

Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club

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Coming Events:

October:

19, SWD Vet/Novice Tournament at MacKenzie

26, Novice Singles Championship

31, Halloween Fun Day

November:

9, Veterans' Day Triples & barbecue

23, Turkey Shoot Fun Day



Tournaments:

Spencer Adams Blind Draw Triples

Included most of the bowlers who play on Tuesday and Thursday. The format was a blind draw for partners and just one game a day.

Many were unable to return on Thursday so it was decided to play the second game the following Tuesday. One team won both games.

The tournament is named for the man who did so much for our club and the old trophy has winners' names going back to the 60's. So now we will add the 2019 winners:

Tony Cunningham, Charles Swegles and Alice Chaffee.

In second place were Gloria Torres, Mary Penny and Ellie Jones who shared with Jim Stahl.

Third place were Scott Coons, Ron Bromwell and Lois Kuhl.

Also, our lovely Tournament Director, Marlyn Nicolas, made it back to the club for this tournament along with the wheels for her bad foot! So good to see her again and we wish her quickly back to complete recovery and on the green for bowling!





The Singles Championship Tournament began on Saturday, September 28 and did not finish until the following Thursday. Eileen was Tournament Director, filling in for Marlyn who had a family reunion scheduled for that weekend. There were eight players signed up and a discussion was held before play began to decide which format would please everyone – a choice between single or double elimination or a straight four games. It was decided to play a double elimination tournament, (two losses put you out), games to 16 points. Three games were played on Saturday and at the end there were just four players left. Play continued on Sunday afternoon and Eileen, being undefeated, had to wait until

the other three played and only one was left. That person was Brent Boone so Brent and Eileen played Thursday and Brent beat Eileen twice and is now the SBLBC Singles Champion for 2019. Congratulations Brent on a fine display of championship bowling!

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Gloria Torres who again volunteered to spend her Saturday marking for the tournament and even stayed to clean up the kitchen and help in other ways. Also thank you to Jim Morton who helped all day as well and Scott Coons and Ron Bromwell for their assistance.

The **Veteran/Novice Tournament**, which will be played at MacKenzie Park, is set for Saturday, October 19. The tournament is sponsored by the Men's Southwest Division and they require a man on every team. There is a flyer posted on our bulletin board if anyone is interested in playing and it gives the details of the format. The tournament is open to anyone in the SW Division and is played in three locations on the same day – MacKenzie Park, Laguna Beach and Sun City. Take a chance! Find a partner and sign up to play!

The following Saturday, October 26, SBLBC will be playing the **SBLBC Novice Singles Championship**. We have a really good field of novices this year thanks to the Wednesday evening league run by Chris Trenchel and Vern Rodriguez. So we hope that many of our new members will show up for this tournament. A bowler is considered a novice for two years – so anyone who joined on or after October 26, 2017 is eligible. There will be a sign-up sheet very soon and it will include an explanation of the format.

Winter League:

The Winter League is starting early this year. This league has been played every year for many years and usually begins in December, however, this year we will start on Saturday, October 26. Fourteen teams of pairs can play and the league is open to bowlers from not only MacKenzie Park but also Oxnard and Santa Barbara LBC. A round robin is played – two games to 14 ends each Saturday, the cost is \$50 per team. Anyone interested can contact me and I will sign you up. I urge anyone who likes this type of play to come out and give it a try!

Fun Day:

Halloween actually falls on a bowling day this year, Thursday, October 31, so it's time to be thinking up a silly costume or crazy hat or something special to wear that day. The day will probably include a special game of skill or two as well as some very fine refreshments. So put this on your calendar and plan to be there.

Board Meeting Highlights:

- The Board of Directors welcomed Leo Bechstein who joined them. Leo is stepping in to finish the year for George Glerum who resigned for health reasons. Thank you Leo!
- It was decided to change the date of our yearly Open House from the Mothers' Day weekend and bring it forward to Saturday, April 18.
- Since we received a grant from Bowls USA, it was decided we need to spend this on new rakes and/or scoreboards. Chris has been researching where to buy rakes and has found a possible supplier. He will be continuing to work on this and hopefully, before long we will have rakes to replace our very old, heavy ones.
- Leo suggested that there are many areas of our club that can be repaired and brightened up with a little work. We will be making a list of these items to discuss and prioritize at the next meeting of the Board.
- The required parts for our verticutter have been received and work is in progress to get this machine back to work on our green.

Time Flies!

Hard to believe that the end of the year is speeding toward us and this coming month it will be time to find people to serve as Officers and Directors for our next year as well as workers for the various committees that keep the game rolling smoothly and the club in order. Please be thinking about what your contribution will be – either on the Board or helping on one of the many committees.

