



Santa Cruz Lawn Bowls Newsletter

February 2015

Happy New Year to all and what a great Christmas party we had! Thanks to our cooks, Carne, Heidi, and Ann. Everything tasted great based on the completely clean plates I saw after dinner. Once again, the Redwood four were highly entertaining with traditional and newly arranged Christmas music.



We had a delightful visit from Alan Berry, the installer of our green on January 11. He was very impressed with our green maintenance program and said our green shows very little sign of wear. He took detailed information of our rink rotation system to share with other clubs. He also had some good suggestions for easier ditch maintenance and brushing changes that we are exploring.

We are planning a series of Sunday afternoon programs "Sundays in San Lorenzo" aimed at bringing more people into the park and raising our club visibility. We are working with the Coastal Watershed Council and Parks and Rec department to develop these programs. I will have more details in the next weeks but this program will give us the opportunity to recruit new members and help make the park a community destination spot.

I have received emails with preliminary information about Friendship games to be held on Wednesdays in March and April. I will post full information when it is received.

Calendar: All events at the clubhouse unless noted.

Still quiet as far as special events but remember Thursday socials at 2:30 following the draw game. Remember that coming events are always posted on the bulletin board many weeks in advance. Check for any event changes under the "Coming Events" posting.

Thanks: All who attended and donated appetizers or desserts to the Christmas party; to Jerry and Heidi for doing the Christmas party raffle; to Ann and Peter who chose to spend their anniversary evening at our Christmas party; to Nino for treating the moss on the green; to all who attended our January 8 quarterly meeting; to Earl and Peter for working on the brushing machine; to Earl for meeting with Mr. Berry; for John L and Leslie for meeting with Park and Rec, to Gary and Leslie for January clubhouse cleaning.

Construction: Plans have been turned into the planning department so we are waiting to hear comments. Our permit fees exceeding \$8200 have been waived.

Dues: Last call for dues before the "Wall of Shame" is posted. If you cannot remember whether you have paid or not, check the roster posted on the bulletin board. If your name is in dark print, you have paid. If circumstances prevent you from paying this month, please let me know so we can make appropriate arrangements.

Goals 2014:

Personnel: To add 10 new members, to have 2800 games played

Facilities: To complete restroom/ storage addition

Finance: To fully finance addition

Cruise update: Final payment was due this month. We have had several who have had to cancel due various health and family circumstances but there are still 20 going on the trip.

Membership: Welcome to new members Valter Santos, Natalia Santos, Izabelly Santos and Kalin Santos, our first new members for 2015. Izabelly and Kalin are applying for the Harry Schoenfeld scholarship and we look forward to increasing our number of junior members. We hope to see all of them regularly on the green. Please take time to introduce yourself to our new members and be patient as they learn the sport. Everyone was a beginner once.

Resources: Information about “Sundays in San Lorenzo” are posted on our website (or will be soon). We will have regularly scheduled Sunday programs. Fourth Sundays will have artists selling/exhibiting under the cork oak trees by the west gate of the green; Third Sundays, gardeners and arboretum sale/exchange; Second Sundays tentatively Audobon society and birders offering bird watching tours of the park and levee still looking for First Sundays..... Any ideas? Am looking at clowns and food trucks but no takers yet. We need to get program set up by March to have events included in the Summer Parks and Rec catalog. We will be recruiting volunteers to help set up, assist exhibiting groups and teach at the April meeting.