



Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

August 2015

Our numbers remain a bit down for June. We had 190 sign in for games with an average of 11 at each draw. Please remember to sign in; more importantly, come out and play. As those of you who attend regular draws know, the board has approved the transfer \$5000 from our CD to our checking to cover our construction costs. Six years ago we set the goal of \$20,000 in our green replacement fund by 2015. We currently have just over \$30,000 in that fund, well exceeding our goal. We have currently paid \$20,000 of the estimated \$25,000 construction cost and leaving just over \$2000 in our checking account. We have approximately \$2200 outstanding materials costs that will be reimbursed by the city. We had to make some initial repairs to park infrastructure (finding and replacing water shut off valves, installing new pipes) and have had a leak repaired to the older portion of the roof. I will be negotiating with the city to cover these costs but expect our final cost to be close to \$28,000. I hope that in January when our CD is renewed, we can replace most of the \$5000 but we need to have some flexibility in our cash flow. We do incur a 3% penalty by removing funds (\$150) plus a \$25 processing fee so we are paying \$175 to access the \$5000. I am asking Dave Witte to hold off on the transfer but do not see an alternative at this point.

We have are announcing in the next Parks and Rec Activity Guide (Aug- Oct) bowling on Sundays (12:30-2:00) rather than scheduled classes. I need volunteers to work with visitors during these times. We have many people coming to our fence that we need to capitalize on as new members. Volunteers will be able to play in the draw but if there is an interested person at the fence, you will be our “greeter” and invite them in for an introduction to the sport. Please be willing to volunteer for one Sunday per month Aug- Oct.; I will do the first Sundays. There is no set up or clean up...just show up.

We are nearing the end of Sundays in San Lorenzo. The program was very slow to start but gradually gaining in attendance. I hope to continue the program next year under the auspices of Parks and Rec. programs.

Calendar: All events at the clubhouse unless noted.

Aug 4, Tuesday, Red shirt Lunch at 12:00

Aug 8, Saturday Breakfast \$7 8-9

Aug 9 - Sunday in San Lorenzo, Plant Exchange, (need a coach available lessons)

Aug 16, Sunday in San Lorenzo, Art in the park, SF Mime Troop, Green open for lessons 12:30-2:00 (**need a coach available for lessons**)

Aug 22-23, Tacos and Tequila, Green open for lessons 12:30-2:00 (**need a coach available for lessons**)

Thanks: Jerry for Silicon Valley corporate event, Earl for brushing green; Gil for moving sand; to Carne and Peter for helping at the Sunday in San Lorenzo events; to Bill Ranney for gardening

Construction: If you have not donated to our construction project but are thinking of doing so, please try to do so before September 1. Amazingly, we have had \$9000 donated by just 12 people! I am extremely grateful for their generosity. However, if **you are planning to use the new restroom**, please consider a donation of even \$50. If you cannot donate at this time, please be



Roof finished and repaired. Good match of old and new shingles. Light tubes still to be installed. Siding nearly completed pending city's removal of debris

willing to donate your time. We need to have the new fascia primed and fascia and gutters painted. The new siding also needs to be painted. The existing fence section by the clubhouse needs to be moved from current position to enclose the new corner created by the addition. The new garden area needs to be landscaped and eventually we will be needing to move chairs from bowls shed into storage closet and build shelves. Please let me know how you can help. We are nearing completion of a long planned dream for our clubhouse. We have been working together on this project for a long time. Let's bring it to completion. Let me know how you can help!

Goals 2014:

Personnel: To add 10 new members, to have 2800 games played. *I am beginning to get nervous on this one. We have 7 new members but based on our current numbers, we will have about 2500 games played. Green is is beautiful shape thanks to Earl and weather has been great. Come out and play!*

Facilities: To complete restroom/ storage addition. *Getting close and it will be beautiful.*

Finance: To fully finance addition. *Very possible. Remember what a bargain you get on dues and what the public restrooms are like. Can you help?*