell and Max Mickey, 14 points. All the winners received a bottle of very expensive, exclusive wine from Trader Joe's.

