



Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

December 2018

Wishing you all a happy holiday season and a very healthy new year. Please be sure to attend the Dec. 13, Quarterly Meeting. We will be voting for 2019 officers, setting 2019 goals and determining calendar for the upcoming year. Our proposed slate of officers is Dave Sievert, President; Leslie McGarvey, Secretary; Dave Witte, Treasurer; and at-large Directors, Earl Rosebraugh and Doris Stabinsky. Proposed goals and calendar are listed below. We are still hoping to begin a doubles tournament in January. Proposed conditions of play are below. We will discuss at the meeting. Sign up sheet for the Holiday party is on the front table. Our guest entertainer is magician/comedian Daniel Damen.

Calendar

Dec. 13, Thursday, Quarterly meeting 2:30

Dec. 16, Sunday, Holiday party, 4:30 cost is \$10 per person to defray entertainment expense. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

2019

Our proposed 2019 calendar will include the following:

February 14, Thursday 2:30 - Valentine's Day
March 14, Thursday, 2:30 - St Patrick's Day
April 20, Friday, 9:30-12:00— Spring Clean up
May 9, Thursday, 2:30 - Nueve de Mayo
June 19, Wednesday, 5:30 - Solstice
July 17, Wednesday, 5:30- Ice Cream Social
August 14, Wednesday, 5:30- International
September 11, Wednesday, 5:30- Western
November 7, Thursday, 2:30 - Veterans' Day
December 15, Sunday, 4:30- Christmas

A sign up sheet will be passed at the Dec. 13 meeting. If no one signs up to host an event, it will not happen. If you do sign up and later find you cannot be host, it will be your job to find a replacement.

Quarterly meetings

March 21, Thursday; 2:30
June 13, Thursday, 2:30
September 19, Thursday, 2:30
December 12, Thursday, 2:30

Thanks: Harry and Steve for ditch maintenance work; John Blakeslee for club house cleaning; John L for shopping for holiday party; Gil for tree decorating

Focal Point: INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE

Among bowlers opinions vary about individual practice. Here are the reasons why you should put down many more bowls in practice than you do in competition.

When you practice by yourself you put down 100 bowls per hour, and this is the only bowling activity which has prospects of improving your physical fitness! One hour of solo practice is worth more to most bowlers than three hours in a game

If you are a lead or a second almost all of your bowls are draw bowls and the more bowls you put down the better.

For thirds and skips 90% of bowls are draw bowls because the only time you do not bowl a draw bowl is when you aim to finish in the ditch.

As a skip very often you do not see where your bowl would have finished because it hits other bowls. If you play regularly in those positions and do not make the time for individual practice the quality of your draw bowling may decline.

When practicing a skill (eg yard on shots) by yourself you can keep repeating the same shot until you get it right. Such specific shot practice is the only time when you should bowl more than 2 bowls at the same target. For example if you have practiced yard on shots enough eventually when called on to play them in a game your brain tells you how much to narrow your green and increase your weight

THIRTY MINUTE SOLO DRAW BOWLING PRACTICE

If you have only a short time for draw bowling practice use three jacks, placing two at one end three meters apart and one at the other end.

Starting at the end with the single jack, deliver two bowls to the longer jack on one hand, two to the shorter jack on the other hand.

Put your mat in front of the shorter jack and deliver two bowls to the single jack, then move it to the back jack and send down two bowls on the other hand.

Do this up and back four times and in less than more than 30 minutes you will have given yourself some excellent draw bowling practice.

Goals 2018:

Personnel: to have a net gain of 5 on our January 30 membership roster

Facility: to have monthly cleaning of the clubhouse

Finance: to add \$5000 to green replacement fund

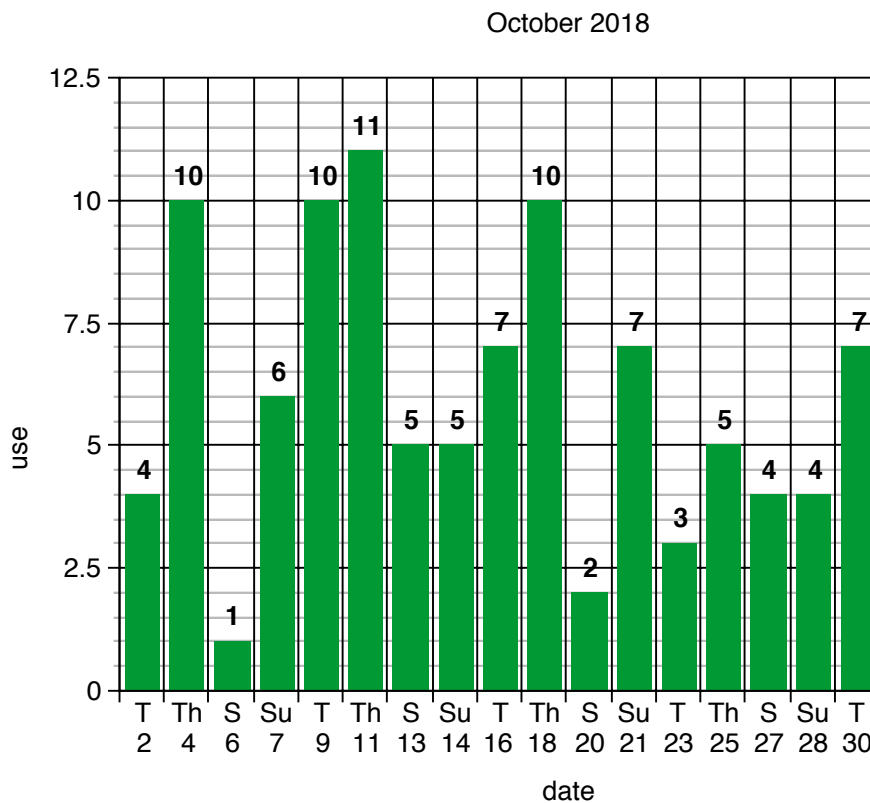
Proposed Goals 2019:

Personnel: to have a net gain of 5 on our January 30 membership roster

Facility: to train 2 additional members to brush green

Finance: to add \$5000 to green replacement fund

Attendance A total of 101 games were signed in the October roster for an average draw of 6. Only the month of May had a higher average. Nice to have more turning up for the draw



SCLBC Sign in Roster

Conditions of Play

Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Club 2019 Doubles Tournament

1. Tournament to last 7 weeks, January 10-March 1. Top 5 scores will count for playoff.
2. We will use the points board that we had in place for the singles event. Win counts as 5 points (Red); tie counts as 3 points (white); 1 point for loss (black).
3. Teams with tied scores on March 1, will participate in single elimination, 14-end playoff bracket starting March 7.
4. Sign-ups close on January 8. 12 players required for tournament.
5. Players will be seeded and determined by TD. Skip #1 plays lead#12; skip 2 with lead 11, etc. Teams remain the same throughout the tournament.
6. Games maybe played between tournament and non-tournament teams. Since teams are predetermined, not more than 2 tournament matches per week may be played by one team.
7. Teams may play same opponent more than once.
8. Play off matches will be 14 ends, burnt ends will not be replayed. No score on burnt end.
9. TD will determine playoff brackets.