



Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

August 2017

We welcome back former member, Mary Jane Chambers. Good to see you on the green again, MJ. We had a very nice evening for our July 19, ice cream tournament and social 25 attendees and a nice response of interested new people from our Sentinel article. Club Singles Champion Tournament sign up sheet is on the front table. The format will depend on the number of participants. Full details below. The August 16 social and mini-tournament will be an International Night and will be hosted by Aumao. He has offered to prepare a Samoan dinner for us and has organized a pairs tournament. More below. The bowls shed was broken into sometime between July 11 and 13. If you have not already done so, please check your bowls bags and lockers. An on-line police report can be filed for missing property. Our tool bag and garden tools were taken for which I have filed a police report. In addition, both of our leaf blowers have been taken. We now are faced with replacing our tools. If you have an unused hammer, screwdrivers, pliers, or garden clippers, please consider donating them to the clubhouse. I have met with Parks Department about improving security including cameras and stronger locks. I have received permission to add another section of fence behind the clubhouse to protect the back wall from the urination and defecation which is occurring there. July 28 is a Food Truck Festival Night and we need coaches. Please let me know if you can help. We have reopened our FOPAR fund as a permanent account should you wish to make a tax deductible donation for the green replacement, club operations and upgrades.

Calendar: All events at the clubhouse unless noted.

August 1, Tuesday, Club singles sign ups begin

August 13, Sunday, Last day to post teams for International Night

August 16, Wednesday, 5:30 International night (Samoan) \$5 members, \$10 guests.

August 18, Friday, Food Truck Festival -Theme Surf and Hawaiian 6-7:30

Thanks: To John L, Pete B and Aumao for coaching for June Food Truck night; to Pete B for bench work; to Carne and Peter for coaching on open bowling Wednesdays; to Ann and Gil for hosting ice cream social; to Pete and Eileen for repainting benches; to John L for work on replacing lock; to all who came to our ice cream social; to Jerry for coaching during the ice cream tournament

International Night: Aumao has generously offered to host the evening. Sapasui will be featured dish. The game will be a pairs match but you will pick your partners in advance instead of our usual random draw. Please come as a team representing the country of your choice. Check the sign up list if you need to find a partner or talk to me and I will help you find a partner. Please sign up as a team and the country you will be representing. We need to know teams by August 13. Format will be determined by number of teams. Please wear matching shirts. Cost will be \$5 per member, \$10 per guest. Cash prizes will be award to the team earning the highest number of total points.

Santa Cruz Warriors: We have been contacted by the SC Warriors about attending a game as a group. A \$100 deposit receives priority access to game dates as well as seats. This deposit goes directly toward our group ticket total once you have selected your game and seats. Deposits are time stamped so the sooner we place a deposit the better time we will have to be contacted about picking our date. If we go as a group, we are featured on the message board. Any one volunteer to take care of this? I can give you contact information.

Focal Point: Weight Control Exercise from Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling club. Everyone acknowledges that weight control can be a problem. Try this exercise from Newport Harbor:

“The 4-Jack Drill:

Place one jack each at the far 2-meter mark and at each hog line, centering them and placing a chalk mark under them.

Place the mat at the near 2-meter mark. Decide which side of the rink you will play, and draw 2 bowls to the short jack, and 2 to the long jack.

Pick up the mat, place the 4th jack at the 2-meter mark you are leaving, and go the other end, gathering all 4 bowls there.

Scoring is simple: 1 point for every bowl within 1 foot (you may wish to increase this to 2 feet if the green is 14 second pace or faster); no points for anything else.

At the other end, for the play back, play the same side of the rink, again 2 short and 2 long, and again keep score. Now, in one round trip, you have played 2 short and 2 long on both BH and FH. Play at least 10 ends (5 RT's or 40 bowls). 10 RTs (20 ends or 80 bowls) is better but time-consuming.

Total up your points and calculate your percentage of success. This exercise accomplishes many good things. It gives you an organized and purposeful

exercise. It will identify any temporary weakness in your drawing. It will give you a baseline for improvement. It will give you confidence on the mat”.

Club Singles: The Club singles tournament will run 5 September through 31 October. Tournament Director is Aumao Toalepaalii. Draw for initial round will be at the clubhouse at noon on Thursday, August 31. All participants are encouraged to be present. Matches will be arranged between players. Full conditions of play are posted on the white board and will be emailed to participants. Format will be round robin or double elimination based on the number of participants and will be posted by Sept.4. Sign up sheet is on the front table. Sign ups will be closed Tuesday, August 29 at 3 p.m.

Goals 2017:

Personnel: To have a net gain of 5 members added to our January roster; to have 2500 games played. As of August 1, we have a net gain of 2.

Facilities: To have all members participate in clubhouse garden and green maintenance

Finance: To add \$3000 to green replacement fund. We have voted to add \$7000 to the fund this year so goal has been exceeded by more than 100%!

Attendance: Total games 175 for average draw of 6. Our biggest day in June was the Solstice tournament and BBQ. Thanks , again to Heidi.

