



# Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

December 2017

Congratulations to Aumao, our new Club Singles Champion. See the full report below. Our Veterans' Day celebration shared wonderful memorabilia and a phone call to Glen Johnson. Rod Atchison showed a portrait of his Navy enlistment photo when he was 17. Our Christmas party will be Sunday, Dec. 17, at 4:30 in the clubhouse. Cost is \$15 per person. Please sign up before Dec. 15 so that we may adequately prepare. You are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We have a very special program lined up for your entertainment so please plan to be on time. As in past years, it is a good idea to bring a flashlight to use as you return to your car. Please plan on attending our Dec. 14, annual meeting for election of officers. Full agenda below. We have a SCPD team building event scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 9:30-11:30. We need coaches so please let me know if you can help



## Calendar

Dec 14, Thursday, 2:30 Annual meeting Agenda below

Dec 17, Sunday 4:30 Christmas Party \$15 Dinner and surprise entertainment. Bring appetizer or dessert to share.

**Thanks:** To Aumao, Leslie, Rod, John Lyons, Dave Sievert, Peter Clarke, Carne, John Blakeslee and Gil for working on our Nov. 3, autumn clean up; to Aumao for being tournament director for the singles championship; to Doris and John Lyons for helping with Veterans' Day snacks; to Carne for sharing her father's WWII memorabilia

**Focal Point:** One more time to remind members that, at the completion of an end, all players kick the bowls to the center line of the rink. Losing lead then rakes bowls to position behind and to the right of the mat. Finally, losing lead marks the score on scoreboard.

**Dues:** Our 2018 dues are now due. Dues remain at \$120. Dual membership (\$50) and locker/shelf (\$10) storage are also due. Dues can be given to Christine at the club house or mailed to:

Dave Witte, Treasurer  
2510 Smith Grade Rd  
Santa Cruz, 95060. Dues should be paid by January 31, 2018

## **Report and Results of 2017 Club Singles Champion Competition**

Time: 5<sup>th</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

Players Signed Up: 10

Players Completing Competition: 7

Results:	Games Played	Wins	Loss	Total Points	Placing
Aumao	5	5	0	10	1
David	5	4	1	8	2
Peter Clarke	5	3	2	6	3
Christine	6	2	4	4	4
Glen	4	1	3	2	5
Rod	5	0	5	0	6
Michael	2	0	2	0	7

Following Players did not compete or did not finish the competition for various reasons:

Doris, Peter Blacklock, Neil

The singles champion competition was conducted under slightly different rules from previous championships but still within the International Rules of Lawn Bowling. It was on the first to 21 points wins, and the jack was played as rolled.

These were perhaps the two most contentious issues on the players. The games were longer and the repositioning of the jack if it was rolled out of bounds. However it allows the competitors to compete on another set of rules quite different to challenge their skill level and hope add enjoyment to their game.

Thank you to all who participated and in particular for Christine in allowing me to put together the terms of Singles Champions this year.

Aumao

## Goals 2017:

**Personnel:** To have a net gain of 10 members; to have 2800 games played We had 11 new members join this year. Comparing our November membership rosters shows 2016 with 49 full/associate members and 2017 with 50 full/associate members for a **net gain of 1** so our **goal was not met**. Additionally we had a very wet Jan, February and March so we averaged only 85 games per month. Summer attendance was good (June, July, August) for an average of 177 games per month, more than double our winter attendance. I won't have December numbers for a couple of weeks but we are on track to have under 2000 games played. I am disappointed but can safely say **goal will not be met**.

**Facilities:** To have all members participate in clubhouse garden and green maintenance; Returning to our roster of 50 names and comparing to the list of newsletter "thanks" entries 16 names were missing. Three are physically unable at this time to participate, 4 reside out of the area which leaves 9 missing names. Doing the math shows that we have 80% of our members who were willing to donate extra time and effort to the success of our club. A higher than average portion. Maybe we can aim for 90% participation next year? **Goal not met** but an excellent participation rate.

**Finance:** To add \$3000 to green replacement fund **Goal exceeded** as we were able to add \$5000.

## Wine country Games: Received from Oakmont LBC....

We have survived the fires and with 3500 homes in our community we lost 2 homes and a number of homes with smoke damage. But all in all the spirits are high, most of the area is still very beautiful and our lawn bowling green is now in one of the best conditions it has been in many years. We have leveled rinks 1 and 8 and hopefully they will bowl as good as the rest of the green when the games occur in June. Talking about the games, the "Sonoma Wine Country Games" will take place on 6/8/18 & 6/9/18. So please mark your calendar and hopefully all of our friends from the different clubs will come back for some good competition and friendship. Please drop me a note if you tentatively think you might be coming: [kjandjv@gmail.com](mailto:kjandjv@gmail.com). And if you could do us a favor

would you please forward this note to the rest of your club? It would be greatly appreciated.

See you soon,

Jeff Vanderheyden

Co-committee chairman

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I have responded tentatively that Santa Cruz would have 2 triples teams participating. I am researching places to stay and will let you know what I learn. So far Flamingo Hotel is \$150 per night but we can get an air bnb house for about the same and divide the cost. Keep the games in mind as you plan your 2018 calendars.

**Annual Meeting:** Thursday, December 7, 2:30 we will hold our annual election of officers and consider planning options for 2018. Please plan to attend.

Agenda

1. Minutes (see below)
2. Treasurer- draft budget
3. Old business
  - a. Cleaning
  - b. Fence/Gate
4. New business
  - a. Goals: personnel, finance, facility
  - b. training chair
  - c. membership chair-
  - d. planning questionnaire
  - e. adjusting game times
  - f. adjusting meeting schedule
  - g. Election of officers
  - h. Holiday party

### **Minutes of October meeting**

Santa Cruz Bowls Club Quarterly Meeting

October 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Christine Palochak. A quorum was met. Minutes

from the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. Treasurer Dave Witte read his report.

### **Old Business**

We reviewed the many monthly events held this year and concluded they were both fun and successful in introducing the sport to new people. However, it was concluded that there needs to be more follow up to get those interested people to become members. It would be helpful to have a committee that pursued this. We did decide that the club would only support and participate in any future food truck events held at the park if there was security provided for us.

Christine and Peter met with the chief of police whose goal seems to be to get the homeless population out of downtown by allowing them to spend their time at San Lorenzo Park. Not a good situation for our club.

We discussed if the club would choose to participate in the open bowling that was held in July in the evenings through the Parks & Rec. Some of our new members commented that they liked it because it was repetitive and an evening event. Again, a membership committee is needed so all this work does not land on just a couple members.

Rod has a professional cleaning crew who will clean the clubhouse for \$50. It was agreed that we should start with the service just once a month. That expense comes to \$600/year. Instead of increasing annual dues, we want to encourage members to donate towards this cleaning.

It was decided that we will leave the ditches alone and not try to change their structure, just continue to clean them.

Harry Schoenfeld will be turning 95 and has graciously invited club members to a pizza party to celebrate, after play on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Please sign up in the clubhouse for this event.

The city has given us permission to extend our fence line on the east side of the club by the hotel to eliminate inappropriate behavior by people in the park. We are still deciding if we choose to spend the money on this project.

### **New Business**

It was approved to hold an autumn cleanup on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00-12:00. Members should bring their own lunch. Leslie volunteered to chair this event.

The Holiday Party will be held Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30.

Christine is organizing entertainment. It will cost \$15 a person.

The cleaning schedule was passed and filled.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted by Leslie McGarvey.