

Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

APRIL 2015

Welcome to new members Ryan Ernst, Kelly Ernst, Jack Samuelson, Sharon Clark, Greg Hayford, and Yi-Yen Hayford. Please be sure to introduce your self. We hope to see them regularly on the green. Our February attendance figures were 175 sign -ins for an average draw game of 11. There still remain 3 spots in the ladder tournament. See Gil if you wish to sign up. Please plan on attending our Thursday, April 9, Quarterly meeting. There will be many announcements about our summer programs.

Calendar: All events at the clubhouse unless noted.

April 1-14 Dennis -club house cleaning

April 9, Thursday, 2:30, Quarterly meeting (agenda below)

April 16, Thursday, 12:30, Turbo singles opportunity for first 8 at draw. Regular draw, also held

April 18, Saturday, 10-12, Park and Rec class on green

Apr 29, Wednesday, 4:00, Cruise Orientation (Talbot Tours) Dinner follows

May 1, Friday, 9:00, Work Day, lunch provided

Friendship Game schedule

May 13, Wednesday, 9:30, Palo Alto

May 20, Wednesday, 9:30, Sunnyvale

May 27, Wednesday, 9:30, Santa Clara

June 03, Wednesday, 9:30, San Jose

June 10, Wednesday, 9:30, Santa Cruz

June 17, Wednesday, 9:30, Carmel Del Mesa

Thanks: to Ann and Gil, and Pete B. and Rod for club house cleaning; to Earl and Dennis for green brushing; to Gary for shirt donation; to Jerry for managing clothing order; to Gil for taking care of \$1 jar; to Pete B, Gil, Jerry and John L for working with Park and Rec visitors

Construction:Contractor has said he is ready to begin. Hopefully. landscaping should be removed and ground be prepared in the next weekso we can finally get started

Cruise: Reminder that Talbot will be making our pre-boarding orientation on Wednesday, April 29, at 4:00. Please let me know if you are unable to attend so that your documents can be mailed to you. Dinner will follow in the clubhouse. I have received inquiries about using your cell phones in Vancouver. They should work but your service provider will temporarily be "Rogers" and it will be expensive - up to \$.79 per minute so use with caution. Note that Victoria Day, Monday, May 18, will have a parade and street festivals. I will get the locations and times for you if you wish to attend. Bowlers are invited to play at Stanley Park that day. Draw time 1:30 with a "high tea" to follow. T

Goals 2015:

<u>Personnel:</u> To add 10 new members and to have 2500 games played. 11 new members to date; monthly game average 194

<u>Facilities:</u> To complete restroom/ storage addition. Construction should begin this month.

Finance: To fully finance addition

Cruise update: Wednesday, April 29 at 4:00 Talbot will present our cruise orientation briefing giving us final details, luggage tags, paper work, transportation information, etc. Dinner will be provided at 5:00.

Quarterly Meeting: I encourage you to attend the Thursday, April 9, Quarterly meeting. We will be doing much of our summer planning. Agenda:

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Minutes
- 3. Treasurer
- 4. New Business
- a. Friendship games
- b. Sundays in San Lorenzo
- c. Green
- d. Membership
- e.Construction
- 5. Old Business cleaning schedule- sign up

7. Adjourn

Membership:

We will be co sponsoring "Sundays in San Lorenzo" with the Coastal Watershed Council. We will be using the events to bring attention to the green, to recruit, and to fund raise. On a monthly rotating basis events will be held in the park during which time we will offer introductory sessions on rinks 6-7 and sell refreshments at the smallest of the west gates. Events will take place under the cork oaks with the double gate opening on the green as our "front door". Please be willing to help as an instructor, concessionaire, or tour guide (2d Sundays). We have had a tremendous response from the community

First Sundays 12:30-3:00 (May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2): **Birthdays and Board Games** Bring a blanket to sit on and your favorite board games to play. Free birthday cake for those celebrating their birth month.

Second Sundays 12:30-3:00 (May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9): Plant Exchange

Bring your plant cuttings, seeds, garden books, or plant related crafts to sell or swap. Tables will be set up under the cork oaks by the west gate to the lawn bowling green. Monterrey Bay Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions about plant varieties, propagation and problems. Take a guided walking tour of the park to learn about the unique plants in your park.

Third Sundays 12:30-3:00 (May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16): Local Art-Local artists are invited to exhibit/sell their work 12:30-3:00 on the third Sundays in May (24), June (28), July (26) and August(23). Exhibitors fee \$10. A limited number of tables (3x6 ft) will be available for exhibitors' use under the cork oak trees adjacent to the west entrance to the lawn bowling green. We are accepting all kinds of art (painting, photography, sculpture, mixed media, etc.) but one table per exhibitor, please. Email images of sample work (no more than 5 images, please), artist info, date(s) you wish to exhibit and image info to cpalochak@gmail.com by 1 May, 2015. Please email or call 275-0028 with any questions. Selected exhibitors will be notified by May 10.

Fourth Sundays (May 24, June 28, July 26) 12:30-3:00: **Kids in the Park**- Join with Parks and Rec staff to play old fashioned games: sack races, tug of war, etc.

Resources: You may have noticed several members practicing with red or orange spots on the green. We have a set of 3 ft (red), 2 ft (orange) and 1 ft (yellow) radius practice "spots". Just place the spot at the distance at which you wish to work and roll as usual from the mat. It gives you a very quick way to judge your accuracy and refine your line. As you improve, decrease your radius from red down to yellow. Spots are stored in the bowls shed on the wire shelves under the umbrellas.