

# *Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club*

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Website: [santabarbaralbc.org](http://santabarbaralbc.org)

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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 Tournament

### ***General Meeting:***

Continuing President Grant Gibson presided over our General Meeting of the club at the Davis Center on January 4. The meeting began with an overview of the club's financial condition by Ken Gould, portfolio manager. He noted that the club continues in good position and that the special events, currently handled by Grant and others, have brought in a substantial amount of funds to help run the club.

Committee heads each gave a brief report of their activities for 2019:

- Leo, maintenance committee, noted that there are big plans afoot for painting inside our clubhouse as well as the tables and benches in the lanai and much more. Work also continues on updating scoreboards and rakes.
- Marlyn, Tournament Director, said she presented 10 tournaments in 2019 and there will be 14 in 2020. She hopes to see more participation this year.
- Jane, Treasurer for 2019, reviewed the new on-line credit card payment system for membership dues and other matters.
- Janet, Treasurer for 2020, noted that the club dues were raised to \$160 this year for full members and \$30 for associate members (non-bowling members) to help some with our bottom line. Our club continues to support the national organization Bowls USA, with 100% membership.
- Tim, liaison for our Special Olympics bocce players, said that they will be starting their practice sessions in the spring.
- Chris, Evening Leagues, described the success of the leagues held since early summer in 2019. About 100 players participated, mostly new to lawn bowling, and as a result the club recruited about 20 new members. Leagues will resume in the spring.

Jim Garcia, who is a long-time member of the club but has recently retired from his profession, has volunteered to take over the job of Instruction Director. Jim has a small committee of instructors and plans to also provide coaching to any members who need assistance.

The new officers and directors were seated. Grant, then described the services we can expect from the City in the coming year, including painting on the outside of the building, additional

lighting with motion sensors and landscape work on the property. Also, the city is planning a major overhaul of the Davis Center property in the near future.

The meeting concluded with the presentation of the Volunteer of the Year award for 2019 and this went to our hard working greens chairman, Max Mickey. Max spends much time and effort on our greens as well as working with the evening bowlers putting up lights. The club is very appreciative of his efforts.

*My thanks to Ron Bromwell our new Secretary for his excellent minutes of the general meeting. Ed.*

### **Dues:**

Three years ago the club, at the annual meeting, voted unanimously to make our club a 100% member of Bowls USA, the national organization. This did not raise the amount we paid to the club but it did mean that the club received \$20 less from each member for the overall running of club affairs. However it was decided that it is very important to support the efforts of Bowls USA to promote the sport in this country.

Dues are payable by the end of the year so if you haven't paid yet, please do so as soon as possible as this will enable us to produce the 2020 Directory as well as the new name tags for the game board. Please let Eileen know if you have any changes to your address, phone number, email address for the Directory.

This year for the first time you are able to pay dues by logging on to the club website, [santabarabarabc.org](http://santabarabarabc.org) and using a credit card. Also, if you need a permit for your car to use the Davis lot, there is a supply of forms in the clubhouse and the permits can be purchased at the Davis Center.

### **December Events:**

Tournaments were finished for the year 2019 but we nevertheless had a pretty busy month. Our Holiday Luncheon was on Saturday, December 14. We played our usual game at 10:00 a.m. and then gathered by the lanai where there were wonderful things cooking and sang some Christmas carols with the lovely accompaniment of Marlyn Nicolas on her guitar. The catered luncheon was delicious! As a really fun change from the norm, we had a Cajun meal, complete with catfish, jambalaya, great salad, cornbread and a to-die-for dessert.

Then on December 21 another party happened! Thanks to the organization of the power couple Chris Trenchel and Tamara Murray, on Saturday evening, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. saw our club decked out for Christmas, music playing over the greens and a food truck busily at work on dinner. This was especially planned to include our newer league members as well as older club members and it was a great success. There were at least 25 to 30 people in attendance. We bowled under the lights, some games including family members who were new to our sport, and then everyone was served with delicious tacos.

It seems our club enjoys the lunch and dinner parties because we also had a good turnout for the Dorothy Thielges Spaghetti Feed on January 1. Dorothy began this many years ago and it

has now become an annual tradition. It was well attended and the dinner turnout to be tasty and filling with spaghetti, salads, bread and ice cream for dessert.

### ***Tournaments:***

Tournaments will begin again in February and our first one will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> – the Veteran and Novice Pairs. This is a fun way to introduce our newer members to the tournament scene. A bowler is a novice if he/she has bowled two years or less so don't wait, find a veteran bowler to play with and sign up to join in the fun. Marlyn will be putting a sign-up sheet and all the information about the tournament format on the bulletin board before long.

### ***Highlights of the January board meeting:***

*As I was unable to attend the board meeting, the following notes come from Chris Trenchel our new Vice President. Many thanks Chris.*

- The board decided to form a committee to update the club's bylaws. With member input we'll be looking to see if any bylaws need updating based on how the club is currently operating, best practices, and to account for changes in technology. The committee will be chaired by Chris Trenchel and so far includes board members Janet Napier and Skip Helms. We're looking for 2-3 non-board members to participate as well. If anyone is interested please contact Chris by email at [ctrenchel@gmail.com](mailto:ctrenchel@gmail.com) or phone 805 705-9587.
- There will be a blind draw twilight bowling game every Tuesday at 5:30. Members are encouraged to attend this fun and very informal game.
- Open Bowling Saturdays will begin on March 7. We'll have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board soon for volunteers.



Christmas Carols and songs sing-along

