



Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

August 2011

At our next quarterly meeting we will begin discussing goals for 2012. We need to hear your voices in order to move our club in the direction to meet our long term goals. Goals which we approved are posted on the web site as reminders. We welcome new members Evyie McGrath and Henry Bazzano

The board is beginning to consider our goals for 2012. We welcome any ideas and suggestions. I usually save my thanks for the section below, but at our recent work day, I was totally overwhelmed by the outstanding response. Showing up to help were Coral Singer, Norma Brenner, Ann Morse, Gil Morse, Sara Mikles, Joe Mikles, John Curwen, John Lyons, Don Lea, Don Fitzgerald, Dave Seivert, Tom Bolich, Ken Brideau, Rod Atchison, Bill Fieberling, and Glen Johnson. What was expected to take 3 days was completed in one! The green, ditches, walkways, fencing, clubhouse, sheds, benches and grounds were all given attention and look absolutely fabulous. I am in awe over your enthusiasm and dedication to maintaining the highest quality facility. Just keeping a rough estimate of our work time shows that we had over 100 hours of volunteer labor July 11-15. WOW! At our board meeting, it was decided to have post draw game refreshments on Thursdays through August. Additionally, following first Tuesday draws in August, September and October, members who wish will wear logo shirts and have lunch together off-site to raise our visibility in the community.

Calendar: All events at the clubhouse unless noted.

August 2, Thursday, 12:00 optional off-site lunch. Wear logo shirts.

August 4, Thursday, 3:00 snacks in club house

August 11, 3:00 snacks in club house

August 13, Friday, 4:00 bowls and pot luck at Graham Evans, bring your own beverage, table service and dish to share

August 18, Thursday, 3:00 snacks in club house

August 20-21, 9:30 Saturday, Sunday Club Draw Pairs tournament

August 25, Thursday, 3:00 snacks in club house

August 27, Saturday- Pairs Tournament if needed

Thanks:

Thanks to Gary Luttringer, Sara Mikles and Jerry Louis for working with the Parks and Rec class; to Peter Blacklock for donating a set of size 2 Henselite bowls (wishbone logo); to Jerry Louis, Ken Brideau and Don Fitzgerald for driving on our field trip Del Mesa Carmel; to Jack and Betty Marsh of Carmel for hosting our visit; and to Ann

and Gil Morse for working with Hope Services. In addition to the amazing response to work day above, at the end of the same week, we had eleven members show up to help with green brushing: thanks to Coral Singer, John Curwen, Gil Morse, Jerry Louis, Stephen Schoenfeld, John Lyons, Caleb Radice, Joyce Dannenbaum, David Seivert, Glen Johnson and Ken Brideau. Thanks to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the loan of court referral laborers to help with our sand replacement project. Lastly, thanks to Graham Evans for hosting us on his green and to Ken Brideau for helping Graham with our visit.

Focus: Several members have suggested that we review player positions and responsibilities in clearing the rink. Too many people gathering in the head can cause confusion with communications. A quick reminder on the position of players:

Players at the mat end of the rink who are not delivering a bowls should stand at least 1 meter behind the mat.

Players at the head end of the rink who are not controlling play should stand

- behind the jack and away from the head;
- on the walk ways around the green if the jack is in the ditch;
- or well clear of the head if it is not possible to stand on the walkways.

If you are physically able, please stand up on the walkway; if not, stand at least 1 meter behind and out of the peripheral vision of the player on the mat. Do not begin to change ends until all play has been completed; then walk close to the center of your rink with minimum delay. You should not stop in the head to look at points but proceed directly to your position so as not to delay play.

Additionally, at the completion of an end, once the score has been determined, all players help kick the bowls to the center line to facilitate raking. If the member raking is also required to record score (pairs), rake first and then mark the score board.

Goals:

Personnel

1. To increase membership by 25 new members

We have 16 new members as of 1 August. We have several months of good weather and are beginning phase III of our membership drive. More information below

2. To increase competitive event participation

Twelve members participated in Sunday Sundaes playing in triples, pairs and singles events. Glen Johnson participated in the PIMD men's singles competition. Please make note of the club draw pairs competition being held this month.

Facilities

1. To have bathroom plans approved and construction/furnishing priced.

We have explored construction, renovation and renting options but have been unable to find an acceptable solution within our means. We are prohibited from connecting into existing sewer lines due to deterioration and invasive tree roots. The projected cost of \$45K required to lay our own sewer lines to Dakota Avenue, is beyond our means. The city will not allow the use of composting toilets. The city is required to maintain all

existing bathroom units for public use eliminating the option of renting/renovating part of the existing facility. Long term rental of portable facility is cost prohibitive.

Decision has been made to table the issue pending renovation of the park's sewer lines.

2. To update bowls collection with purchase of 2 sets : Done

Finances- To transfer \$5000 to green fund. Pending.

Membership Drive:

Phase III begins! This will be a challenging phase but should also be the most beneficial. We have done indirect (flyer) and direct personal contact (postcards) and now request each member bring someone to the green for a hands-on opportunity with bowls. Three raffle basket tickets will be awarded for each person you bring to the green to play. We will credit those you have already brought guests to play. Visitors will be entered in the HindQuarter lunch for 2 drawings. Prize basket will be awarded at the October quarterly meeting. We had a great article in the July 9 Sentinel featuring photos of Don Fitzgerald, Jerry Louis, Evyie McGrath, Eamon Barisone, John Curwen's bowl and Peter Blacklock's feet. It has already generated additional interest in our sport. KION will be covering our club draw pairs event.

It has been decided that we will have snacks on Thursdays following the draw games through August. In addition, following the first Tuesday game in August, September and October, we will wear our logo shirts and have a "field trip" lunch off site to raise name awareness and club visibility

PBA- The PBA qualifiers originally scheduled for Aug 5-12, have had to be rescheduled to October 8 through 16 and will be held in Sun City, Arizona, at the Fairway LBC. Due to the lack of suitable accommodations. My sincere gratitude to Bill Marzonie for outstanding effort in trying to keep the tournaments here.