



# Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

April 2020

I thank you for your patience as we all try to figure out when we will be allowed to have draw games again. However, the green is always available for individual practice. I will let you know as soon as I hear that we are able to have group gatherings. In the meantime, stay healthy. Cleaning this month is by Dave Sievert. I hope you are noticing all the work that has been done at the green: re-hanging the clubhouse sign, brushing by Earl, repainting of all the red and yellow rink markers- but there is still more to take care of. Hope as many as possible will come to the green on clean up day, tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 17, 9-1. Lunch will be provided. We may have to reschedule and I will advise you as soon as I receive word. If you are unable to make our work day, there are tasks which can be done on your own time. Just let me know and I'll give you a job!

## **Calendar** (All events tentative at this point)

April 17, Friday, Spring Clean up 9-1 Lunch Provided (Bring gloves)

April 19, Sunday, 12:15 Visit from Scotts Valley Bocce club. 9 bocce players coming to learn the game of bowls.

May 1, Summer hours begin T- 5:30, Th- 12:30, Sat 9:30, Sun 12:30 (We voted last year to try Tuesday evening draw games. We will re-evaluate at our July quarterly meeting)

May 6, 13, 20, 27, Wednesday Friendship Games 9:00

## **Goals**

Personnel: To have a net gain of 5 members added to our January 31 roster.

Facilities: Ditches to be improved and squirrel problem eliminated.

Finance: To add \$5000 to green replacement fund .

**Thanks:** To John Blakeslee for repairing the leak under sink leak; to Earl for brushing; to Dave for repairing two broken rakes; to Carne and Peter and Larry Murphy for working with the Spring Parks and Rec class; to Gustav for obtaining sand for ditches; to Stephen for obtaining the metal borders for the plinth; to Dave S. for experimenting with ditch lining; to Famy for sanitizing clubhouse

**Focal Point Jack grips** In my limited experience, I have seen games won or lost by the roll of a jack. Notice “roll” the jack not toss the jack. Just as with rolling a bowl, the jack is released at the low point of the arm’s forward motion. The best grip for a jack is one where it rests on the closed fingertips with the thumb tip near its crown and applying enough pressure to keep the jack secure. In this grip, the jack is well clear of the palm of the hand and can release cleanly off the tip of the middle finger. A cupped grip, which palms the jack tends to negate the benefit of the tactile sensitivity of the fingertips. Awkward positioning or movement of the fingers tends to inhibit a clean jack release. (Rob Judson Lawn Bowls Coaching p 30). I have placed a large plastic measuring cup in the lower basket of the mat cart. Next time you go out to practice, throw 10 jacks one direction and 10 back. Easy to calculate the percentage that are on the string and see how you improve over time. Another time, try to place 5 short and 5 long and see how you do. If you are feeling very confident, try to line 10 jacks up like a sting of pearls on the string starting from a long jack in back, then start from a short jack and string the jacks back.

**Attendance:** Total of 121 games signed in roster for February for an average draw of 6.5 Biggest day was Valentine’s Day party.

